

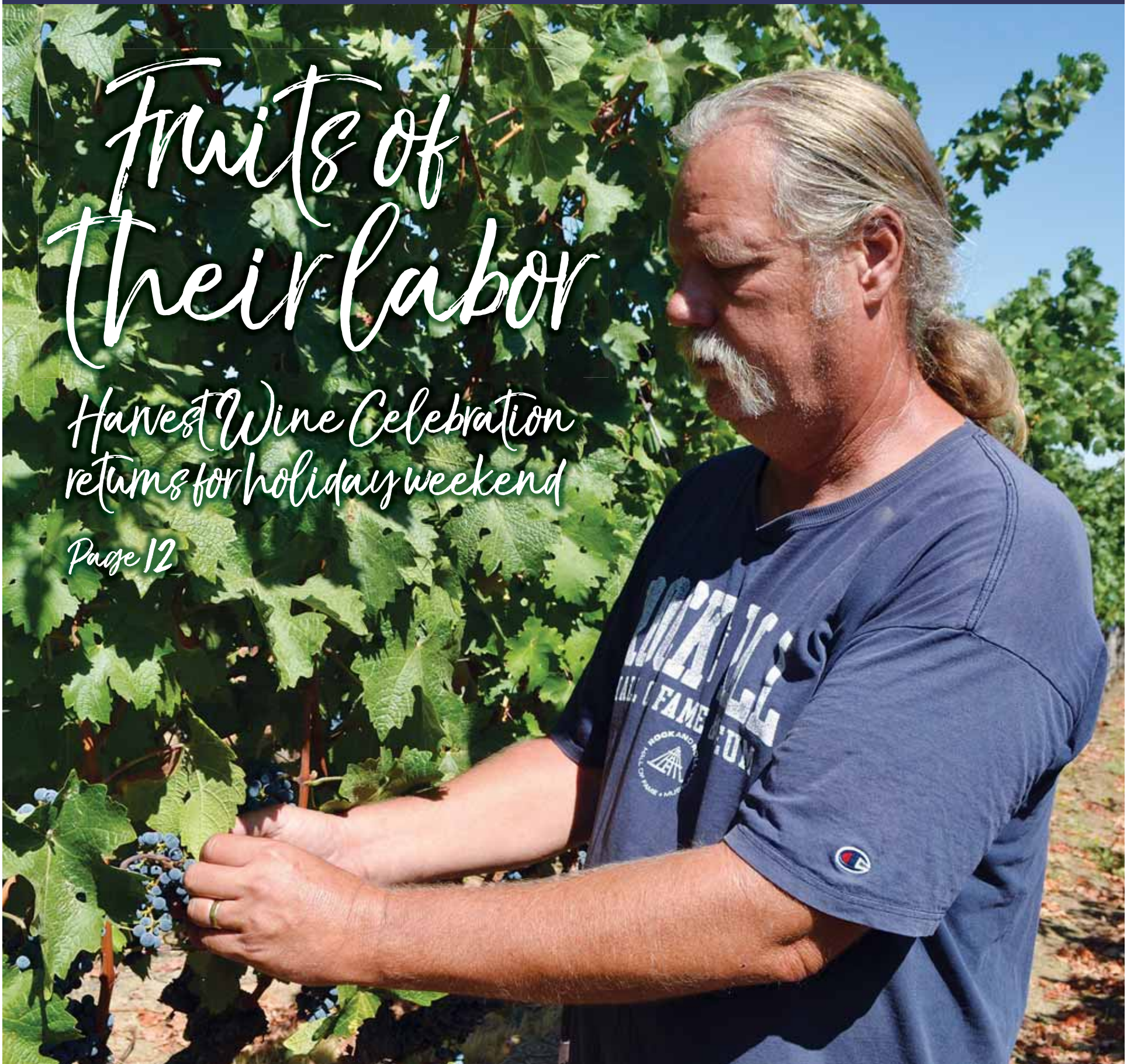
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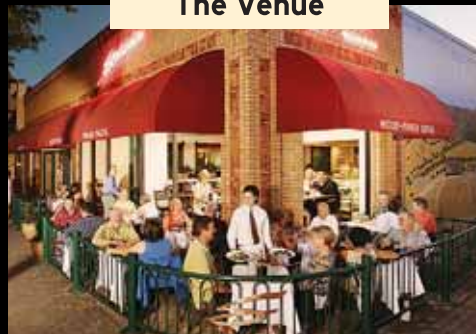
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Meri and Ray Bartolomucci

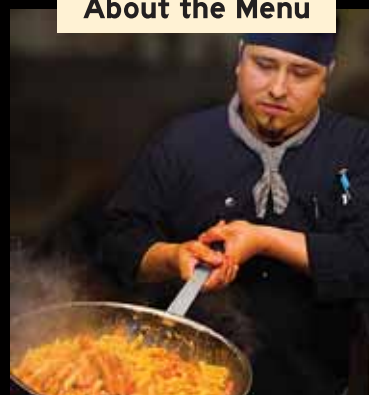
- » His maternal grandparents had an Italian deli and his paternal grandfather was a chef in southern California.
- » Ray's first restaurant job was as a dishwasher at 14 in the restaurant where his grandfather worked.
- » All four of their children began working in their restaurant as dishwashers at 14.
- » They have three Strizzi's and four Rigatoni's restaurants.
- » Ray loves his job and visits his restaurants every ten to twelve days.

The Venue



- » Pleasanton Strizzi's opened in 1989.
- » Indoor and outdoor dining. Great location for people watching.
- » Family dining atmosphere is warm and attractive to guests of all ages.
- » Family photos on the walls... one features a woman cooking. She's Ray's mother and she was helping him develop recipes in the San Leandro restaurant.

About the Menu



- » Most popular dish: Rigatoni Bolognese and Cajun Chicken is also very popular.
- » Guests are encouraged to make menu substitutions if they wish.
- » No corkage fees—Ray wants people to come in and enjoy their wine.
- » Most popular dessert: Italian Biscotti Sundae (Ray's creation)
- » Dishes are based on family recipes.
- » All of the pasta and fish on the menu is fresh.

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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Challenges for retailers are reflected in city's revenues

Pleasanton officials are starting to sound the alarm about the effects of online shopping, plus regional competition, on the city's sales tax revenue.

Mayor Jerry Thorne cited these concerns during the Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit last month, while City Manager Nelson Fialho expanded on them at a recent meeting of retired church-going men.

Pamela Ott, the city's economic development director, shared the 10-year sales tax revenues for Stoneridge Shopping Center with me. Those revenues hit a pre-recession high of \$4.4 million in the fiscal year ending in June 2007. They had fallen to \$3.9 million by 2009 and then climbed back to an all-time high of \$4.6 million in 2014.

The concern for city leaders is that sales tax revenues there fell to \$4.3 million despite a very healthy economy in 2016 (figures for 2017 are not available).

The companies with the anchor retail stores at Stoneridge are struggling across the country and closing stores that are not profitable. Sears and J.C. Penney are having a particularly hard time, but Macy's and Nordstrom are not immune.

The changes driven by online shopping and the shift in shopping behavior is taking its toll. Many women and teenagers no longer consider hanging out at the mall a leisure time activity.

Macy's already has announced it is closing its men's store off Union Square in San Francisco and exploring other uses for some of its flagship store on Union Square.

Consider the big-box sporting goods stores — only Dick's Sporting Goods is still operating. Both Sports Authority (Dublin and San Ramon) and Sports Chalet (Pleasanton) have closed their stores.

There's a profound shift in the retail environment and shoppers are looking for something different than the traditional enclosed mall. If you check out the website for Simon's stores (owners of both Stoneridge and the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore), it stressed the "Simon experience."

That shift also is being seen in the City Center Bishop Ranch that will mix retail, restaurants and entertainment with an open plaza.

It's designed by celebrity architect Renzo Piano. The goal is creating an environment and space that people will want to return to routinely, not just when they want to go shopping.

Dublin has a similar concept in progress for the long-vacant parcel at the corner of I-580 and Tassajara Road that has been owned for decades by the John Di Manto family. The 76-acre parcel is being dubbed "At Dublin."

The partnership of Shea Properties and SCS Development is proposing an entertainment-focused environment with movie theaters, a public plaza, a village green plus hotels and housing.

The Dublin project will have up to 400,000 square feet of retail and entertainment that will also include a bowling alley. The developers hope to line up tenants that will provide quality meals before or after the movies.

The proposal, which has not been submitted to the city, also is planned to include 700 units of housing.

This is the type of competition, plus the outlets in Livermore, that Stoneridge is facing. Under Simon's ownership, Stoneridge has broadened its restaurant offerings, but it could really use an entertainment feature as a drawing card.

One retail sector that is flourishing is the low-price stores such as Ross Stores and TJX (TJ Maxx and Marshalls). For the second quarter, Ross sales increased 4%, while TJX was up 3%. By contrast, Macy's was off 2.8%. J.C. Penney and Kohl's were also down.

Having been part of an industry that has been wrecked by the internet (traditional newspapers), I can appreciate what is going on for major retailers and shopping centers. Advertising revenue for newspapers hit its all-time high in 2006 and has dropped every quarter since then.

It's going to take a major shift in strategy for the traditional retailers to continue to survive — let alone flourish — in today's new market. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.

About the Cover

McGrail Vineyards and Winery winemaker Mark Clarin inspects Cabernet Sauvignon wine grapes growing on the winery's Livermore property. McGrail is just one of the wineries participating in the 36th annual Harvest Wine Celebration happening this Sunday and Monday. Photo by Julia Reis. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XVIII, Number 32



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What fills your heart with joy?



Kim Harding *High school student*

When I do helpful things for other people and I see how appreciative they are. Whether helping an older person to cross the street safely or reaching for something on a high shelf at the store for a person in a wheelchair or making my mom's life a little easier by unloading the dishwasher and folding the laundry. I guess anything I can do that lessens someone else's burden in life.



Judith Bahr *Retired*

Mostly my heart is filled with joy every morning when I wake up and find myself alive, able to get out of bed and independently capable of taking care of all of my own basic needs. If I can do all of that, I know it is going to be a great day, and everything on top of that is icing on the cake.



Esther Jobrack, with Armani *Retired 9-1-1 dispatcher*

I find joy in virtually everything I choose to do and choose to see. Seeing my dogs' smiling faces each day fills me with joy. So does seeing the flowers in my garden, dancing in the breeze.



Stella Beck *Business owner*

Touching other people, whether physically or otherwise through my actions. I feel strongly that every good deed I do helps to fix our broken world and brings me closer to others. I especially love holding my great-grandchildren because it keeps me connected with the younger generations who are our future. I have 23 great-grandchildren, and a 24th on the way.



Cathy Kessler *Chef/baker*

When I'm singing with my choir, hearing the beautiful voices that surround me, I feel joy in my heart. Sometimes I wish I could just sing forever.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Mines Road fire

A vegetation fire that sparked Sunday in unincorporated Alameda County has been fully contained after burning 44 acres, Cal Fire officials confirmed Wednesday.

The blaze started around 5:45 p.m. Sunday in the area of Mines and Crane Ridge roads, about eight miles south of Livermore, according to Cal Fire.

A final update from the state fire agency at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday said the blaze had been 100% contained. No other information about the fire was immediately available.

—Bay City News Service

Docent training

The East Bay Regional Park District is recruiting residents interested in becoming docents in the Tri-Valley, primarily to help lead lessons with school programs at parks here.

The docent position is ideal for retired educators, nature enthusiasts and those who want to share their love of the outdoors with local youth, district officials said. Special events and other public programming at Sunol Regional Wilderness will also occur.

There are six training sessions over the next month-plus, running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Highlights included Native American cultural history, geology, ecology and presentation skill development.

For more information or to apply, call 510-544-3243 or email agrenier@ebparks.org.

Supporting Texas

Alameda County officials have reactivated the disaster relief fund to enable the county's approximately 9,700 employees and people in the community to voluntarily donate funds to support the recovery effort needed to rebuild communities throughout major parts of Texas and to help the thousands of people suffering in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The fund allows workers and residents to contribute cash to the cause. County employees can also donate up to five days of their accrued vacation time, compensatory time and holiday in-lieu time.

County officials said they intend for all contributions to go directly to victims and families affected by the devastating storm. To learn more, visit acgovcares.org. ■

Council offers early support to roadwork financing deal with Costco

Poised to give final direction on proposed term sheet Sept. 18

By JEREMY WALSH

A majority of the Pleasanton City Council indicated initial support to a financing deal with Costco to fund \$21.47 million in road improvements around Johnson Drive on Tuesday, though most members asked city staff to fine-tune the proposal before returning for further consideration later this month.

The proposed term sheet calls for just under one-third to be paid by city traffic impact fee reserves, just over one-third by a cash payment from Costco and just over one-third by a separate payment by Costco that will be reimbursed to the company by the city through a 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement.

City officials want to have the

infrastructure financing in place before moving forward with finalizing the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ), a plan that would outline rules for redeveloping 40 acres near the intersections of interstates 580 and 680, including vacant property eyed by Costco for its third Tri-Valley warehouse store.

"We've been at this for several years now. It's time to move on ... I think the sales tax sharing agreement is the way to go," Councilman Arne Olson said in offering the strongest support for the proposal presented to the council at a public workshop Tuesday night.

The meeting was designed to give the council and residents an early look at the proposed term sheet and

provide feedback publicly before city staff returns seeking final council direction Sept. 18.

"Just think about that 60% that comes in to the city's General Fund," Olson added. "It's accretive. We're not losing any money on that deal."

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin and Councilwoman Kathy Narum also voiced early support for the financing concept.

"I would like to see us move forward with this sales tax sharing agreement," Narum said. "I'm not really seeing the risk to the city as long as there's conditions that say if Costco closes the door — other than for an act of God — the loan terminates, it's forgiven. Or at the end of 25 years, the loan terminates, so that

we don't have exposure."

"We did have an election, and the election — whether it said it was (Measure) MM for 50,000 square feet or less — it was about Costco, and we had a 63% vote that said we want to see a Costco in Pleasanton," Pentin said, later calling the tax sharing plan the best available option to fund the needed roadwork.

Councilwoman Karla Brown said she was concerned with the precedent the agreement might set.

"What this program is doing is it's saying 40% of what should be coming to the city is now going back to Costco to repay what they have put as money up front," she said.

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ERIKA ALVERO

Mule (right) and Little Girl (left) pause to rest at the intersection of Arnold and Martinelli in Dublin, right by the Whole Foods. They were about to go deliver their "Declaration of Emergency" letter to the Dublin City Hall on Tuesday afternoon while traveling through the Tri-Valley.

California nomad

'Mule' treks through Tri-Valley

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Tri-Valley has been graced with a visit from California's very own nomad this week, as he treks down to San Diego for his winter migration with a recognizable travel companion.

The name that appears on his official records is John Sears, but he prefers "Mule" or "Monk": "Mule" because he lives with mules and "Monk" because of his solitary, simple, meditative existence.

He's been roaming the West on foot for decades now, full-time for

the past 14 years, including a variety of trips through the Tri-Valley. It's part of who he is, and he's made it his mission to oppose urbanization and to ask lawmakers for a country-wide interstate trail system.

"I belong to an ageless, old way of life, a nomadic way of life," Mule said. "We all used to live like this, with our animals, traveling. That's very strong in me, so I gravitated to not lose it."

Mule is originally from around Los Altos and spent 30 years working as a tree-cutter. For a time, he

would work during the winters and roam during the summers, until reaching his mid-50s, when he decided to devote himself to the latter full-time.

Over a decade later, he's still walking.

He's brought along furrer, hoofed mules to join him, and help him carry supplies on his journeys up and down the West Coast.

Mules have come and gone over the years, with several having been

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Adult Ed starts fall semester

Citizenship, health care classes among new PUSD offerings

By JULIA REIS

It's not just the kids who have gone back to school in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Unified School District's Adult and Career Education Department started its fall semester last week, with several new classes set to begin later this month.

Since PUSD brought the department back thanks to renewed state funding in spring 2016, offerings have expanded every semester. And this fall is no exception.

Besides the slate of free English as a second language (ESL) classes — with two new classes for a total of 11 — that started last week, the department is now offering ESL citizenship classes, an Orientations to Health Care Careers course and several new community education classes like contra dancing and conversational Mandarin.

Updates to the Adult and Career Education Department this semester include:

- The Orientation to Health Care Careers Class being offered Thursday evenings Sept. 7 through Dec. 14 at Pleasanton Middle School (\$179 fee includes all required materials). Taught by Laurie Erceg, a career technical education teacher and Joe Carlucci of Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare, the course will

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Fundraiser Sunday for Pleasanton native fighting cancer

All proceeds will support 9-1-1 dispatcher Genevieve Giordano

BY JULIA REIS

This Sunday evening the Sunshine Saloon in Pleasanton is set to host a fundraiser dinner and raffle, with all proceeds going to a Pleasanton native and Alameda County Fire Department 9-1-1 dispatcher battling cancer.

Tickets for the event, which is taking place from 5-9 p.m. at the restaurant (1807 Santa Rita Road, Suite K), are being sold online for \$25 each through the Fighting for Genevieve Facebook page. The restaurant's capacity is 200, and any tickets not sold in advance will be available at the door.

Money raised will go to Genevieve Giordano, 41, who since 2013 has been fighting a rare form of cancer that develops from certain tissues like bone or muscle.

A Pleasanton native who graduated from Amador Valley High in 1994, Giordano has worked as an emergency dispatcher for the past 20 years, most recently for ACFD. Over her career she has been recognized as Rookie of the Year by the Lawrence Livermore Lab Fire Department and Dispatcher of the Year by ACFD, as well as for her work on the Berkeley balcony collapse and ACE train derailment.

Currently she is on leave to treat her cancer and has undergone



YVONNE GIORDANO

The Sunshine Saloon is hosting a fundraiser dinner Sunday for Pleasanton native Genevieve Giordano, who is battling a rare form of soft tissue sarcoma.

multiple surgeries and rounds of chemotherapy since being diagnosed, her mother Yvonne Giordano wrote in an email.

"Despite all these setbacks she continues to bring joy and encouragement to others with her joyful smile and persevering spirit," Yvonne Giordano said. "Friends, coworkers, neighbors, church family, medical staff and family continue to pray her through each battle."

Tickets for Sunday's fundraiser

include a spaghetti dinner, Caesar salad and garlic bread. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each, with prizes up for grabs including a four-night stay in Tahoe, gift baskets and more.

To purchase tickets, look for the link on the Fighting for Genevieve Facebook page. There is also a GoFundMe that can be accessed by searching "Fighting for Genevieve Giordano." It had raised \$12,000 as of Wednesday afternoon. ■

President signs Swalwell's bill to speed up DNA testing

Pleasanton-based IntegenX Inc. cited as global leader in Rapid DNA technology

President Donald Trump has signed legislation co-sponsored by San Ramon's Congressman Eric Swalwell that's aimed at helping law enforcement agencies perform real-time DNA testing to speed up justice.

Swalwell (D-Dublin) said traditional DNA analysis can take weeks, but rapid DNA analysis permits processing of samples in about 90 minutes or less.

He said the technology revolutionizes the way in which people who are arrested for crimes are enrolled in the criminal justice system, shortens the time required for their DNA to be linked to unsolved crimes and speeds up innocent people's exoneration.

The Rapid DNA Act was introduced in January by Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and by Reps Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wisconsin) and Swalwell. President Trump signed it on Aug. 18.

Swalwell said the legislation will

let local law enforcement agencies — under standards and guidelines established by the FBI — perform real-time DNA testing at the time of arrest within their own booking stations, comparing samples to profiles in the FBI's Combined DNA Index System, which is known as CODIS.

'More powerful tool to protect and serve our communities, to clear the innocent and to attain justice.'

Eric Swalwell,
Congressman

"This law's enactment proves that, even in troubled political times, we can work together across the aisle to make Americans safer," Swalwell, who serves on the House Judiciary Committee, said in a statement.

"This new law will help law enforcement agencies across the nation use a more powerful tool to protect and serve our communities, to clear the innocent, and to attain justice for victims," he said.

The bill was supported by law enforcement organizations including the National Fraternal Order of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Major City Chiefs Association, National Association of Police Organizations, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, and National District Attorneys Association, as well as by the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations.

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, who used to be Swalwell's boss when he was a prosecutor in her office, said, "Rapid DNA technology provides an effective new way to identify or clear a suspect within 90 minutes instead of what now can take

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Local LDS Stake welcomes new leaders

Black becomes president of congregations in Pleasanton, Dublin

The Pleasanton Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced a change in leadership this week, with a new president and counselors now in place.

Brian Black is the new president of the local stake, which is comprised of six Mormon congregations in Pleasanton and Dublin. James Gardanier was named first counselor and Clinton Jensen as second counselor.

“President Black and his counselors, with the support of their wives and children, will lead six congregations totaling more than 2,000 members and help them increase their commitment to our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen their families and serve their fellowmen,” stake officials said in announcing new leaders Tuesday morning.

The appointments were made after releases were extended to former president Jeremy D. McFadden, first counselor Richard L. Hair and second counselor Alexander Tang. The releases came because of a job transfer for McFadden. The three men were recognized for their service at a recent gathering from nearly



PLEASANTON STAKE

The new leadership of the Pleasanton Stake: President Brian Black flanked by second counselor Clinton Jensen and first counselor James Gardanier.

1,000 members in attendance.

The Pleasanton Stake is now guided by Black, who works for Analog Devices, Inc. He and wife Stephanie McConkie Black have five children.

Gardanier, owner of Vision Media, and his wife Kerry Kinat-eder Gardanier are the parents

of three children. Jensen, who with wife Marianne Turner Jensen have six children, is director of technology risk management at Kaiser Permanente.

The church operates a lay ministry, and all local members serve without pay, officials said. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Sampling that ‘perfect forkful’

New PDA event aims to showcase downtown restaurants

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is holding a new event next weekend designed to highlight the culinary talents of downtown restaurants and dessert spots.

Forkful will feature more than a dozen eateries showcasing samples of their best treats the evening of Sept. 9. Attendees will take their commemorative rose gold fork to savory and sweet stops across downtown, tasting food while sipping on complimentary adult beverages handed out along the way to accentuate the forkful.

“This unique self-paced tasting experience will allow event guests to stroll through downtown stopping at participating locations to taste their perfect forkful of food,” PDA officials said. “This event will allow event guests to truly experience the culinary landscape of downtown Pleasanton.”

The inaugural Forkful event will begin with a sparkling wine

reception during check-in at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., from 2:30-4 p.m. Sept. 9. The savory stops will run from 3-5 p.m. while the sweet portion will go from 4-6 p.m.

Attendees, who must be 21 years old or older, will be able to stroll through downtown and visit participating locations at their own pace with their own routes.

Restaurants participating in the savory section include Handles Gastropub, Salt Craft, Beer Baron Bar & Kitchen, Strizzi’s, Cellar Door, Baci Bistro & Bar, Sabio on Main, Nonni’s Bistro, Frontier Spice, Pasta’s Trattoria, Café Main, Neighborhood Sports Bar & Kitchen and Namaste Pizza.

Sampling their sweet treats will be Rita’s of Pleasanton, Juice & Java, Primrose Bakery, Peet’s Coffee and Noland’s Cake Shop.

Tickets start at \$50, available at www.PleasantonDowntown.net/Forkful. The event will be held rain or shine, with no refunds available. ■

DNA TESTING

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years.”

O’Malley said, “Law enforcement agencies across the nation and the people they serve will be grateful for this bipartisan effort to make their work more efficient.”

O’Malley said DNA is a critical forensic tool in solving sexual assaults as well as other serious crimes because many government crime labs are overburdened with work and don’t have the capacity to process this vital forensic evidence in a timely manner.

She said that that problem has resulted in an estimated backlog of 400,000 to 500,000 sexual assault kits throughout the nation, leaving sexual assault crimes unsolved and violent criminals free to reoffend.

Swalwell said Pleasanton-based IntegenX Inc., which is located in his district, is a global market leader for Rapid DNA human identification.

IntegenX chief executive Robert Schueren said the legislation “marks a landmark day in more efficiently fighting crime and supporting law enforcement.”

Schueren said, “We are grateful for District Attorney O’Malley’s unwavering support of DNA testing being performed in a most streamlined and accurate manner.” ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News



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HOFFMAN FAMILY

'Mac' Hoffman graduates West Point

U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Joseph M. "Mac" Hoffman, a Pleasanton native and De La Salle High School alum, graduated from the United States Military Academy this spring, finishing in the top 100 of his class academically en route to earning a Bachelor of Science in systems engineering. Shown here taking the oath administered by retired Lt. Col. Shannon Sentell, Hoffman is part of the Army's aviation branch and reported to flight school at Fort Rucker in Alabama earlier this summer.

Express lanes opening in October

MTC: Firm date dependent on pending software test

By ERIKA ALVERO

The upcoming Interstate 680 express lanes north of Pleasanton are now set to open in October, with the exact opening date pending the conclusion of a software test set to finish mid-September.

The \$45 million San Ramon Valley project involves converting high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes into toll express lanes, an effort aimed at improving mobility through the corridor.

The project includes one northbound express lane from Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon to Livorna Road in Alamo, and one southbound express lane from Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek to Alcosta Boulevard.

Construction began on the project in August 2015 and was originally intended to be completed in late 2016.

Everyone will be able to drive in the lanes, but only HOVs and

some select others can use them for free during toll hours: carpools, vanpools, eligible clean-air vehicles, motorcycles and buses all count as HOVs for tolling purposes. Like the I-580 express lanes, drivers will need a FasTrek Flex toll reader to receive the free toll.

The lanes will operate from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and will be managed and monitored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Tolls will be dynamic and dependent on traffic. The minimum toll price will be 50 cents and the maximum will be set by supply and demand.

According to project officials, motorists can expect to see dots, test toll amounts and notifications that testing is occurring on the overhead electronic signs, and the signs' "under construction" labels will be removed. And nighttime lane closures on I-680 are set to continue

throughout the next month.

This San Ramon-Walnut Creek segment is the first of three proposed MTC projects intended to implement express lanes most of the way from Alcosta to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. ■

MULE

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retired to California ranches. Right now, he's currently traveling with just Little Girl — a dappled 27-year-old who's only been sick once, for about an hour while they were traveling through Nevada.

The animals he brings along forage on grass and plants along the road and in open areas, supplemented by hay, apples and carrots that people bring when they find out the Mules are in town.

Mule himself subsists on vegetables, beans, rice and a whole lot of oatmeal — he goes through 20 pounds of the grain every month. At night, they rest at various public spaces.

A few years ago, Mule decided he had a mission — to promote the natural world, in opposition to the expanding concrete jungle he calls the "Megatropolis." And now, his journey is more than just wanderings. He's delivering a "Declaration of Emergency" to every city hall, congressional member office and state capitol by which they pass.

"A most necessary first step is an interstate trail system in this country going in all four directions — north, south, east and west — linking all states to all other states passed and funded by Congress with the same energy and effort that was applied to the building of the interstate freeway system, which was built for the exclusive use of automobiles," he said in the declaration.

"Cyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, people in wheelchairs, etc. are being removed from this public thoroughfare simply because there is no room by which to use it alongside motorists," he added.

One of the catalysts for this mission has been his many run-ins with authority, as the presence of mules in urban areas and sleeping in public spaces often collide with legal restrictions. He's been issued citations in a spread of localities, from Thousand Oaks outside Los Angeles to Gilroy, where he was arrested going southbound on Highway 101.

Mule spent this week in the San Ramon Valley before moving through Pleasanton, walking along the Iron Horse Regional Trail and delivering his "Declaration of Emergency" letter to local officials. He expects to reach San Diego by November, and after that, he's not exactly sure where he'll go.

For more information, check his blog at 3mules.com. ■

Adult Community Education Classes

Evenings Fall 2017

Citizenship

Assistance in completing the naturalization application and interview



Computers / Technology

- All About iCloud
- All About Photos
- Introduction to Google Docs
- Intermediate Google Docs
- Introduction to Google Sheets
- Introduction to Google Slides
- iOS Tips & Tricks iPad 101
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Word
- Surfing with Safari
- Typing / Keyboarding



Conversational Languages

- Mandarin (Beginning)
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Committee signs off on Measures B, BB tax spending

15th year in a row Alameda CTC receives clean audit from third-party group

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Transportation Commission spent Measure B and Measure BB sales tax revenue in accordance with the intent of the voter-approved ballot measures during the 2015-16 fiscal year, according to the county's Independent Watchdog Committee.

The 17-member panel, which released its annual report last week, is charged with analyzing and auditing how the commission handles funds generated by the transportation sales taxes.

And for the 15th straight year, the Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from its

oversight committee.

In addition to the audit, this year's report outlines programs delivered and projects funded in 2015-16 through money raised by Measures B, the half-cent sales tax approved by county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, passed by voters in 2014 to augment the transportation sales tax to one cent and extend it through 2045.

Projects in the Pleasanton area funded at some level through the two taxes in 2015-16 included the Highway 84-Interstate 580 interchange, I-580 auxiliary lanes, Highway 84 expansion and I-680 express lanes south of Pleasanton.

According to the committee, the Alameda CTC received \$137.3 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$125.8 million that year.

Key efforts included \$53.1 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities; \$25.8 million for highway and street capital projects; and \$38.1 million for local transportation improvements.

In 2015-16, the committee found Alameda CTC received \$137.3 million in Measure BB revenue and spent \$77.2 million.

Key projects included \$40.1

million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, and \$30.7 million for local street, road, bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Other expenditures among the two taxes also included \$4.8 million total for general administration and \$2.6 million total for direct program and project management and oversight.

The oversight committee consists of members on two-year terms who live in Alameda County, are not elected officials at any government level and are not in position

to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax spending.

The membership roster includes one resident per Board of Supervisors district, one resident per district appointed by the Alameda County Mayor's Conference, and one member each from the county's Labor Council, Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee and Taxpayers' Association, Bike East Bay, East Bay Economic Development Alliance, League of Women voters and the Sierra Club.

To learn more about the annual report and audit, visit www.alamedactc.org, email aayers@alamedactc.org or call 510-208-7475. ■

ADULT ED

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provide students with a basic overview of human health, the health care system and affiliated careers.

The department's assistant director, Beth Cutter, said she anticipates students will be able to earn credits from Las Positas College for the course.

"We're very excited about it because, according to the Workforce Development Board's labor market

analysis of Alameda County and the Tri-Valley, the health care industry sector will be the largest growing between now and 2022," Cutter said. "It's going to be a pretty good opportunity for people that want to explore a variety of careers and figure out what would work for their personality and interests."

• Several new community education classes, most of which begin this month, including knitting, contra dancing and conversational Mandarin.

There are also additional short classes — some of which are one-time — in subjects like computers, finance and United States history. Among the new offerings are iPad 101, Surfing with Safari and BFFs Hamilton and Jefferson: Best Frenemies Forever?

• A free high school diploma program for adults that involves a combination of in-class work with a teacher and online work.

• A part-time adults with disabilities transition specialist who was

brought on to help individuals outside the age requirements of traditional K-12 special education programs.

• Two additional conversation ESL classes to bring the total offered to 11 covering all levels. Although classes have already begun and there is a waitlist, Cutter said the department will take new students on a rolling basis.

"People interested should still contact our office and we'll be scheduling them for a placement

test," Cutter explained. "We can either add them into a class depending on the amount of space or they'll be ready to start with the next round of classes in January."

• Free ESL citizenship classes for intermediate and advanced students, with the next one starting Sept. 12 at St. Augustine Church.

For more information or to sign up for a class with the Adult Ed Department, visit its website at adulteducation.pleasantonusd.net or call 463-0616. ■



Restaurant Profile

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Meet the Owners



Donna & Tim Yadron

- » Tim bought the shop from Hope Noland 14 years ago
- » His niece worked for the shop and convinced him to buy it
- » Donna grew up helping her mother in the kitchen & took cake decorating classes when she got older
- » They met on Match.com and their first date was to Point Reyes and they delivered two cakes on the way
- » When not at the shop, they enjoy road trips & spending time with their grandchildren
- » In addition to running the day-to-day business, they enjoy making deliveries, meeting customers — even do dishes if needed

About the Menu



- » Over 40 different flavors of cake batter
- » Cakes, cupcakes & cookies
- » Fruit bouquets
- » Holiday specials: Pumpkin & apple pie, Yule logs and pumpkin rolls
- » "Extreme" cakes — three dimensional and carved cakes

The Shop



- » Four cake decorators — two of them have been with Noland's for more than a decade
- » Winner of Pleasanton Weekly's Reader's Choice Award
- » New flavors this summer — Pina Colada cupcake & Tres Leches Cake
- » Chocolate Diablo is most popular flavor cupcake
- » Banana and carrot cake recipes are 50 years old — from first owner, Hope Noland

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COSTCO

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“When you make a policy decision that pretty much hasn’t been done before in this town, you really have to look at going forward and how that’s going to affect the next business that comes to town.”

Brown, like Narum, urged city staff to talk with Neuron representatives to see if the firm would provide money for infrastructure costs upfront.

“This is a large, successful development company. Normally developers help pave the roads, literally and financially, so that their businesses can come in,” Brown added, saying a Neuron contribution could make the deal “more palatable for me.”

Mayor Jerry Thorne did not participate in the two-hour discussion at the Pleasanton Civic Center, continuing to recuse himself after previously owning Costco stock in a retirement managed portfolio earlier in the JDEDZ consideration process.

City officials estimate \$19.97 million in design and construction costs and \$1.5 million for right-of-way acquisitions to pay for road improvements necessary to support new commercial uses in the JDEDZ.

Projects include Stoneridge Drive and I-680 northbound onramp improvements, Johnson Drive widening, improvements at the Johnson-Stoneridge intersection and

new traffic signals at Johnson and Commerce and Johnson and Owens Drive (north).

The city announced a staff-level agreement with Costco on a proposed term sheet last week.

Under the proposal, about 30% of the design and construction costs — \$6.4 million — will be paid by the city from its traffic impact fee (TIF) reserves, money collected from developers over the years to offset their impacts on the city’s transportation system. The reserve funds, which can only be spent on projects identified in the General Plan, will go toward the freeway onramp.

The next portion — almost \$6.8 million — will be paid for by Costco, a total that includes the company’s required TIF contribution of \$3.7 million but is otherwise on top of its development fee package.

The final part, again just under \$6.8 million, will also be covered by Costco, money the city will need to repay via a 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement. That means 60% of the sales tax generated by the new Costco would go to the city’s general fund and 40% will be paid by the city to Costco to repay the infrastructure advance.

City officials also considered borrowing internally from city-controlled funds, taking out a conventional bank loan to cover that remaining \$6.8 million or doing nothing and not advancing the project.

The balance due to Costco will be subject to 1.5% annual interest, and the sales tax sharing agreement would remain in place until the balance is paid off with a maximum period of 25 years, under the proposal.

Any other developer who builds on the JDEDZ in the future will need to pay their proportional share of these infrastructure costs back to the city, and the city plans to use those funds — estimated at \$8.4 million — to pay down their debt to Costco.

That would include anyone who develops other Neuron land in the JDEDZ, currently envisioned for one or more hotels and general retail uses, or redevelops other sites in the zone. Existing land-uses in the zone would be permitted to continue as is and would not be charged the JDEDZ traffic fee.

Any cost overruns for the freeway project would be paid by the city, while overruns for all other JDEDZ road projects would be split evenly between the city and Costco, City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

If paid out over the full 25-year period, the city would expect to pay Costco about \$8.2 million in sales tax allocations under the agreement.

However, the city anticipates being able to repay the loan in the new Costco’s 17th year, which would see Costco receive about \$7.8 million to cover principal and interest, assuming 3% annual revenue growth — a standard projection methodology, according to city finance director Tina Olson.

If the city’s tax revenue projections prove off the mark and debt to Costco remains after the 25-year repayment term, the remaining debt would be forgiven, under the proposal.

Narum asked city staff to look at adding a provision to have the debt balance also forgiven if the Costco store closes during the payback period.

Aubrey Leo Copher

February 19, 1939 – August 17, 2017

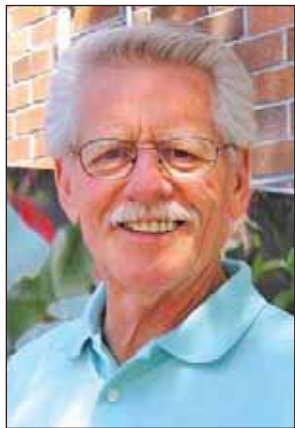
Aubrey Leo Copher passed away peacefully on August 17, 2017 at the age of 78, after a long struggle with Cancer, with his Life Partner Wilma Smith by his side. Aubrey was known to Pleasanton as Al and Sonny by his family and Colorado friends.

Al was born and raised in Englewood, Colorado. Al joined the Navy in June 11, 1956, serving on the USS Princeton, in the Boiler Division, until his Honorable Discharge January 15, 1960. Al participated in the USS Princeton Far East Cruise. Al then went to work for Mountain Bell in Denver, Co. until 1980, at which time he transferred to AT&T California retiring in 1985. He decided retirement needed some structured activity, began donating his time and graduated to permanent part time employment. He enjoyed all Pleasanton has to offer, music in the park, dining downtown Main Street. He enjoyed maintaining his home and sharing his garden. He also enjoyed weekend jaunts to the ocean and other points of interest.

Al is survived by his Life Partner Wilma L. Smith, his four sons Lee, of Arizona, Mark and his wife Nancy, Scot and Kurt of Colorado, brothers John Copher and Jerry Copher of Colorado, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Services will be held later in Pleasanton, CA and Denver Colorado.

Donation request: Alameda County Food Bank: <http://www.accfb.org/> or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org/give.html>.



PAID OBITUARY



SANDIA

Operation Backpack

Sandia National Laboratories’ Livermore campus collected 209 backpacks filled with school supplies — worth just under \$11,000 in all — and donated them to children of local military families at Camp Parks in Dublin and Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield through the company’s Operation Backpack. Managed by Sandia’s Military Support Committee in partnership with Veterans in Energy, Technology and Science (VETS) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. This year’s backpack total more than tripled last year’s amount.

But the wholesale retail giant plans on thriving in Pleasanton for the foreseeable future, according to Jennifer Murillo, director of real estate development for Costco.

“Why does Costco want to be here in Pleasanton? 23,163 members. It’s that simple,” she said. “We’re investing heavily in this site and in this community. And it’s an investment none of us take lightly. We’re looking to purchase the site from Neuron, invest in the infrastructure and operate for many more years.”

Murillo also alluded to the company planning to retain its stores in nearby Livermore and Danville, two of Costco’s top-performing stores in the Bay Area.

“This site will allow Pleasanton members to shop closer to home and relieve some of the pressure

on these two incredibly successful warehouses,” she said.

Of the nearly 100 residents in attendance, only seven spoke to the council Tuesday night, with comments ranging across the spectrum.

“I am a little disappointed hearing we voted upon this and yes we want it, and it’s getting delayed and delayed and delayed for these other reasons,” said resident Michelle Flanagan. “It would be great to have the Costco here so we don’t have to drive all the way to these other Costcos, and it would be a benefit for families that are trying to survive in this Pleasanton area.”

“We need to come up with a better, more equitable agreement,” resident Sandy Yamaoda said. “This is a major risk to the stability of our city based on a litany of assumptions.”

Julie Testa said, “This level of developer subsidy is unique for Pleasanton. There’s a lot of risk that’s not normally absorbed ... This doesn’t seem like the best value for Pleasanton.”

“I want you to go forward with this. It’s been a long, long time coming,” former planning commissioner Mary Roberts said.

The financing proposal is scheduled to return to the council at a special meeting Sept. 18, at which time city staff will ask for final direction on the matter. If endorsed then, the term sheet would be finalized and incorporated into the final JDEDZ proposal. The council could opt to alter it at that time, too.

The JDEDZ package would then head to the Pleasanton Planning Commission and Pleasanton Economic Vitality Committee for review in the coming months, with the goal of presenting it to the City Council by the end of the year, according to Fialho. ■

TAKE US ALONG



In Wiseman: Greg, Adam and Tiffany Carper visited Wiseman, Alaska, which has 11 people who live there year-round and is located 63 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

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

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Benicia native joins Pleasanton police as newest officer

Pleasanton police officials have welcomed Charles Hendrickson as the department's newest officer.

A Benicia native and former member of that city's police department, Hendrickson was hired in recent weeks following a highly competitive recruitment and selection process, according to Pleasanton police.



Charles Hendrickson

"Officer Hendrickson participated in multiple interviews, a medical and psychological examination, and an in-depth background investigation which revealed a stellar work history and excellent communication skills," Pleasanton police officials said in a statement.

Hendrickson was sworn in to the department during a ceremony Aug. 16. He is progressing through a 16-week field training process before being assigned to patrol in Pleasanton as a solo officer.

Born in Los Angeles and raised

in Benicia, Hendrickson graduated from Benicia High School in 2003 and later attended Napa Valley College.

He began his law enforcement career as a sheriff's deputy in Solano County before joining the Benicia Police Department as an officer in 2014. His transfer to Pleasanton this summer was a lateral move.

In his off-duty time, Hendrickson said he enjoys spending time with his family, golfing and playing guitar.

In other news

- An inmate at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin has been charged with murder for the death of his cellmate almost two months ago, prosecutors said.

James Hunter, 22, was charged last month for allegedly killing Antonio Rodriguez, 27, and is scheduled to return to Alameda County Superior Court in Dublin, across the street from the jail, next Thursday to enter a plea.

Authorities said Hunter had been in custody on \$10,000 bail after being arrested in Berkeley June 27 for vandalism and Rodriguez had been in custody on attempted murder and firearms charges since August 2015.

Rodriguez was found unresponsive on the floor of his cell at about 4:40 p.m. on July 6 after a fellow

inmate told a deputy to check on him, Deputy Anthony Moschetti wrote in a probable cause statement.

Jail medical services personnel responded but Rodriguez was pronounced dead at the scene, Moschetti said.

Medical personnel noticed marks on Rodriguez's neck indicating that his death may not have been from natural causes, according to Moschetti.

Deputies who investigated Rodriguez's death found Hunter, who was his cellmate, and Hunter admitted that he'd been involved in a physical altercation with Rodriguez and that he had knocked Rodriguez to the ground and choked him until he became unconscious, Moschetti wrote.

Authorities haven't disclosed a motive for the killing. Alameda County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly wasn't immediately available for comment on why Rodriguez's death wasn't previously disclosed.

- An 18-year-old San Ramon man died when his vehicle went off of northbound Interstate 880 and crashed into a tree in San Leandro last week, according to the California Highway Patrol and Alameda County coroner's bureau.

Noah Esparza died in the crash reported at about 1:10 a.m. Aug.

24 on northbound I-880 south of the Aladdin Avenue overpass, CHP Officer Joseph Fowler said.

Officers arrived at the scene and found that a 2000 Honda had gone off the roadway and hit a tree near the right-hand shoulder, Fowler said.

Esparza, the driver and lone occupant of the Honda, was pronounced dead.

- An ex-felon has been charged with possession of child pornography and five other felonies after authorities executed a high-risk search warrant at his home on Greenville Road in Livermore last week, prosecutors said.

Jarrett Harvey Mills, 37, of Livermore, was arrested Aug. 22 when officers found child pornography in both photo and video formats and 37 rifles, handguns and shotguns and 315 pounds of ammunition, Alameda County

sheriff's investigator Michael Buckhout wrote in a probable cause statement.

In addition to possession of child pornography, Mills is charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of an assault weapon, obliterating the identification of a firearm, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person and sale of a large-capacity magazine.

Mills is being held at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of \$190,000 bail, with his arraignment set to occur earlier this week.

Buckhout wrote that authorities began investigating Mills after they were tipped off by two informants. Prosecutors allege that Mills was convicted of receiving stolen property in 2003 and possession of a firearm by a felon in 2005. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 27

Sex offense

- 10:34 p.m. on Hopyard Road

Theft from auto

- 7:59 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

- 8:10 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

- 8:50 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

- 9:17 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

Other thefts

- 4:31 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 4:39 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:18 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 9:37 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

Aug. 26

Assault/battery

- 11:34 p.m. on the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Drug violation

- 9:39 p.m. at Hopyard Road and I-580

- 9:57 p.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Blvd

DUI

- 7:42 a.m. on the 1000 block of West Lagoon Road

- 9:56 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Alcohol violation

- 6:50 p.m. on the 3300 block of Hopyard Road

Shoplifting

- 3:17 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 7:08 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 1:24 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Child abuse

- 11:25 a.m. on Stonedale Drive

Domestic battery

- 2:03 a.m. on Rosewood Drive

Aug. 25

Alcohol violation

- 11:39 p.m. on the 800 block of Main Street

Domestic battery

- 6:20 p.m. on Rosewood Drive

Graffiti

- 1:47 p.m. on Division Street at Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 10:21 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Theft

- 7:41 a.m., 4300 block of Krause Street; theft of bicycle

- 8:56 a.m., 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; shoplifting

- 9:27 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft of bicycle

Aug. 24

Alcohol violation

- 10:10 a.m. on the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

Fraud

- 7:37 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 10:26 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 4:44 p.m., 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue; theft of bicycle

- 5:53 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

- 6:01 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Child abuse

- 1:48 p.m. on Norton Way

DUI

- 4:59 a.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Blvd

Vandalism

- 4:24 p.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Aug. 23

Theft from auto

- 3:41 a.m. on the 2500 block of Raven Road

- 5:32 a.m. on the 5900 block of Sunol Boulevard

- 7:03 a.m. on the 6500 block of Lansing Court

- 10:09 a.m. on the 1900 block of Foxswallow Circle

- 10:10 a.m. on the 2500 block of Tapestry Way

Shoplifting

- 2:54 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 3:34 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 7:30 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 9:33 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 2:56 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

Marion Lee Emerson

Resident of Pleasanton

March 7, 1931 – August 21, 2017

Marion Lee Emerson passed away on Monday, August 21 after a brief bout of pneumonia, following a stroke last November. She was a loving, generous mother, grandmother and great-grandmother with many talents and an inquiring mind.



Marion was born in Dallas and grew up in Lancaster, Texas, where she graduated from Lancaster High School as class salutatorian. She attended Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and received her BA in Interior Design from Southern Methodist University, Dallas. She had three children with her first husband, Frank Leslie, and worked as an executive secretary for many years. She survived her beloved second husband, Alton Emerson, moving to California after his death. She was an enthusiastic member of Mensa, the international high IQ society, as well as a talented artist and craftswoman whose favorite color was "the rainbow". She was deeply curious about people, warm and friendly to everyone she met, and loved to chat to anyone at any time about anything. Her proudest achievement was her family.

Marion is survived by her children, Kathryn Gomberg (Martin) of Wolverhampton, England; Virginia Leslie (Michael Janousek) of Milpitas; David Leslie (Corinne) of Pleasanton; and grandchildren Anna Gomberg and Thomas Stone of Oakland, Sarah Leslie and Adrian Schulte of Denver, Peter and Amy Gomberg and Stephen Gomberg of Wolverhampton, England, Jennifer Leslie-Failing and Nate Failing of Livermore and Simon Gomberg of London, England; and five great-grandchildren, Reece, Jamie, Pierce, Parker and Ella. She is also survived by her brother David Hardy and niece Anne Estep (Nate) of Oakland.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, and a reception which will follow at the church.

PAID OBITUARY

Seeking the Tri-Valley's everyday heroes

"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people." — Maya Angelou

A hero is not defined by money or celebrity but by commitment to bettering the world and being a blessing to others.

Yes, a hero can be an individual who gives his or her life for another, such as our 2014 Courage award recipient Philip Scholz, a Pleasanton man who died after pushing a stranger from the path of an oncoming train in Santa Clara.

However, the everyday people who continuously serve behind the scenes but don't make celebrity status and rarely get recognized are heroes too. They don't do their good work for recognition or praise, but they deserve to be honored.

Every year our staff acknowledges these unsung heroes with our Tri-Valley Heroes awards program, and we are seeking nominations for the 2017 awards. In its sixth year, Tri-Valley Heroes is our salute to the community members dedicated to bettering the Tri-Valley and the lives of its residents.

Some of the past recipients are:

- The mother-daughter team of Heidi and Amelia Abramson of Alamo for launching the Bounty Garden, which donates fresh food to local food banks.
- Dr. Arthur Barnes, marking his retirement after 50 years as the conductor of the Livermore-Amador Symphony.
- Josh Burger of Pleasanton who, with a disease that made it unlikely he would live past birth and limited his growth and movement, is now a local public speaker and an inspiration to children and adults in the Tri-Valley.
- Rosalie and Dan Gallagher, Dublin, for the idea and effort to create residential recycled water fill stations that provided more than 25 million gallons of recycled water during the height of the statewide drought.
- And Arlie Smith of San Ramon who despite the fact he had been recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and kidney cancer that had metastasized to his bones raised over \$50,000 for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland through a Costco store fundraiser that year.

The Lifetime Achievement Award has been presented to Mike Doyle, Danville, 2016; Tony Macchiano, Pleasanton, 2015; Beverly Lane, Danville, 2014; Ken Behring, Blackhawk, 2013; and Robert "Bob" Tucknott, Pleasanton, 2012.

This year, we are looking for Heroes nominees in these categories:

Arts and Culture: For acknowledgment/recognition of achievements or



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Arlie Smith (Role Model) embraces Josh Burger (Courage) before the ceremony where they received their Tri-Valley Heroes award two years ago — and where both captivated the audience with heartwarming and impassioned speeches.

contributions within the area of arts and culture.

Community Spirit: For selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community.

Courage: For an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity.

Environmental Stewardship: For a group or individual committed to minimizing risks and conserving and recycling, thereby reducing the impact on natural resources.

Innovation: For a person, group or business who applies innovative ideas or programs to enhance the community.

Rising Star: An individual between 10 and 18 years old whose services directly benefit Tri-Valley citizens through outstanding volunteer work, serving as a community role model and mentor or demonstrating random acts of kindness.

Role Model: For displaying common sense, compassion and wisdom while teaching, coaching and mentoring others with a vision for people to strive to be the best they can be.

Lifetime Achievement: Recognizes an individual or group for contributions, leadership, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts on behalf of his or her community and neighbors.

Individuals who live or work in Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo or Livermore are eligible, as are organizations and businesses headquartered in these communities. If you know a person, organization or group deserving of recognition, visit www.PleasantonWeekly.com for information. ■

LETTERS

Hiding the past isn't the answer

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to the Pleasanton Weekly's editorial last week, "Stop Commemorating the Confederacy."

In that editorial, the Weekly lauds State Sen. Steve Glazer's suggestion that U.S. Confederate Civil War statues be removed from federal public buildings and parks and

placed instead in museums.

Perhaps Glazer's suggestion does not go far enough. Why not empower official tribunals to review which historical figures and periods of our country's history are worthy of public display and commemoration?

Who would fall under such scrutiny? Retired U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd, an admitted former member of the KKK? George Custer, the "Indian Fighter"? Perhaps the city of Cortez, Colorado would be forced to change its name

rather than honor the Spanish Conquistador whose expedition led to the downfall of the Aztec Empire.

This is a slippery slope that is easily justified when intoxicated by the self righteous zeal of political correctness.

Is our Republic not strong enough to benefit from an honest discussion of our past? Hiding the past is not the answer.

—Harry Edwards

Weekly displays courage

Dear Editor,

I for one welcome last week's editorial, in that the Weekly is finally venturing into controversial national discussions.

I hope the Weekly keeps this door open, so that residents of this community will venture forth with their thoughts on national and international issues and controversies.

It is important that we all convey our thoughts and opinion in a public forum, although the Weekly's Town Square forum is mostly anonymous. These types of controversial discussions, while alienating some and offending others, will cause a greater awareness within this community while simultaneously covering and reporting on local events, reporting to the community on the local events and the local issues.

I encourage everyone to step up, respond to this opportunity, write and post your thoughts, post your opinion. The world is full of activity, good, bad, and the ugly. We should all share our thoughts, share our private opinion with what is going on.

It does not matter if one is left-leaning or if one is right-leaning; it matters that we discuss it.

—Michael Austin

Crow abatement program

Dear Editor,

On our daily walks, my wife and I come across many places where crows are defecating from trees and lampposts. They are "decorating" not only sidewalks and streets, but also cars parked along the curbs.

These are not only disgusting sights, but they could be health hazards to people unfortunate enough to be targets. For those of us who care to have clean sidewalks, regular cleanup is required.

I have lived in my home for 48 years and have seen a great increase in this problem. With this email (sent to the city of Pleasanton) and through this newspaper, I am hoping to garner support from the people and city for development and implementation of a crow abatement program.

—Paul Pentony

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Fruits of their Labor

Harvest Wine Celebration
returns for holiday weekend

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JULIA REIS

On a pleasantly warm morning last week, a small crowd gathered under a canopy of wine grapes at Concannon Vineyard in Livermore for a centuries-old ceremony in recognition of the pending wine grape harvest.

Organized by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, the annual Blessing of the Grapes saw local clergy, winemakers and grape growers come together to give thanks for the upcoming bounty. While many growers there did not anticipate they would start picking until after Labor Day, those like Steve Burman of Livermore's 3 Steves Winery were eager and ready.

"For winemakers, this time of year is what we live for," said Burman, who has been a full-time winemaker and winery owner for nearly a decade. "I feel like a little kid and Santa's on his way."

This Sunday, Burman's winery will join more than 40 others for the first day of the 36th annual Harvest Wine Celebration, which will take place for the first time at the Las Positas College sports field. Against a backdrop of windmills and vineyards, attendees 21 and older will be able to taste Livermore Valley wines, enjoy live music and art and buy fare from food trucks between noon and 5 p.m.

Top: Concannon Vineyard in Livermore hosted the annual Blessing of the Grapes ceremony last week. Below: McGrail Vineyards and Winery winemaker Mark Clarin inspects a cluster of Cabernet Sauvignon wine grapes grown on their Livermore property.

And on Monday more than 30 wineries will honor event wristbands for additional tastings and special events, which will take place at the wineries themselves as in previous years.

"The event (Sunday) will take place on the top of the hill at Las Positas College, on their sports field area," said Bethany Wallace, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association events and marketing manager. "This is the first time an event like this has taken place there, and it is a perfect setting. You can see vineyards, the windmills, and look out over the Valley."

"I hope participants take away

the spirit of Livermore Valley and an urge to visit our varied tasting rooms and to share the magic with their friends and networks," she added.

This year's harvest holds much intrigue for local winemakers and growers because in recent history, none have gone through several years of drought immediately followed by a winter of abundant rainfall, according to Burman.

"No one has gone through five years of drought followed by rain — we're creating the first data point in this regard," Burman said.

"It's part of the excitement for winemakers," Burman added. "If



the weather and fruit cooperated every year, we'd get bored. Our job is to take whatever fruit we get and make the best wine we can."

All about the process

The Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area — the moniker given to a federally designated wine grape growing region — is one of the oldest in the state and encompasses seven cities, according to Tami Kelly, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association media liaison.

"A lot of people think of it as just Livermore, but it's a much larger area," she said, pointing to other communities covered like Pleasanton and Sunol.

The window to harvest wine grapes in Livermore Valley wine country opens in mid-August and can close as late as Halloween, with different varieties ripening at different times.

Picking by hand and sometimes by machine, workers convene in the vineyards early each morning — often hours before sunrise — so that day's harvesting can wrap up before the heat becomes a factor.

Aug. 25 proved to be the first day of crush season for McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore, as that morning fruit was picked and brought over from nearby Ghilmetti Vineyard, where McGrail gets their Sauvignon Blanc grapes.

Winemaker Mark Clarin, who joined McGrail in 2009, said that day he anticipated Cabernet Sauvignon grapes would be the first of the grapes grown on McGrail property to be picked this season, but not until mid-September. Besides Cabernet Sauvignon, McGrail also grows Merlot Malbec, Touriga Nacional, Souzao and Tempranillo

wine grapes on 27 acres.

A slight breeze blew through the vineyards as McGrail employees laughed and talked while processing the wine grapes. The grapes slowly spilled out in bunches onto a conveyor belt, where they continued on into a membrane press for crushing before fermenting.

Their red grapes, meanwhile are de-stemmed and crushed into tanks before fermentation, Clarin explained.

"Once fermentation is done, depending on the grape varieties you can do different things, like Sauvignon Blanc I'll rack it off the leaves, start heat and cold stability and get it ready to bottle right away," he said. "With Cabernet Sauvignon, I rack it into barrels and let the wine age for almost three years."

That means McGrail's 2017 Sauvignon Blanc will come out in 2018, while the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon won't hit shelves until 2020. Each year, the winery produces 6,000 cases — or 72,000 bottles.

"The neat thing about winemaking is your job changes as the year goes by," Clarin said. "I don't pick grapes every day, I don't press grapes every day, I don't fill barrels every day, I don't fill bottles every day — I just do it throughout the year, which is kind of cool."

Celebrating the harvest

Among the benefits of growing wine grapes in the Tri-Valley is the rainfall pattern, according to Clarin.

"When the rain comes in to the Bay Area, most of the rain gets dumped in the mountains to our west and we get a little bit of rain," he said, adding that gives McGrail better control over their vines by



Clockwise from far left: McGrail Vineyards and Winery worker Cris Saucier processes Sauvignon Blanc grapes. Wine grapes are dropped onto a conveyor belt before being pressed. Attendees can enjoy wine, food, live music and more as part of the Harvest Wine Celebration this weekend. (Photo courtesy of LWVA).



utilizing drip irrigation.

"For some reason, the bad storms that come during crush or the ones that come during bloom in the spring tend to miss Livermore," Clarin continued. "They either go to the south central coast or north central coast like Napa Valley and Sonoma Valley."

This past winter brought an end to several years of drought in California. Clarin said the rain "seems to be impacting things in a positive way."

"The canopies have been very healthy and the crop load has been really well-balanced," he said. "What I'm probably most happy about is the snow runoff has been through the whole summer, so the quality of our irrigation water is excellent. In the drought years with increased salinity, you're watering your vines with a little bit of salty water and they don't like that."

But at the same time, Clarin said, there's a lot more to grape growing than the water.

"Drought obviously is part of the weather, but how hot is the summer, how warm is the spring, did we get any rain during spring? Those types of things have affected each vintage as well," he said.

Burman, whose winery grows Cabernet Sauvignon grapes on seven acres of land, said this year's harvest is looking good at the outset.

"It looks like we're slightly above average in overall yield," he added. "From a quality standpoint, the fruit tastes wonderful."

Amid the busyness of crush season, Labor Day weekend gives winemakers like Clarin the opportunity to pause with the annual Harvest Wine Celebration. Besides tasting other local wines, he will play guitar as a member of the Bacchus Brothers (aptly named for

Bacchus, the Greek god of wine) at Las Positas College on Sunday.

"It's a great publicity event for Livermore Valley winegrowers, for all of us to get new people to show up to Livermore Valley and try our wines," he said. "It's amazing to me how many people live in the Bay Area — in fact live in the Livermore Valley — that don't know that we grow grapes."

"I think we need to keep continuing to hammer the idea that we are a wine-growing region, we've been here a long time and we want to be here a lot longer." ■

Wine time

The 36th annual Harvest Wine Celebration, a fundraiser of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, will take place this Sunday and Monday. • From 12-5 p.m. Sunday at the Las Positas College sports field (3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore), attendees 21 years old and up can taste Livermore Valley wines from more than 40 wineries, buy fare from food trucks, and enjoy art and live music from Icelandic Underbelly, Kingsborough and Bacchus Brothers.

Tickets are \$55/person through today and \$65 at the door. VIPs (at a cost of \$85 through today and \$100 at the door) get preferred parking, complimentary small plates of food, lounge seating and exclusive tasting of signature wines. All tickets include wine tastings, a commemorative Livermore Valley wine country glass, a program and wine discounts at select wineries on Monday.

Parking is \$5 per car and complimentary for VIPs, and there will be a designated drop-off area for limos, Uber, Lyft and other transportation. * On Labor Day more than 30 wineries will honor Sunday's event wristbands for tastings and special offerings like live music and food.

For complete information visit www.lvwine.org.



CALEDONIAN CLUB

The caber toss is among the most popular athletic competitions during the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games.



CALEDONIAN CLUB

Traditional Scottish entertainment will include bagpipers (above) and dancers (below).



everything scottish at Fairgrounds this weekend

Actor Graham McTavish is special guest at annual Highland Gathering and Games

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

From bagpipes to caber tossing to high-hopping Irish dancing, the 152nd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games this holiday weekend will have something for everyone.

The annual all-day gathering at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday presents the traditional triple-fare of pipe bands, highland dancing and heavy event athletics, 22 different attractions in all.

Nearly 100 clans set up tents for folks to learn more about their heritage; more than 20 exotic birds of prey perch on trainers' arms to be admired; and Mary, Queen of Scots, navigates the grounds with her entourage, as do Highland warriors, Roman legions and invading Vikings.

Special this year is the appearance of Graham McTavish, actor from "The Hobbit" film series and "Outlander," a time-traveling TV show set in Scotland that is beginning its third season on Starz. McTavish, a native of Glasgow, will have autograph and photo sessions under the main grandstands on both days.

"There is so much to do — that's why we have two-day tickets," said Floyd Busby, spokesman for the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, proud host of the extravaganza.

The tradition began in 1866 when the newly formed club gathered on Market and 12th streets in San Francisco for its first picnic, which included athletic contests and dancing events. By the second year, 4,000 people attended, and the Gathering and Games have continued, even following the 1906 earthquake, trying out

different venues before settling in Pleasanton about 20 years ago.

"There are a total of seven stages," Busby said. "Five of them are Celtic music, from indie groups to Celtic rock 'n' roll."

The two other stages feature continuous fiddling, harping, singing and Scottish country dancing.

"The fiddlers rally has students from beginners on up to expert — it's a big rally with the fiddlers playing like mad," Busby said.

Five air-conditioned buildings will host vendors, he noted. British-style food will be featured at the event, and fair food will also be for sale. Whisky tasting will include premium Scottish, American and international whiskies, and a whisky master will lead a seminar.

Kilt-wearers of all ages and abilities can take part in the free Kilted Mile races that begin at 10 each day. And the Heavy Athletic Events showcase a dozen of the world's top athletes as well as competitions among almost 70 of the country's top amateur men and women.

The athletics include tossing a caber (tree trunk), the weight for height, weight for distance, the Scottish hammer and stone putt. Contests take place all day on the race track and can be enjoyed from the grandstands.

Standing on the ground level is free, bench seats are \$6 and reserved seating is \$8. The trackside terrace to the right of

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Actor Graham McTavish, known for his roles in "The Hobbit" and "Outlander," is set to be a special guest this weekend. (Contributed photo).

Wee guide to weekend

What: 152nd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games

Who: Caledonian Club of San Francisco

When: 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Sept. 2-3

Where: Alameda County Fairgrounds

Tickets: \$25 one-day adult; \$35 two days

\$13 one-day seniors, 65-plus; \$25 two days

\$13 one-day youths (12-17); \$25 two days

Free for children 11 and under, and for active military

Grandstand show: \$6 bench. \$8 reserved. Ground-level standing area is free.

Parking: Fairgrounds charges \$10 per vehicle

Other: Food can be brought into the fairgrounds but drinks must be non-alcoholic in non-glass containers.

FIRST RESPONDER RIDEALONG

Weekly intern follows LPFD firefighters on typical summer afternoon

PHOTOS BY DANIEL KIM



Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department firefighters like Dennis Navle have their suits ready next to the fire engine allowing them to quickly change and be ready for any emergency.



From left: Firefighters Navle, Leo Lima and Matt Brett make up one of the many units at the LPFD.



LPFD Engine 94 is ready to leave the station at any time to respond to any emergency.



The unit attempts to respond to a traffic collision July 27, only to find out that a closer unit has already reached the scene.



During dinner time, the unit typically eats and cooks food together. Here, Lima prepares taco salad for him and his colleagues.



Navle responds to a report of a man fainting inside Lokanta Mediterranean Bar and Grill on Main Street.

A cappella women welcome new singers

Harmony Fusion Chorus holding open rehearsal Sept. 18

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's a cappella barbershop show chorus, will host a special open rehearsal night Sept. 18 to welcome new singers of all ages, backgrounds and cultures.

"We are looking to add to our chorus of women who love to sing and are enthusiastic about performing, competing and improving their vocal skills," membership chairwoman Joanne Morrison said.

"If you have a good ear for music, we want you. Sight-reading music is not required. We have many methods for learning our songs," she added.

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI), is open to singers of high school age and above. It meets from 7-10 p.m. every

Monday in Hayward.

"We welcome visitors to every rehearsal, but September is a good time to start with us as we begin preparing our holiday music and working on our contest song package for our annual regional competition in Reno next May," Morrison said. "We are especially interested in attracting singers from the East Bay's many cultural communities."

The special rehearsal evening will begin with a meet-and-greet followed by vocal warm-ups, when visitors are invited up on the risers with the chorus members. Guests will learn to sing "tags" — the last two phrases of a song in true barbershop style.

"We want our visitors to experience what it's like to be one of us," board president Sarah Owen said. "Barbara, our director, is wonderful to sing for. She is very serious

about the chorus, and she has a sense of humor that keeps it fun."

Director Barbara Vander Putten, a SAI-certified director and member of the SAI Region 12 coaching faculty, has directed Harmony Fusion Chorus (formerly Harmony Crossroads Chorus of Pleasanton) since March 2006. Since then the chorus has regularly earned medals at the annual SAI regional contests.

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

The open rehearsal evening is 7-10 p.m. Sept. 18, at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 B St., Hayward, just off I-580. For more information, call 373-0210. ■

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the grandstand has a buffet lunch and tables and chairs, with a view of the athletic events.

A Children's Glen will have games and prizes, and the Clydesdale horse team is also popular with youngsters, as well as sheep dog trials and long-coated highland cattle.

This year, 35 pipe bands from

the United States and Canada will complete in five grades, and they all participate in the pageantry of the Massed Bands in front of the grandstands at 5:20 p.m. to close each day's festivities. A featured part of the show is the entrance of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from Miramar, playing in unison with the famed L.A. Scots Grade-1 Pipe Band.

This year the San Ramon Marriott is the host hotel, where the U.S.

Marine Band and other musical groups will hold a formal concert tonight, with \$14 admission, and an informal free performance Sunday evening, Busby said.

He recommends buying a program for a guide to the multitude of events at the Games and Gathering, but noted there are also several information booths.

"There is something for everybody," Busby said. ■

Valley Concert Chorale holding tryouts

All-volunteer, nonprofit choir sings all genres

The Valley Concert Chorale, a lyrical part of the Tri-Valley for more than 50 years, is scheduling audition appointments for its 2017-18 season.

The chorale is looking for experienced singers who can sight-read and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The group, under the direction of artistic director and conductor John Emory Bush, performs a variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz.

The new season will include the following performances:

• December — "A Midwinter Rose" with music by Berkey,

Joubert and Mathias

• March — "The Eternal Rose" with Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna" and Elder's "Requiem"

• May — "A Rose for Love" with Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzes and Gypsy Songs," and the witty P.D.Q. Bach's "Liebeslieder Polkas"

Auditions will be held Mondays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore 2020 Fifth St. Call 736-9731 for an appointment.

For more information about the Valley Concert Chorale, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org or call 866-4003. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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- November 2nd - Dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard

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Comedy cabaret

Sandy and Richard Riccardi are bringing a party to the Firehouse Arts Center stage at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 with their hit comedy and cabaret show of current content and toe-tapping piano and vocals. The original production chronicles their cracked and bushwhacked road to marital bliss and social consciousness. These YouTube stars have had more than 12 million views. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Tri-Valley all-stars win third straight World Series title

Plus: Tough opening week for Pleasanton starting quarterbacks

Tri-Valley Babe Ruth has a long tradition of excellence on the baseball field stretching close to three decades, but this year's 15-year-old all-star team accomplished something that had never been done before in the entire 66-year history of Babe Ruth baseball.

The team, which plays their regular season in Dublin on Camp Parks U.S. Army Reserve base, won its third consecutive national championship last month.

Two years ago, the boys won the 13-year-old World Series in Jamestown, N.Y. Last year, they won the 14-year-old World Series in Westfield, Mass. And on Aug. 17, they clinched the first-ever trifecta by winning the 15-year-old World Series in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The team, consisting of 12 Pleasanton boys and one from San Ramon Valley High, finished this summer with a 16-1 record. The team's overall mark the past three summers is 45-3, which includes three Northern California championships, three Pacific Southwest regional titles and now three national championships.

With a target on their back, the Tri-Valley boys played four pool-play games in this year's World Series, and although nothing came easy, they finished with four wins.

It started with a 5-4 win over Newtown, Conn., followed by a 9-1 victory over Marshall County, Tenn. Next up was a 4-2 win over West Windsor, N.J., and a 5-3 triumph over Sarasota, Fla.

The four wins earned the team the top seed in the National Division. The seeding gave them a bye before facing a rematch with Sarasota in the semifinals.

Down 4-2 with three outs remaining, the gritty Californians scored three seventh-inning runs before Florida could record a single out and walked off with a stunning 5-4 victory.

On championship night, several thousand Tennessee fans, decked out in the burnt orange, showed up to Bobby Brewer field to watch their Lawrenceburg team try to avenge a 2015, 15-year-old title game loss to Southern California.

However, as fate would have it, the Bay Area boys prevailed with another hard-fought championship game win 4-3.

This year's team had six boys on all three championship teams: Josh Anderson, Joey Battilega, Trevor Jackson, Jaden Sheppard, Evan Chevalier and Cory Steinhauer.

Three boys were on two of the teams: Demetre Aaron, Luke Palfalvi and Troy Nassar. And the four

key new additions this year were Shane Cancilla, Brad Couture, Patrick Gallagher and Matt Sugden.

The coaches were Tony Battilega, Mark Palfalvi and Scott Sugden.

Special honors in this year's World Series went to: Sheppard, MVP; Cancilla, Luke Palfalvi and Matt Sugden, All-World Series Team; and Anderson, Gold Glove.

Football update

It wasn't exactly the type of beginning the local football teams were looking for as they launched their 2017 seasons last Friday.

Both Amador Valley and Foothill lost their quarterbacks in the first quarter of their games, forcing each team to look to their bench for help.

Ben Wooldridge, the Fresno State-bound quarterback for Foothill who is in his third year of starting for the Falcons and is regarded as one of the top quarterbacks in the region, was sent to the sideline against San Leandro with a shoulder injury on his throwing arm.

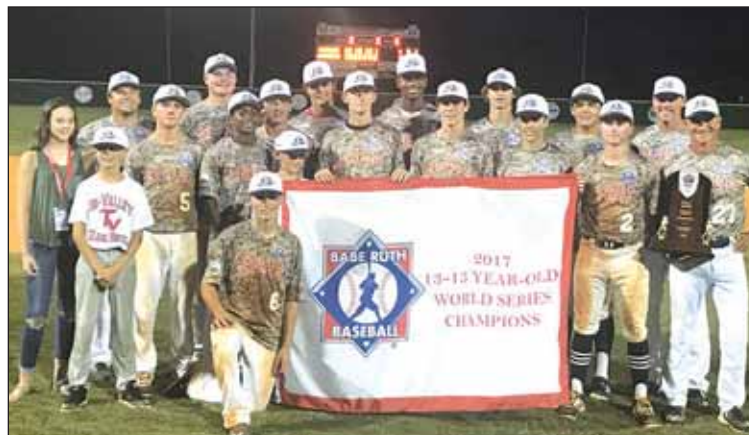
Nico Mazotti, the Amador quarterback who transferred from Foothill, lasted all of one play against De La Salle as he got drilled and suffered a concussion.

The injuries didn't help either team, as the Falcons fell 35-26 to

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The Tri-Valley's 15-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars celebrate after winning the World Series in Tennessee, the team's third straight national championship.

San Leandro and De La Salle got the best of the Dons 42-7.

Lost in the concern for the starters was that the two players who came off the bench for the schools did pretty nice jobs in relief.

Andrew Duval was suddenly given the keys to the Foothill offense and performed well, leading the Falcons to scoring drives.

"He played very well," coach Matt Sweeney said of Duval. "If you would have told me we would score 26 points with our backup quarterback, I would have told you that you are crazy. (Backups) just don't get the reps in practice."

How long Wooldridge is out remains to be seen. The biggest break comes with Foothill having a bye this week, allowing Wooldridge an extra week to make it back.

He's a tough kid — anyone who saw him take a beating last year and continually keep getting up can attest to that — so figure if there is any chance of playing against San Ramon Valley on Sept. 8, he will be there.

But Sweeney was quick to point out the big picture.

"Ben will not play until he is 100%," Sweeney said. "He's got too

bright a future, and it's not the way we work at Foothill. We won't put someone in until they are healthy."

For Amador, it was Coleman Wiley who came into the game and played well in an almost no-win situation as the top Dons were facing one of the top teams in the nation.

"He did a nice job getting the ball out on time," Amador coach Danny Jones said of Wiley, who stands 5-foot-10 and weighs 160 pounds. "It was time for the next man up. There was no time to flinch and he played well."

Initially, it appeared Mazotti would be out at least eight days and pursuant to protocol established by high school football, but over the weekend Jones got word that Mazotti had been cleared to return to the team this week.

The Dons host Kings Academy (Sunnyvale) tonight, an extra special event for Amador Valley High as the school's students, educators and community members will come together between the junior varsity and varsity football games at 6:30 p.m. for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Amador Stadium's new field. ■

Registration underway for Pleasanton Youth Basketball

City seeks players, coaches, referees for 2017-18 season

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton recreation officials have put out a call to kids and teens across the city who would be interested in playing in this year's Pleasanton Youth Basketball (PYB) league.

Open to Pleasanton residents only, the league is available to girls and boys in first through 12th grades of all skill levels, city officials said. The deadline to register is Sept. 17.

City officials are also looking for volunteer coaches and game referees to support the PYB league.

The recreational league begins with player evaluations the week of Sept. 24, followed by team assignments. Practices start the week of Nov. 6, and league-sponsored games occur on Saturdays starting Dec. 9 through Feb. 17.

PYB emphasizes having fun, improving skills, making new friends and developing teamwork, according to city officials. Registration costs \$160 per player and includes a jersey, practice time and league participation.

The city is also recruiting volunteer coaches to support the PYB program. Interested coaches must complete a volunteer application and pass a Live Scan/Department of Justice screening process.

Prior coaching experience is not necessary.

A head coach's child can play for free on their team — a deal limited to one free registration per parent-coach, with the registration fee refunded at the end of the season.

Head coaches are allowed to select

their child and one other player to play on their team. Both participants must be registered in the same course code in order for the request to be honored, city officials noted.

The city plans to host coaching clinics and provide extra support as needed.

Officials are also hiring youth-sports officials for the PYB league, open to people 15 years old and older. No prior refereeing experience is necessary, and training will be provided.

To learn more about playing or coaching in PYB, visit www.pleasantonfun.com and click on the "Sports" tab. To apply for a referee post, visit the city's Human Resources Department webpage via www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

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risk. The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. See resources.eskaton.org/balance.

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FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME' The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center is sponsoring a twice-monthly "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities, questions are welcome and will be answered, and light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe after, no reservations needed. Go to www.seniorcenterfriends.org.

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Teens

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday

of the month at the Pleasanton Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road.

Religion & Spirituality

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SCHEDULE Lynnwood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship 9 or 10:30 a.m. Sundays with Sunday school for youth & adults at 10:30 a.m., childcare at both services. Contact Pastor Henry Kim at 846-0221, email to office@lynnwood.org., visit www.lynnwood.org., 4444 Black Ave.

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

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

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit motherswithapurpose.org. Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road.

Music

PARTY WITH THE RICCARDIS Comedy cabaret featuring Sandy and Richard Riccardi at Firehouse Arts Center on Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org.

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

Health & Wellness

GRIEF WORKSHOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are Stepping Stones

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

FREE FALL PREVENTION EVENT FOR SENIORS Eskaton is hosting "Before the Fall," a new documentary about fall prevention and recovery, at The Parkview in Pleasanton on Sept. 14. Enjoy this 30-minute educational film, join the Q&A with the Emmy-winning filmmaker Karen Christian, and watch a demonstration of fun and easy exercises to help reduce your fall



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUBLIC HEARING:** PUD-123, Mathew Zaheri - Consider an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan to construct a 201-stall parking lot for vehicle display/inventory to be shared by Stoneridge Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram and a future dealership located at 2694 Stoneridge Drive
- Introduction of an ordinance to amend the Chapter 18.110 (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to allow for small-cell-wireless systems in the Hacienda Business Park where the systems are concealed
- Approve amendment to four maintenance agreements between the City and the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association to extend the terms of those agreements and to allow for revenue share for small-cell-wireless systems to be located in street lights in the Hacienda Business Park
- Consider approval of the Junipero Street and Independence Drive Traffic Calming Plan

Human Services Commission
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

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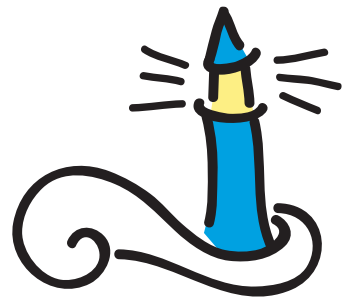
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KAMCO INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 533518
The following person doing business as: KAMCO INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, 2677 Becard Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Robert J. Scurria, 2677 Becard Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Robert J. Scurria, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein KAMCO INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES April 14, 1998. Signature of Registrant: Robert J. Scurria, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 25, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 11, 18, 25 and Sept. 1, 2017.)

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INDIA GARDEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 534466

The following person(s) doing business as: INDIA GARDEN, 210 ROSE AVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): INDIAN VILLAGE RESTAURANTS INC., 17222 PRESIDENT DR., CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546. This business is conducted INDIAN VILLAGE RESTAURANTS, INC., a CORPORATION. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2009. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT, HARDEVINDER PAL, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on AUGUST 18, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, AUGUST 25, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 2017.)

Blueprint Transactions
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 533636
The following person doing business as: Blueprint Transactions, 911 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Liana Madnick, 911 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by Liana Madnick, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 26, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Liana Madnick, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, September 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2017.)

BASKIN ROBBINS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 534744
The following person doing business as: BASKIN ROBBINS, 2601 BLANDING AVE., STE D, ALAMEDA, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JM SHEHS ENTERPRISES, INC., 2601 BLANDING AVE, STE D, ALAMEDA, CA 94501. This business is conducted by JM SHEHS ENTERPRISES, INC., a CORPORATION. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein BASKIN ROBBINS JUNE 19, 2007. Signature of Registrant: Jihmei Sheh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on AUGUST 28, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

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Pleasanton		
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4 BEDROOMS		
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Bridle Creek Neighborhood

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4 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,575sf. | 13,885sf. lot

474 AMARAL CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Downtown Pleasanton

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3 Beds | 1.5 Baths | 1,192sf.

1021 PEARY COURT, LIVERMORE

Sunset East Neighborhood

Court location and walking distance to Downtown Livermore. Updated kitchen, wood flooring, newer HVAC. Detached 2-Car garage w/ workshop/storage. \$595,000



2 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,080sf.

7052 DUBLIN MEADOWS ST., DUBLIN

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MOUNT VEEDER ROAD, DUBLIN

Ivy Oak at Wallis Ranch Neighborhood

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4 Beds | 2.5 Baths | 2,244sf.

3365 EDGECOMB COURT, DUBLIN

Sonata Neighborhood

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CUSTOM HOME



5682 SUNSET CREEK CT., PLEASANTON

Beautiful Custom Home Built in 2008 with Quiet Court Location! Located Adjacent to Desirable Bridle Creek and Sycamore Heights Neighborhoods. This 5-Bedroom, 5-Bathroom Home Includes a Private Office and Game Room Area and is Approximately 5147 Square Feet. This Half-acre (.46) Lot Includes a Newer In-ground Pool and Spa, Large Covered Patio, Outdoor Kitchen Entertainment Area/Fire Pit and Beautiful Landscaping. Enjoy Views of The Surrounding Hills and Pleasanton Ridge from the Front and Rear Grounds, as Well as From Inside the House and Multiple Balconies. Upstairs and Downstairs Master Suites. This Desirable Location is Sought-after Because It's Quiet, Located Away from Freeways and Trains, Near an Awesome Neighborhood Park (Mission Hills Park), and Within Walking Distance to Downtown Pleasanton. For More Information and Photos, go to 5682sunsetcreek.com. For a Private Showing Call, the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

OFFERED AT \$2,338,888

LIVERMORE CHARMER



SALE PENDING

3160 CABRILLO AVENUE, LIVERMORE

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1980 PALMER DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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SOLD

5786 SHADOW RIDGE COURT, PLEASANTON

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Jennifer Branchini

315 Sutton Circle – Danville – \$699,000
This is quite a sweet townhouse with 2 master suites backing to open space. It features a lovely kitchen with granite counter with an inside pantry and peaceful outdoor patio.



Rosemary Yandell

7150 Brighton Drive – Dublin – \$720,000
Fabulous Westside Home with Valley Views! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a lot of approx. 6,501 sq.ft. Great floorplan with separate living and family rooms along with a large yard.



Gina Piper

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3117 Joanne Circle – Pleasanton – \$1,228,000
Gorgeous executive Mediterranean style 2 story home in a desirable parkside area with 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, a lovely courtyard and a cozy family room. Approx 2317 sq. ft. on an approx. 8,500 sq. ft. located close to downtown, BART and shopping center.



Cindy Gee

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<p>SALE PENDING!</p>  <p>3934 Kern Court, Pleasanton Downsizing isn't easy until you see this 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1831 sq ft one story home. Granite slab kitchen, hard wood floors & remodeled baths.</p>	<p>JUST SOLD — \$80K OVER ASKING</p>  <p>5396 Mallard Drive, Pleasanton Fabulous one story home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths just a short stroll from Pleasanton Sports Park. Beautifully remodeled throughout! \$1,255,000</p>	<p>JUST SOLD!</p>  <p>1322 Montrose Court, Pleasanton Nestled in the vineyards this beautiful chateau estate has views of the rolling hills and vineyards. 6 bdrms, 5.5 baths and 5000 sq ft w/ separate in law unit. \$2,110,000</p>	<p>ANOTHER SOLD HOME!</p>  <p>3216 Clifford Circle, Pleasanton Beautiful Parkside home located just a short stroll from the Sports Park! 4 bdrms, 3 baths, 3 car garage. Beautifully updated throughout. \$1,200,000</p>



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