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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Time to defeat a bad bill on bridge tolls

It is unusual to see a federal official weigh in on actions being taken in Sacramento, but Congressman Mark DeSaulnier felt compelled to do exactly that as the State Legislature considers a bill to raise Bay Area bridge fares during the final week of its session for 2017.

DeSaulnier, a Democrat who previously served in both houses in Sacramento as well as serving as a Contra Costa County supervisor, understands the issues around bridges and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission all too well.

During his time, he watched MTC, which doles out the state and federal money in the nine Bay Area counties, oversee construction of the new Bay Bridge that tripled in cost to more than \$6.5 billion. It was also more than a decade late, some of which was due to political infighting.

Now the legislature is considering Senate Bill 595 that would raise bridge tolls by \$3 (to \$8 or \$9 depending upon the time of day). That's a huge increase — one that proponents are justifying by pointing to the congestion issues in the Bay Area. And, it would be permanent with increases linked to inflation.

It upset DeSaulnier enough that he wrote an opinion piece for the East Bay Times condemning the bill. Joining the party were Assemblyman Tim Grayson, a Democrat, who offered a similar opinion piece this month, while our Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, a Republican, sent an email to constituents asking their opinion with a link to a critical editorial in the Times.

The core and valid argument is that East Bay commuters will pay the bulk of the higher tolls and receive substantially less of the benefits.

DeSaulnier argued that Contra Costa County motorists would contribute 18.4% of the revenue and receive less than 10% of the benefit. The two East Bay counties combined will pay about 49% and receive just 39% of the benefits.

It's particularly egregious when it comes to BART and Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara residents contribute just 2% of the bridge fare (basically, they have no need to cross bridges), but they would receive

23% of the benefit. Be serious. Santa Clara County voters, like residents in Alameda and Contra Costa, have voted for increases in the sales tax to support transportation improvements.

And then, there's BART that is in line for almost \$1.1 billion, including \$500 million for new train cars. New cars are critical to improving and expanding BART service. Voters passed a \$3.5 billion bond issue for BART last year.

But, as the Times editorial board pointed out, there's no guarantee that BART officials won't shift money around within their budget so BART can continue to pay its inflated employee salaries and lucrative benefits.

There's been no belt-tightening at BART despite budget pressures and the need to replace capital equipment. The board and management have consistently given away the financial store to employee unions, and this bill will put more money into the overall budget.

One other key point that DeSaulnier made about the MTC. This is the outfit, "governed" by elected officials from throughout the nine Bay Area counties, that decided to spend bridge tolls to build its headquarters in San Francisco. That project, like almost anything else MTC touches, ran over budget — more than \$90 million over budget.

DeSaulnier also points out that the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco is now nearing twice the \$1.19 billion budgeted.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty is the vice-chair of the agency and represents the county.

**Note:** Given the uncertainties of the last week of the session and print deadlines, the legislature may have taken action before this appears in Friday's edition. If it happens to pass, then it will be critical for East Bay residents and elected officials to pressure Gov. Jerry Brown to veto the legislation.

Given the free pass that the South Bay is given, it's likely that the powerful Silicon Valley organizations and companies will be lobbying for a signature. The same for businesses on the Peninsula and in San Francisco. State Sen. Jim Beall, who represents the South Bay, is the primary author of the bill. ■

### About the Cover

Pleasanton resident Vivien Filip, 2, helps her dad Sabin tend to his vegetable patch at the Val Vista Community Park community garden. Photo by Julia Reis. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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# Streetwise

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## What is the first thing you do when you get home from work each day?



**Connie Quintanal**  
Manager

I say hello to my dogs, who are always so happy to see me, and then I change out of my work clothes into something very comfortable. After that, if I don't have anything pressing I need to accomplish, I go outside to sit in my backyard to relax and enjoy some peace and quiet.



**Charu Gohel**  
Front desk assistant

I check on my teenage daughter to see how she is doing and where she is with her homework and studying. After that, I look for my husband in order to see how his day went. Then I put on a pot of tea that I drink and relax with while making dinner for my family. I truly enjoy my daily routine.



**Fran Roberts**  
Semi-retired relocation specialist

The first thing I do is greet my husband of 48 years, whether he gets home first or I get home first. Then I take off my shoes and say hello to my cats who have missed me all day. After that, I start thinking about what I will fix for dinner for everyone.



**Tara Walsh**  
Chiropractor

Let my dog Calvin outdoors when he greets me at the door. Then, since I'm on my feet and actively treating patients all day, I pour myself a glass of wine and try to get off of my feet for a bit by sitting down in a comfortable chair where I can just relax and catch up on the day's news in a peaceful, quiet setting.



**Jeanna Dodds**  
Picture framer

I always go around the house and yard watering the plants and flowers. They get thirsty. After that, I start making dinner for myself and my Sweetie of 17 blessed years, as well as for our dog, Lykos.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Heroes nominees

This Monday is the deadline for nominations for the Pleasanton Weekly's annual Tri-Valley Heroes awards, our salute to community members dedicated to bettering the Tri-Valley and the lives of its residents.

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.

Nominations can be submitted through a form available at [www.tinyurl.com/2017Heroes](http://www.tinyurl.com/2017Heroes) and can also be emailed directly to Publisher Gina Channell at [gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com), but make sure all information requested on the form is included.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Monday. Winners will be selected by Weekly staff. Awards will be presented Oct. 23 in Pleasanton.

### Pet fair

The Bay Area Pet Fair is coming to the Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend for those looking to adopt or who just want to check out more than 1,500 animals and enjoy related activities.

Dogs, cats, rats, birds and rabbits will be up for adoption from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday. There will also be stunt dog shows, a kids zone with games and crafts, live music and more.

Admission and parking is free. Pets on leash are welcome. For more information, visit [www.bayareapetfair.org](http://www.bayareapetfair.org).

### Passing inspection

For the 14th consecutive year, the California Highway Patrol has inspected the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority bus system and found no safety violations, according to a press release from LAVTA.

The random inspection included a detailed check of Wheels and Rapid buses and maintenance records, along with a review of licensing, training and testing of bus operators.

"This signifies a major achievement in providing Wheels and Rapid customers the highest and most consistent level of safety," LAVTA executive director Michael Tree stated.

LAVTA serves nearly 2 million passengers a year with its Wheels bus and paratransit services. ■

### Correction

Last week's story "Fall horse racing back at fairgrounds" listed incorrect post times for horse races scheduled for Sept. 21-24 and Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Post times are 2:15 p.m. on the Fridays and at 1:45 p.m. every other day. We regret the error.

## Board discusses PUSD properties, new school at facilities workshop

Administrators to bring recommendations to second study session

By JULIA REIS

Splitting grades K-5 between Donlon Elementary and a new school on the property or finding a parcel near Hart Middle School for a new elementary campus were among the ideas generated by the Pleasanton school board Tuesday night during a study session on current and future district facilities.

No decisions were made at the three-hour workshop, which followed a 6 p.m. regular meeting; rather, administrators will return

to the board at a second workshop with recommendations and next steps based on Tuesday's discussion. The date of the next workshop has not yet been announced.

"I think you've challenged us to think creatively about resolving the crowding issue," PUSD superintendent David Haglund told the board at the end of Tuesday's meeting. "There's a whole lot of options you put on the table today."

The workshop was the first of at least two focusing on PUSD's facility needs in light of the school

facilities bond Measure II passed by Pleasanton voters in November.

The board indicated months ago that it would hold such a workshop as part of the district's planning for how to spend \$270 million in bond revenue anticipated through the passage of Measure II, which established a new property tax of \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed value for school facilities projects.

Money can only be used toward projects on the list approved by the school board last year and as outlined in the ballot language. The list

includes a new elementary school, safety and security upgrades like new fire alarm systems, and the Lydiksen Elementary School rebuild among other projects.

Last month, the board authorized the first issuance and sale of Measure II bonds. Proceeds from the \$72 million initial bond series will be put toward the Lydiksen rebuild; certificates of participation debt payoff; modernizations qualifying for state funding;

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CITY OF PLEASANTON

### Sworn in

Twenty-eight Pleasanton residents from nine countries, including Canada, Iran, China and India, were sworn in as United States citizens during a naturalization ceremony organized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Pleasanton Public Library on Monday.

## Chabad of Tri-Valley buys masonic lodge on Hopyard Road

Sale closes ahead of Jewish New Year next week

By JEREMY WALSH

The Chabad of the Tri-Valley has completed its \$2.5 million purchase of the former Pleasanton Masonic Lodge on Hopyard Road, giving the Jewish organization its first dedicated, permanent home in Pleasanton since beginning services in the founders' living room more than a decade ago.

Long-range plans call for the new Chabad Center for Jewish Life to serve as an educational, cultural, and religious center for Jewish residents in the Tri-Valley. But in the short-term, closing the transaction Sept. 7 puts the Chabad on track to open

its doors on Hopyard in time for Jewish New Year services next week, according to Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

"An amazing way to start a year. I can't tell you how excited everybody is," Resnick said during a tour of the site at 3370 Hopyard Road on Monday.

Located near the intersection with South Valley Trails Drive, the Chabad Center adds another faith to a block with strong religious presence. The property shares a parking lot with St. Clare's Episcopal Church, and across the street is Harvest Valley Christian Church.

"It really fits in the Valley Trails

neighborhood," Resnick said.

The 8,000-square-foot building includes a main hall that will house the sanctuary, plus spaces for classrooms, Jewish community gatherings and food preparation. There's also about an acre of outdoor land, including a backyard patio that became a source of discord in the neighborhood when the masonic lodge hosted parties there.

It was almost exactly one year ago that the Pleasanton City Council imposed strict new regulations on the Masons' property as part of

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## Costco roadwork financing

Council set for special meeting on deal Monday night

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council is set to give final direction Monday to city staff on an agreement with Costco for how to pay for \$21.47 million in roadwork necessary to accommodate the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ), which is expected to include the wholesale retail giant's third membership store in the Tri-Valley.

The proposed deal with Costco to fund design and construction of the roadwork 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 with 1.5% annual interest charged for the city's remaining balance to Costco.

Any other developer who builds on the JDEDZ in the future would need to pay their proportional share of these infrastructure costs back to the city, and the city officials plan to use those funds to pay down their debt to Costco.

The council majority gave early support to the proposal during a special meeting Aug. 29, with Councilwoman Karla Brown expressing opposition and Mayor Jerry Thorne recusing himself from the discussion for previously owning Costco

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# Pleasanton developer accused of illegal donations to Swalwell campaign

Second federal prosecution of James Tong in recent years

BY ERIKA ALVERO  
AND JEREMY WALSH

A prominent East Bay developer and Pleasanton resident was arraigned Monday on federal allegations he made illegal campaign finance donations to current U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's congressional campaign in 2012 and 2013.

The indictment alleges that Tong, 72, used straw donors, or "conduit contributors," in order to give more money than one person is allowed to give to a political campaign, according to U.S. Attorney Brian J. Stretch and FBI special agent in charge John F. Bennett.

Authorities allege that in both 2012 and 2013, Tong made over \$10,000 of these straw donations to the authorized political committee supporting the campaign of a

candidate for a federal elected office. Tong pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday.

Neither the committee nor the candidate are identified in the indictment, but Swalwell released a statement through his campaign committee Wednesday acknowledging his campaign was investigated by federal authorities in connection with the Tong probe and denying any wrongdoing by himself or campaign officials.

"I'm deeply disappointed by what's alleged in the grand jury's indictment. My campaign never would have accepted a single penny of these contributions had we known how they were being made," said Swalwell, a third-term Democrat whose district includes Pleasanton.

The congressman said his

campaign "cooperated fully" with federal investigators and the Department of Justice "does not suspect any wrongdoing on the part of myself or anyone with my campaign, nor that anyone in my campaign knew of the scheme outlined in the indictment."

"I will not tolerate illicit contributions like these in my campaign or in our political process generally," added Swalwell, who said his campaign is working with authorities to tally the straw donations to in turn donate that sum to a local charity.

In the indictment, Tong is charged with one count of making contributions of more than \$10,000 in the names of straw donors to the candidate in 2012. The limit set by the Federal Election Campaign Act for contributions

from any one person that year was \$5,000.

The second count charges Tong with making contributions exceeding \$10,000 to the same candidate's campaign committee in others' names. The limit for that year was \$5,200.

The donations occurred on either end of Swalwell's first election to Congress. He was a 31-year-old Dublin councilman when he successfully unseated incumbent and fellow Democrat Pete Stark in November 2012. Swalwell won reelection twice since.

This week, after an initial appearance and arraignment in federal court in Oakland, Tong was released on his own recognizance and required to surrender his passport. His next appearance is scheduled for Sept. 29, before U.S. District Judge

Jon S. Tigar for a status conference.

The Special Prosecution and National Security Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office is prosecuting this case that is the result of a year-long FBI investigation.

Tong was also the subject of another recent case involving fraud.

In December 2015, he pleaded no contest to violating the U.S. Endangered Species Act by submitting fraudulent documents to the city of Dublin that falsely stated he had paid \$3.2 million in mitigation efforts for grading a Dublin development in a way that harmed the habitat of the endangered California tiger salamander.

As part of his plea deal, Tong agreed to pay about \$1 million to state, county and nonprofit wildlife agencies and preserve 107 acres of land in Contra Costa County.

He also reached a separate plea deal in Alameda County Superior Court for the Dublin documentation fraud case. ■

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



JEREMY WALSH

Rabbi Raleigh Resnick and his wife Fruma outside the new Chabad Center for Jewish Life on Hopyard Road. The Chabad of the Tri-Valley closed its purchase of the former masonic lodge last week.

## CHABAD

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the city's response to complaints from Valley Trails neighbors about excessive noise and outdoor partying at the lodge.

That council meeting in September 2016 came amid reports that the Chabad was looking to buy the property from the Masons, and Resnick said the organization has reached out to Valley Trails residents in the time since to explain the plans for the site and receive input.

"This is so exciting for our community and going to be so beautiful for our neighborhood," Valley Trails residents Leonard and Ilene Cooper said in the Chabad's press release announcing the property sale.

The acquisition process, initially anticipated to be finished last fall, took much longer than expected, but the journey was well worth it, Resnick said. The \$2.5 million purchase price was funded by donations from hundreds of Jewish families in the Tri-Valley.

"We began 12 years ago in our

living room and are overjoyed by the vibrant Jewish community that has been created. We thank God and are all humbled and excited to have reached this incredible milestone," the rabbi said.

The Chabad of the Tri-Valley, founded by Resnick and wife Fruma in 2005, eventually grew out of the couple's living room and made the rounds at meeting rooms in various facilities in and around Pleasanton before leasing a 4,000-square-foot building on Quarry Lane almost two years ago.

The former masonic lodge finally gives the growing Jewish organization a permanent home in Pleasanton, Resnick said.

The group is working to spruce up the flooring and paint the walls to make the interior more presentable ahead of the start of the Jewish New Year next week. Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of Sept. 20 and ends the night of Sept. 22, with Resnick planning for those to be the first services at the Chabad's new home.

The organization has submitted

## Retired judge selected to serve as Contra Costa's interim DA

Diana Becton to complete disgraced ex-DA's unexpired term

BY ERIKA ALVERO

In neighboring Contra Costa County, the Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to appoint recently retired Superior Court Judge Diana Becton to serve as interim district attorney, making her the first woman and first African-American to hold the position in the county.

Becton, one of five finalists being considered for the position, was chosen after the Board of Supervisors publicly interviewed the applicants Tuesday in Martinez. She will serve until early 2019, the expiration date of the elected term of former district attorney Mark Peterson, who resigned in June amid a campaign spending scandal and felony conviction.

"Diana Becton brings a wealth of experience as a retired Contra Costa Superior Court judge," Supervisor Candace Andersen, whose district includes most of the San Ramon Valley, said after the



Diana Becton

meeting Tuesday. "She cares deeply about improving our county's justice system. I look forward to working with her as she brings a new perspective to our District Attorney's Office."

Becton, an El Sobrante resident, could not immediately be reached for comment.

She received initial support from three supervisors following public interviews Tuesday, with Andersen and Supervisor Karen Mitchoff instead picking senior deputy DA Paul Graves as their top choice. The board then voted a second time, and Becton was unanimously approved as interim DA.

The position as the county's top prosecutor became vacant mid-June after Peterson resigned in light of a perjury conviction stemming from a campaign spending scandal.

Peterson, who took office in 2010 and won re-election in 2014, pleaded no contest to one felony count as part of a plea deal with state prosecutors after spending more than \$65,000 in campaign money on personal expenses.

Rather than call a special election to fill the position, the Board

of Supervisors opted to solicit applications for an interim DA to serve out the remainder of Peterson's unexpired term. The next regular election for the DA position is scheduled for next June, with a potential runoff election in November 2018. The elected winner's new term will start Jan. 7, 2019.

Chief assistant DA Doug MacMaster has been serving as interim DA since Peterson's departure, but once Becton is sworn in, he will resume his prior position. MacMaster did not apply for the job.

The application and open recruitment process included a county-hosted public forum, several opportunities to offer public and online comments and public interviews of each finalist during a Board of Supervisors open meeting.

Becton and Graves were joined as finalists by Superior Court Judge Danielle Douglas, Contra Costa assistant DA Thomas Kensok and Santa Clara County deputy DA Patrick Vanier, who lives in San Ramon. Twelve people originally applied before the board narrowed the candidate pool down to the five finalists. ■

conditional use permit and design review applications to the city for its future plans for its religious facility and preschool at the Hopyard site. Those applications remain pending and require Planning Commission approval.

City planning staff has reviewed the documents and is awaiting

revised applications after expressing concern about the design and intensity of use proposed in the original applications, community development director Gerry Beaudin said.

"Chabad has not yet provided hard dates for their resubmittal. No (public) hearings are scheduled at this time," Beaudin added.

In the meantime, the Chabad would be allowed to operate in a manner consistent with the existing conditional use permit for the property from the Masons' ownership, Beaudin said, adding, "but any new or expanded operating characteristics will trigger the requirement for a new CUP." ■

# Pleasanton police, firefighters free dog trapped in vent

By JEREMY WALSH

Emergency personnel helped a local dog escape a jam — literally — earlier this month after the small dog found itself trapped in a vent in its house.

The situation took place around 11 a.m. Sept. 2 when a resident in South Valley Trails called police after hearing a dog barking incessantly at a neighbor's house, according to Pleasanton police.

Temperatures were well on their way to exceeding 100 degrees on that Saturday, adding to the neighbor's concern since the dog usually wasn't a nuisance barker, police said.

The department's animal services officer, Frankie Blavet, knew something wasn't right as soon as she arrived on scene. "I could hear her barking and panting. I could tell she was in distress, but she wasn't moving around," Blavet said in a statement.

Blavet and fellow responding officers eventually found little Lucy, a 4-year-old beagle mix, with her head stuck out of the wall, clearly



PPD

Lucy got trapped in the wall while trying to get through a vent in her Pleasanton house Sept. 2.

in distress after becoming trapped while trying to scurry through a house vent, police said.

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and opened the wall wide enough to free Lucy.

Police, along with Lucy's owners, credited the alert neighbor who heard Lucy's yelps for help that day.

"Dogs bark for a reason, some of which can be a nuisance and others which can be life threatening," police said. "Keep looking out for each other Pleasanton, we are #BetterTogether!" ■

## COSTCO

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stock in a retirement fund.

The agreement has been updated since last month's meeting in accordance with council direction to include provisions that the city's remaining debt balance would be forgiven at the end of the 25-year payback period or if Costco ever goes out of business or the store closes for an act of God, according to Tracy Dunne, city public information officer.

The financing proposal still does not include any upfront payments from Nearon Enterprises, which owns a majority of the JDEDZ land including a vacant site along Johnson Drive that Costco would purchase for its new store.

Brown and Councilwoman Kathy Narum last month urged city staff to talk with Nearon representatives to see if the firm would provide money for infrastructure costs upfront. And some critics point to Nearon's lack of early roadwork funding as a reason to oppose the financing deal.

"Nearon will not be paying upfront transportation improvement costs as the landowner, but whoever develops the land will be paying a JDEDZ transportation fee," Dunne said.

The pending roadwork includes Stoneridge Drive and Interstate 680 northbound onramp improvements, Johnson Drive widening, improvements at the Johnson-Stoneridge intersection, new traffic signals at

Johnson and Commerce and Johnson and Owens Drive (north), and right-of-way acquisition.

The financing proposal returns to the council for further public discussion and final direction on Monday evening. If endorsed then, the term sheet would be finalized and incorporated into the final JDEDZ proposal, which would outline how redevelopment could occur in 12 parcels along Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle near the I-580 and I-680 interchange.

The JDEDZ package would then head to the Planning Commission and 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 city staff.

Monday's special meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The council also has a regular meeting scheduled for the next night, at 7 p.m. also in the council chambers.

In the meantime, Pleasanton residents will notice some construction activity on Nearon property on Johnson Drive starting Monday, the company announced this week.

DeSilva Gates Construction will be hauling gravel material off 7200 Johnson Drive — a mix created when the former nine-building Clorox technical center was demolished in 2015 there — to be used as part of the Highway 84 widening and rehabilitation project, according to Nearon. ■

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infrastructure, safety and security projects; staff and student technology, and a new elementary school feasibility study.

Concurrently, work is beginning to develop a Measure II and facility master plan that will include timelines, budgets and project details. A committee consisting of district and school staff representatives, a student, and a city of Pleasanton representative among others is working with an architect to create that plan.

The group held its kick-off meeting Monday, but a notice of the meeting was not posted to the district website, leading to criticism on social media from some residents concerned about district transparency.

PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said in an email Tuesday the committee is not subject to Brown Act meeting requirements — such as public notification.

"Committees formed by the superintendent are different than board-appointed committees and not subject to Brown Act requirements," Gannon said. "Examples of superintendent committees include our principal and student advisory committees. While these are not typically closed committees, formal agendas are not required to be posted and discussion is limited to committee members."

Tuesday's study session saw trustees come down from the dais and sit around a table to review data and discuss the district's properties and school sizes.

The four-part workshop kicked off with an interactive review of the district's strategic plan led by Haglund.

Using their phones and Chromebooks, trustees, administrators and members of the public responded to online poll prompts related to the strategic plan such as, "Every student and staff will feel safe, respected and enjoy positive connections. What physical structures are needed to support this statement?"

Answers were anonymously displayed as they came in on screens in the boardroom.

"Better security," "ADA facilities," and "safe parking and drop off locations" were among the responses to that prompt.

Next, deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa reviewed data on PUSD facilities, including owned and leased properties; student population; definitions of portables and modulars; estimated costs for building and operating a new elementary school, and guidelines regarding the size of PUSD schools.

Those guidelines, established in the 2013 facilities master plan update, set forth preferred school size ranges of 600-700 students at each elementary school, 1,000-1,200 students per middle school and

2,400 students per high school.

Several schools exceed their preferred sizes, according to enrollment data from the district. Donlon has the most students of the elementary schools at 813, followed by Fairlands at 786 and Walnut Grove at 730.

Hart and Pleasanton Middle School are at 1,265 and 1,248 students, respectively and Amador Valley High is the largest school in the district with 2,715 enrolled.

While trustees did not propose new school size ranges Tuesday, they brainstormed ideas for a new elementary school as part of a discussion on the district office and Neal properties.

In February, the board directed administrators to explore building a new elementary school on the district-owned Neal property located at 1689 Vineyard Ave. in the southeast part of the city.

But it appeared Tuesday that enthusiasm for that concept has waned. Trustee Steve Maher was among those who stated they did not want to see a new elementary school built at the Neal site.

"I would not want to see Neal as an elementary school right now," Maher said. "To me the prudent thing to do is to look for a site we already have."

Besides the district office and school sites, the only other district property is the upper Bernal Fields property. PUSD has a lease agreement with the city of Pleasanton for use of that property that expires in 2034.

Trustee Valerie Arkin cautioned against selling the Neal property, citing Dublin Unified School District's current issue finding suitable available land for a new school.

"Seeing what Dublin is going through, I don't want our district to ever go through that," Arkin said. "I think it's a good idea for us to hang on to that (property)."

She also proposed an idea for a new elementary school location.

"What about having two schools on that (Donlon) property?" she said. "For instance, a K-2 and a 3-5. Some of these modular construction things are really good. It's something that could be done fairly

quick, we already have the land for it, we have the bond money to pay for something like this, and it specifically addresses our need of our most impacted elementary schools."

Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke raised the concept of giving up the Neal property to acquire one by Hart, although no specific parcel was mentioned.

"What if we did trade the Neal property for a property right by Hart and do an elementary school nearby Hart so that we have a little more flexibility?" she said. "It would be great for Hart to have a sister elementary school."

She also said consideration should be given to subdividing some of the district office property to sell and using a portion for employee housing.

"We're underutilizing this property," Hintzke said.

Later, board president Joan Laursen told administrators, "I think you heard we're open to moving and doing something with this site that would generate sufficient funds to allow that to happen and help us with other projects."

Speaking during Tuesday's meeting, assistant city manager Brian Dolan told the board they would "likely get some community opposition from a housing proposal on this site."

"But I think you wouldn't get opposition at the (city) staff level," he added.

Four members of the public also addressed the board during the study session, including Measure II campaign co-chair Jill Buck.

"We have some tremendous need in this district and some real repairs that are affecting our learning environments and our teachers' work environments every day, and I'm not insensitive to the needs of our population and the need for our campuses to breathe," Buck said.

"But I don't think that it's prudent as a taxpayer and as someone who was out there on the front lines of the bond campaign effort to put so much emphasis on a new school when the existing campuses are in such incredible need." ■

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Oakland PD officer arrested on suspicion of DUI in Pleasanton

An Oakland police officer was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and resisting arrest on Interstate 580 in the Pleasanton area last week, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Bryan Budgin, 37, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol shortly before 11:50 p.m. Sept. 6 on eastbound I-580 at Foothill/San Ramon roads, sheriff's officials said.

Budgin was booked at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on the two



**Bryan Budgin**

misdemeanor counts but he posted \$10,000 bail and is now out of custody, sheriff's officials said.

The Oakland Police Department said in a statement that it "is aware of his arrest."

Police officials didn't clarify if Budgin is on active duty or has been placed on administrative leave, saying only that, "Officer Budgin is currently employed with the Oakland Police Department."

Budgin was one of five Oakland police officers named as defendants in a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Alameda County probation officer Olga Cortez and her husband in October 2016 for an incident at their home in the Oakland hills on Dec. 7, 2015.

The suit accuses Officer Cullen Faeth of being intoxicated and assaulting the couple while trying to get inside their home. Faeth was charged with four misdemeanor criminal counts and has since left the department.

According to authorities and court documents, before ending up at the Cortez home, Faeth, then-Sgt. Joseph Turner and two other Oakland officers were drinking at a nearby bar.

The lawsuit filed by Cortez's attorneys, John Burriss and Melissa Nold, named Budgin as being one of the two other officers. However, U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson dismissed Budgin as a defendant in the case in a ruling in February. Henderson noted in his ruling that Budgin and the three others were placed on paid leave after the incident.

### In other news

- Undercover detectives caught two shoplifters in the act, leading to officers uncovering an apparent heroin sales operation last week, according to Pleasanton police.

The incident began just before 6 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Safeway on Santa Rita Road when plainclothes detectives from the Pleasanton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit spotted two men running out of the store with a large amount of baby formula, which can be used as a cutting agent by narcotics dealers, police said.

The detectives stopped the men a short distance away and searched them and their vehicle, discovering more than \$1,800 of suspected stolen merchandise, primarily large containers of baby formula, according to police.

Investigators detained and ultimately arrested 29-year-old



PPD

A Pleasanton police detective searching an arrestee's car Sept. 5. Police allegedly found drugs and evidence of a drug sales operation there.

Sean Ward and 35-year-old David Brown, both of Oakland.

Police allege Ward was found with heroin packaged for sale, along with other items indicative of narcotics sales such as water balloons, a digital scale and packaging materials. Ward also allegedly had a felony warrant outstanding for drug sales, was on probation and gave detectives a fake name,

Police allege Brown had two outstanding warrants for drug sales offenses. Both men were booked into custody at Santa Rita Jail, police said.

- The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking two women suspected of burglarizing an Alamo home during an open house in July, officials announced last week.

According to the sheriff's office, the burglary occurred during an

open house on Valley Oaks Drive on July 16. Investigators believe the Realtor was distracted by one suspect while the other stole some jewelry and watches from the home.

Shortly after returning to their house, the homeowner reported the missing items to the sheriff's office.

The two suspects were described as African-American women in their 20s, about 5 feet, 6 inches tall and with heavy builds. Investigators have released a photo of one of the suspects.

The Walnut Creek Police Department has also taken three similar reports of open house thefts in the last two months, believed to have been perpetrated by the same individual as in the photo released in the Alamo case. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## Corrie Serranno Simon

December 31, 1954 – August 6, 2017

Corrie Serranno Simon, 63, passed away from colon cancer on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at U.C. San Diego Medical Ctr in La Jolla, CA. She was born on December 31, 1954 in Malabang, Lanao Province Philippines.

Corrie grew up in the Zamboanga City, Philippines before migrating to the United States in 1979. In 1978, she graduated from Silliman University in the Philippines, where she received a degree in Psychology. In 1979 immigrated to the United States so she could raise her daughter as a U.S. citizen.

Corrie married Richard Simon in 1995 in Pleasanton, Ca. and were happily married for 22 years. They both had been previously married which brought together their three children as one family.

She worked for over nine years at Lam Research Corp in Fremont CA as business analyst in marketing, a core acquisitions coordinator, and finally as a contractor.

Corrie enjoyed a good cry while reading/watching emotional books/movies, going to concerts, cooking for friends and family, gardening orchids, and sewing and crocheting blankets for pets in the family. Over the years, she collected and was gifted many turtle figurines, which she showcased in large curio cabinet. Her favorite spot to vacation was in Hawaii with her spouse. They also liked to explore the state of California, taking the occasional weekend day trip. Over the years, Corrie got into Sunday football, understanding some of the main rules, but confused by others. She was a lover of all animals, especially her pet dachshunds Casey & Willis and her real life turtle collection of aquatic and land turtles. Her family and friends will remember her as a stubborn, funny, loving woman who would always help anyone in need.

Corrie was preceded in death by her parents Bernardino and Pura Serrano and her brother Poldo Amistoso. Corrie is survived by her spouse Richard Simon of Fallbrook, CA; her daughter Sarah Pajarito of Oakland CA; her son Stephen Simon of Las Vegas, NV; and her son Philip Simon of San Jose, CA. She has three brothers Carlos Amistoso, Robert Torres Sr, and Ted Serrano. She had 5 grand children, 2 great-grandchildren and her loving nieces & nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception church on September 30, 2017 at 10:30am located at 219 Bean Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030. A reception will be immediately follow the mass service.



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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Sept. 9

#### Theft

- 12:30 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road
- 12:50 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:53 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 1:30 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:12 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Missing person report

- 12:49 p.m. on the 3700 block of Appian Street

#### Alcohol violation

- 1:23 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 7:05 p.m. on the 4400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### DUI

- 10:20 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue at Ruby Hill Drive

### Sept. 8

#### Theft

- 9:13 a.m., 4800 block of Willow Road; theft from auto
- 10 a.m., 4800 block of Willow Road; theft from auto
- 8:20 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:54 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

#### Burglary

- 11:09 a.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; commercial
- 12:25 p.m., 800 block of Hopkins Way; residential

### Sept. 7

#### Alcohol violation

- 11:34 p.m. on Rosewood Drive at Old Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 11:54 p.m. on the 400 block of St. John Street

#### Theft from auto

- 2:39 p.m. on the 3600 block of Fairlands Drive
- 3:44 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive
- 3:47 p.m. on the 3500 block of Kirkcaldy Street
- 4:37 p.m. on the 6000 block of Sequoia Court

#### Shoplifting

- 11:52 a.m. on the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:39 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

- 3:56 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 9:08 a.m. on the 700 block of Foxbrough Place

#### Graffiti offense

- 8:24 a.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue
- 2:06 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

### Sept. 6

#### Theft

- 3:04 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:42 p.m., 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; theft from auto
- 8:49 p.m., 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

#### Burglary

- 8:51 a.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard
- 6:12 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Sex offense

- 4:55 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

#### Fraud

- 2:40 p.m. on the 2000 block of Olivia Court

#### Graffiti offense

- 9:02 a.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 9:52 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

#### Fraud

- 1:05 p.m. on the 2500 block of Larricket Court

### Sept. 5

#### Theft

- 10:06 a.m. on the 4600 block of First Street
- 6:32 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:29 p.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft of bicycle
- 9:30 p.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

#### Drug violation

- 5:58 p.m. on Santa Rita Road at Valley Avenue

#### Burglary

- 11:08 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 12:06 p.m. on the 5500 Block of Johnson Drive
- 6:27 p.m. on the 6300 block of Clubhouse Drive

# Council should endorse JDEDZ roadwork financing deal with Costco

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It's the right deal at the right time.

The Pleasanton City Council will be asked Monday evening to give a formal endorsement directing city staff to move forward with finalizing a proposed term sheet with Costco that lays out how both parties will pay for road infrastructure improvements necessary for the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ).

Still in the planning and review phase, the JDEDZ plan will outline how redevelopment can occur on 40 acres of land mostly along Johnson Drive near the I-580/I-680 interchange. Costco is eyeing a portion of vacant, Nearon Enterprises-owned land there — which used to house Clorox's since-demolished technical center — for its newest membership store in the East Bay.

Costco wants to be in Pleasanton, as its real estate development director told the council during a workshop on the road financing deal Aug. 29.

And many Pleasanton residents want Costco here. In addition to support offered at the recent workshop and other public and online venues, voters let their wishes be known last November by resoundingly defeating (63%) an initiative measure that sought to ban large retail stores like Costco from the JDEDZ.

Further public consideration of the JDEDZ and Costco has been essentially on hold since the election, with city administrators not wanting to move forward until solidifying how the required roadwork would be funded.

What resulted from negotiations with Costco is the best possible option available to the city once it became clear majority-landowner Nearon would not foot the bill and Costco wouldn't pay for everything when it's only part of the JDEDZ — and no other future developer yet identified.

We urge the council to approve the proposed term sheet.

To fund the \$19.97 million in estimated design and construction costs, the deal has three components.

About 30% — \$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.

No-brainer. TIF funds can only

be used on projects specifically identified in the General Plan, and enhancing the northbound freeway onramp at Stoneridge Drive, a major piece of the JDEDZ roadwork, is on that list.

The second component will see Costco pay \$6,785,000 in cash to the city for JDEDZ roadwork, a total that includes \$3.7 million to satisfy the company's TIF requirement.

Not having the \$3.7 million added to the city's TIF pot would affect funding for other future traffic projects, but investing that sum in the JDEDZ roadwork makes sense. This corridor is where Costco's impact will be felt the most, and that money is needed to complete the work.

The final component, to fund the remaining \$6,785,000, is a new concept for Pleasanton but has been used by cities in California: a sales tax sharing agreement.

In the JDEDZ's case, Costco will front that money and the city will need to repay it via a 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement with 1.5% annual interest. 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.

Tax sharing here is a safe strategy for the city, and it's certainly better than the other options the city considered: borrowing internally from city-controlled funds, taking out a bank loan, or doing nothing to fulfill the funding and essentially abandon the JDEDZ at this time.

If the new Costco store experiences 3% annual sales growth, the city would expect to repay its debt to Costco in the 17th year of the agreement.

But that's far more conservative growth than a new Costco store normally experiences, according to city staff. Using those figures instead, the debt would be paid off in 15 years.

Costco is a strong retail presence and should remain so for the foreseeable future despite impact from online retailers, so somewhere in between these two timelines should be a fair estimate.

Smartly, the agreement says that if the store closes or Costco goes out of business before the city's debt is paid, the balance is forgiven. That's also the case if Costco sales under-perform in Pleasanton, with any balance remaining

after 25 years being forgiven.

In reality though, the city's debt to Costco should be paid off sooner because any developer who builds in the JDEDZ (whether Nearon or other companies) would need to pay a yet-undermined fee to the city for their proportional share of the roadwork costs.

City officials have committed to using those fee payments to pay down the city's debt to Costco, so in the end, the sales tax revenue transferred to Costco in the sharing agreement should ultimately be recouped via the fee if the JDEDZ is developed as expected.

We'd like to see new developers pay their JDEDZ transportation fee as soon as possible, so the city can pay off its debt to Costco faster. Perhaps that means the fee should be due one month after application approval or before a shovel hits the ground for their project — and not delayed until final inspection right before occupancy.

The council will discuss that fee structure later in the year. But in the short-term, the time is now to endorse the roadwork financing agreement.

With it in place, city officials will be able to advance with public vetting of the full JDEDZ plan and the Costco project. And like the many residents in town, we look forward to analyzing those plans to make sure they fulfill city guidelines and are in line with the character and vision of Pleasanton. ■

## What's your opinion?

Write a Letter to the Editor at [Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com) or put your opinion on Town Square at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com). Letters must be 250 words or less.

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council Special Meeting**  
Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Direction on the timing and funding of transportation improvements necessary to advance the JDEDZ adoption process

**City Council**  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation by Alameda County Transportation Commission, Art Dao, Executive Director
- Presentation regarding Mobility Forward Tri-Valley Paratransit Study, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.

**Economic Vitality Committee**  
Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.  
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Update and Discussion Regarding Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone

**Housing Commission**  
Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Housing & Human Services Grant (HHS) Program Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Housing-Related Program
  - a) Abode Services; Rapid Re-Housing and HOPE Street Outreach
  - b) Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL); Housing/Independent Living Services
  - c) ECHO Housing; Housing Counseling Services
  - d) Habitat for Humanity; Housing Rehabilitation Program

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## Museum offers Taste Africa Family Day

Special event tomorrow on front lawn on Main Street

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main Street is holding a Celebrate Community Family Day tomorrow, partnering with the Cheza Nami Foundation to bring Taste Africa to its front lawn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Our Celebrate Community Family Day is such a special event for us at the museum," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's director of education. "We feel very fortunate to be a part of a community with so many amazing organizations working to enrich the lives of Pleasanton and Tri-Valley residents."

Tomorrow's event will include sights and sounds of the African continent, with stations for making mud cloths, African inspired masks and shakers. Participants will also get to try their hand at face painting, playing with African toys, and exploring Africa's many types of musical instruments.

A community drum circle will

### Taste Africa

**What:** Family Day celebration brings sights, sounds and activities of the African continent

**Who:** Cheza Nami Foundation

**When:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 16

**Where:** Museum on Main, 603 Main St.

**Admission:** Free

be held at 11:45 a.m. and again at 12:45 p.m. An interactive performance by African music and dance artists will end the event, from 1:30-2 p.m.

Museum on Main holds Family Days on the third Saturday of the month from June to September as an avenue for children, parents and grandparents to enjoy hands-on



Museum on Main's Celebrate Community Family Day tomorrow will have activities for all ages, focusing on the continent of Africa.

COURTESY OF MUSEUM ON MAIN

learning opportunities together. Activities are free-of-charge, sponsored by Pleasanton North Rotary Club Foundation, the city of Pleasanton and the Cheza Nami Foundation.

No reservations are required.

"We feel honored to be able to partner and help spotlight one of these great organizations each year through our Celebrate Community

Family Day," Schaefer said.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. For more information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call 462-2776. ■

## Children's theater presents 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.'

Partnership brings popular tale to Firehouse stage

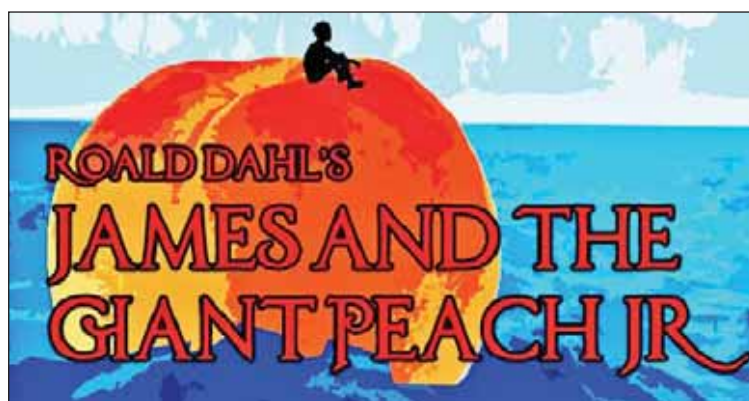
Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company is partnering with Bay Area Children's Theatre to open their 2017-18 season with Roald Dahl's popular children's tale, "James and the Giant Peach."

"We chose this show because of the toe-tapping, can't-help-but-sing-along, heart-warming music of the Tony Award winning team of (Benj) Pasek and (Justin) Paul, as well as the creative opportunities for use of the ensemble throughout the entire show," BACT education director Annie Clark said.

The adventure begins with young orphan James Henry Trotter, who lives with his two horrid aunts, Spiker and Sponge, in a remote place above England's White Cliffs of Dover.

Through a series of interesting events, James comes into possession of a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, bigger than his house. James joins the Giant Peach as it rolls, floats and soars around the globe, meeting a collection of larger-than-life singing insects that ride along, instigating laughs and mayhem along the way.

The actors, from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, range from ages 9 to 16. As is the tradition for Civic Arts Stage Company



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productions, the 46 students are split into two casts, for this production dubbed the "New York" and the "Dover" casts.

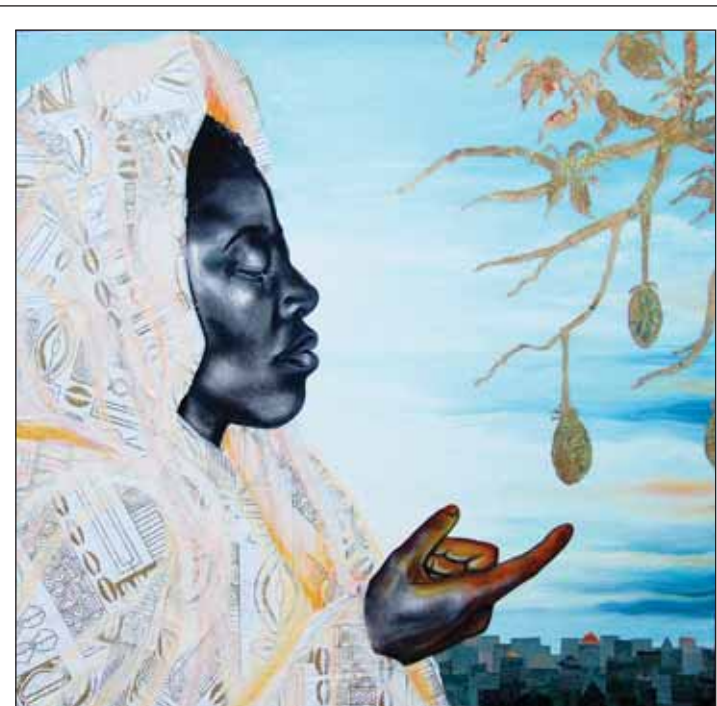
The play was adapted from Dahl's full-length children's novel, dedicated to his two oldest daughters. It was first published in 1961 to glowing reviews and marked the beginning of the British author's prolific career as a children's author.

In 1996 the animated film was released, featuring the voices of Simon Callow, Richard Dreyfuss, Joanna Lumley, Miriam Margolyes, Pete Postlethwaite and Susan Sarandon. David Wood's theatrical adaptation remains popular as well, playing continually across the UK.

The local production is directed by Robert Shyrook; with Seafus Chatmon-Smith as music director and sound supervisor; Sidney Spiegel, choreographer; Kat Pruyne, stage and production manager; Brooke Jennings, costume designer; Cassie Barnes, lighting designer; and Spencer Richardson, set designer.

The show runs from today through Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays; at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; children and seniors are \$7, \$10, \$13. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



NICOLE DIXON

### African art

"Soul Searching: The Spirit of Africa and the Diaspora Expressed by Contemporary Bay Area Artists" is on display at Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery from today through Oct. 14, with works including fiber art, masks and sculpture, painting and mixed-media. The exhibit runs in conjunction with Cheza Nami Foundation's Taste of Africa festival, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Firehouse. Also, a special youth event will be held 4:30-5:45 p.m. Sept. 28 for students to explore the exhibit then create their own African masks and landscapes in the art studio. The youth event cost is \$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents; visit [Pleasantonfun.com](http://Pleasantonfun.com).



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# Cultivating community

## Val Vista Community Park gardeners enjoy growing and sharing produce

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JULIA REIS

**“F**all is here!” It’s a few days after Labor Day and Patti Joki is taking in the signs of autumn evident around the community garden at Val Vista Community Park.

Corn stalks occupy one patch tended to by a local high school student. Another contains an abundance of butternut squash and sugar pie pumpkins.

Pleasanton residents have been gardening at Val Vista since 2006, when the city opened the community garden as part of its expansion of the park located at 7350 Johnson Drive. Comprised of seven 100-square-foot patches and 33 225-square-foot ones, the garden provides a space where residents can cultivate plants and produce for a

one-time deposit of \$75 and a yearly fee of \$55 for the smaller patches and \$110 for larger plots.

“It’s a wonderful time out here,” said Joki, the city’s community garden coordinator who herself has a patch at Val Vista. “It’s nice and quiet and it smells really good.”

The only city community garden, it currently has a waitlist of 17.

Plans are in the works for more public patches, however, as the City Council in March approved a contract with a Walnut Creek architectural firm to complete the Bernal Property Community Farm Master Plan. So far the city has identified four possible agricultural uses for 29 acres of its property west of Interstate 680 — a crops-only community farm, an orchard or vineyard, a

space for 4-H Club members to grow plants and a

spot for a small classroom building and garden that the Master Gardeners of Alameda County could use for teaching.

“Urban gardening continues to become more and more popular with the public,” said assistant city manager Brian Dolan. “I think it’s related to the farm-to-table movement, people’s increased interest in nutrition and just overall good health.”

Joki is among those who see the health benefits in gardening. The community garden coordinator since March 2016, Joki has also had a patch at Val Vista since the garden’s beginning. Currently she’s growing Cannellini beans, asparagus and banana squash among other crops.

Like many, her passion for gardening stems from childhood.

“When I was a kid, my parents had a garden in the side yard and I would always go out there and help,” Joki recalled.

When she moved to Pleasanton in 1999, she found her backyard was not conducive for gardening. So the addition of the community garden at Val Vista was welcome news.

“I love being in the outdoors and the ability to control what I eat,” Joki said. “The fact that I can grow organic food for my family in a nurturing environment is a huge plus.”

Val Vista gardeners are responsible for keeping their patch free of weeds and must take part in two cleanup days a year. They



JULIA REIS

Above: Flower patches are popular in the Val Vista Community Park community garden, located at 7350 Johnson Drive. Below: A basket of produce picked by Val Vista gardener Sabin Filip.

cannot use pesticides; rather they fight off insects by picking them off crops and planting ones that attract beneficial insects like bumblebees and flies that attack the eggs of invasive insects.

There’s diversity among both the crops and gardeners themselves at Val Vista. A high school student pursuing agriculture as a college major is growing corn and beans to donate to Open Heart Kitchen food pantry. A woman in her 80s uses old newspapers as mulch for her flower patch.

Family members also garden together at Val Vista. Sabin Filip often brings his daughter Vivien, 2, to the patch where he grows tomatoes, peppers, onions and other vegetables.

Though he has only had a patch at the park since last year, Filip has been gardening since his grandmother taught him as a child. Now the Val Vista community garden provides learning opportunities for his young daughter, who enjoys eating cherry

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# Survivor lends voice to prostate cancer initiative

Pleasanton resident Allen Larson speaking out for 'Many vs. Cancer'

BY JULIA REIS

Just over a decade ago, Allen Larson went to the doctor for his physical and learned through a blood test that he had prostate cancer.

What made the diagnosis all the more frightening was that Larson, who was living in Los Angeles at the time, was only 41 with his first child's birth a month away.

"Having a daughter coming and knowing there's a cancer growing inside of you is a scary thing," Larson, a Pleasanton resident who works in talent management, said in a recent interview.

Larson knew of the risk — his father had prostate cancer, as well — but had no indication before being diagnosed as prostate cancer is mostly symptomless, according to Prostate Cancer Foundation president and CEO Dr. Jonathan Simons.

There are several treatment options for prostate cancer depending on the stage at diagnosis, including radiation therapy and surgery. Larson opted for the latter, and the procedure took place in January 2008.

The surgery was successful, but Larson suffered complications afterward when reintroducing blood thinners he takes for a heart condition into his system. He had internal bleeding and his kidneys shut down.

"I told (my dad) he didn't have to worry because I'm a dad and I'm not going anywhere," Larson recalled.

It was a long road to recovery, but Larson has been cancer-free since the surgery and now says he's "in darn good shape."

As a prostate cancer survivor, he's



ALLEN LARSON Pleasanton resident Allen Larson was diagnosed with prostate cancer shortly before his daughter Amelie, now 10, was born. As a survivor he is speaking out for a new crowdfunding initiative for cancer research.

now serving as an advocate for the Prostate Cancer Foundation's new Many vs. Cancer initiative, a crowdfunding effort with a goal of eradicating prostate cancer over the next five years.

Through the Many vs. Cancer website, users can set up a fundraising page and invite family and friends to contribute. All funds raised support the foundation's research.

"The idea that they're getting closer to a cure every day and it's just a matter of getting funding to the right people is thrilling," Larson said. "This is a big deal."

With the Many vs. Cancer initiative, Larson is spreading the word not only about the importance of raising funds

to help find a cure for prostate cancer, but also the importance of getting tested. Men who are at average risk of prostate cancer and expected to live at least another decade should discuss it with their doctor at age 50; men at high risk — African Americans and those with a father, brother or son who were diagnosed younger than 65 — should discuss it at age 45, and at age 40 for those with more than one first-degree relative who had prostate cancer before 65, according to Simons.

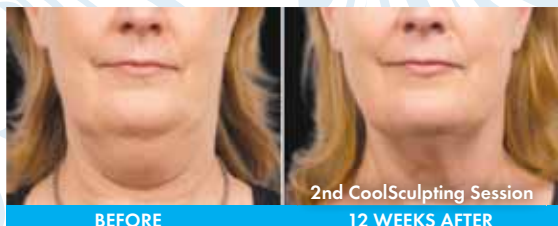
"Men need to get tested," Larson said. "Early detection makes all the difference."

For more information, visit <http://www.manyvscancer.org>. ■



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CHRISTINA GRAY

Local residents packed 59,832 meals for those in Texas impacted by Hurricane Harvey at the Kids Against Hunger facility in Pleasanton last weekend.

# 59,000+ meals for hurricane relief

Pleasanton residents join forces to support Texas in time of need

By JEREMY WALSH

Some 240 local residents young and old gathered at the Kids Against Hunger facility in Pleasanton last weekend to support fellow Americans in need in Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey — to the tune of over 59,000 meals.

“Watching the Hurricane Harvey news coverage on TV left me wondering how to help. I could see my young kids watch the news in horror as they saw babies being hoisted up into helicopters from flooded

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# Officials encourage residents to be ready for emergency

September marks National Preparedness Month

By JULIA REIS

From Hurricanes Harvey and Irma to the 8.1 earthquake in Mexico and wildfires in the western United States, recent disasters are serving as a reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness.

Federal officials are also reminding citizens throughout September as part of National Preparedness Month, offering tips and resources for homes, schools and businesses in the event of an emergency.

“This month we recognize that by educating the nation on how to prepare and respond to emergencies, we can save countless lives,” President Donald Trump stated in a proclamation recognizing National Preparedness Month. “Unfortunately, fewer than half of American families report having an emergency response plan. While we never know when the next disaster will strike, it is incumbent upon every American to be prepared.”

He continued, “Americans can start today to improve our readiness for the next disaster. The first steps include making and practicing a family emergency response plan, creating an emergency supply kit, and signing up for emergency alerts.”

The website [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september), run by the Department of Homeland Security, has information and suggestions for families, seniors, pet owners and more.

Here are some of their tips:

- **Sign up for local emergency alerts.** Pleasanton residents can sign up for alerts from the Pleasanton Police Department by getting their app, which is available for download on Apple and Android devices through the search term “Pleasanton police,” and for alerts from Alameda County by visiting <http://www.acgov.org/emergencysite/>.

- **Flood-proof important documents** by putting them in plastic bags or making digital copies.

- **Make an emergency plan** through a four-step process. Step 1 involves discussing with your household what the shelter plan is, how everyone will receive emergency alerts and warnings, the evacuation route and communication plan. Step 2 entails considering the specific needs of your household, such as medical and dietary requirements. Step 3 is to make a family emergency plan — a template is available at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan> — and the last step is to practice it.

- **Keep cash on hand.**

- **Put together an emergency kit** if you don't already have one. It should contain enough supplies for at least three days. Recommended supplies include water (one gallon per person per day), non-perishable food, a first aid kit, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight with extra batteries and more.

- **Participate in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.** The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire



LPPFD

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is offering CERT training again this year, with classes starting Oct. 2.

Department is offering CERT training beginning Oct. 2, with classes scheduled for 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 6 and Saturday Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are held at the city of Pleasanton's Operations Service Center and the LPPFD training grounds on Busch Road. Pre-registration is required by calling 454-2361 and space is limited. Classes are free and open to those who live and/or work in Pleasanton and Livermore.

The department will also host its annual **free fire safety expo** with a pancake breakfast, live firefighter demonstrations, training and more from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 14 at its Busch Road training grounds.

- **Make sure you know what your insurance policy covers** before an emergency. ■

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areas of Texas,” resident Christina Gray said. “I wanted to try and find a way that my kids could feel like they were an active part of helping the people of Texas.”

So Gray, a local photographer and author, reached out to Sherri Leal from the nonprofit Kids Against Hunger Pleasanton branch to help spearhead Saturday’s packing event.

The effort came together quickly.

After getting the green light, organizers had just six days to find volunteers to fund the effort and pack the meals, Gray said.

And Pleasanton residents answered the call.

Volunteers gathered in three separate packing groups Saturday to box meals for families in need in the hurricane aftermath.

Their goal was to pack 35,000 meals. By day’s end, they’d almost doubled it, finishing with 59,832. ■

**GARDEN**

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tomatoes when she visits.

“This is her playground,” Filip said. “The garden is a great tool for her to explore...it’s a good education for kids.”

Filip also finds gardening to be relaxing and fruitful. The last few months he’s grown enough of some vegetables that he hasn’t had to buy them at the grocery store and has taken to giving them away to coworkers.

“Sharing and meeting new people — that’s probably the best part of having a community garden,” Filip said.

Gardening has its challenges. Over the last few years those with plots at Val Vista have had to combat rodents, insects, drought, and more recently a rain-shortened growing season followed by unprecedented heat.

But they also have each other to trade tips and step in to water plants when someone’s out of town, Joki said.

“The sense of community is what this is all about — it’s a wonderful community here,” she said.

**Bernal community farm planning**

Since the City Council approved the start of work on the Bernal Property Community Farm Master Plan, the city has been gaining input from neighbors and potential users of the site. Based on their feedback, revisions are being made to the initial proposal presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission according to Dolan.

City officials tentatively plan to go back to the commission on this subject next month.

“It could take a number of meetings before they feel comfortable recommending something to the City Council,” Dolan said. “It’s not likely to get to the City Council for consideration until early 2018.”

He added that completion of the master plan will not necessarily mean an immediate start on construction.

“If it requires any capital investment, that will have to be considered in our capital improvement planning and then compared up against all competing demands on the city’s resources and prioritized by the Council,” Dolan said.

Anyone with questions or input can email Dolan at bdolan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■



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## Falcons start water polo seasons out with strong wins

Boys sweep Heritage and Livermore; girls overcome early 4-goal deficit

The Foothill varsity water polo teams opened their seasons with impressive wins last week.

On the boys' side, the Falcons opened their 2017 campaign against Heritage High School with a 17-11 victory. The game turned out to be the season-opener after the originally scheduled opener was canceled due to excessive heat and smoke.

Standouts for Foothill were Ryan Weiglein with five goals, Matthew Dotson with four goals and one

assist, and Nathan Williams, also with four goals and one assist.

Playing time was well mixed for all on the team and additional contributions came from Dylan Pottgieser (one goal, two assists), Sanjay Menon (two goals), Drake Southern (one goal, two assists) and Dylan Weiglein with two assists.

Harrison Carter led the defensive charge with seven saves in goal and Jacob Hvidt had two saves, splitting time in the cage. The

opening win gave the team much appreciated momentum heading into the next game.

The Falcons then beat Livermore 13-11. Livermore has become a friendly yet fierce rival, as many of the boys compete together during the club season and know each other well.

The teams traded goals throughout, but standing out was Dotson with his exceptional play at set, scoring five goals with three assists.

Williams continued his work-horse/team leader/playmaker ways with three goals, three assists and three steals. Also contributing were Southern with a pair of goals, Pottgieser with one goal, one assist and two steals, Dylan Weiglein with the first goal of the game from half-pool and Ryan Weiglein with the game clinching 13th goal from the one-spot on a man-up play.

Carter had 14 saves and one assist in goal.

On the girls' side, Foothill opened its season with a 13-10 come-from-behind victory over Livermore.

The Falcons fought back from a 6-2 deficit with great team offensive and defensive efforts. Five Falcons scored, led by senior Emily McElroy's four goals, followed by seniors Lauren Dennen and Erin Schafer with three goals each.

Senior Madison Weiglein had two goals and a team high five assists, with sophomore Beth Earle also scoring a goal.

Junior Samantha Ramirez led the defensive charge in the goal with 12 saves. ■



SUSAN WEIGLEIN

Emily McElroy led the Falcons with five goals.



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Pleasanton RADD B team cheers after winning gold in their division at the softball regionals.

## Pleasanton RADD athletes bring home gold

Both softball teams, skills competition stars earn medals

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) athletes returned from the Special Olympics Northern California softball regional competition last month with four gold medals and one team bronze.

The 10-player RADD B team led the way by sweeping all three games en route to winning the gold on Aug. 27 at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek.

The team featured Pleasanton residents Camellia Pinheiro, Evan Rutter, Scott Tanaka, Jennifer Thomas and Pete Voss, Livermore players Ryan Butterly, Marshal Fulk and Lauren Lenigan, and Castro Valley residents Jamie Gadbaugh and Dawn Nickles.

The day before, three RADD athletes shined in the individual skills competition, with each bringing home a gold medal: Adam Pinney of Pleasanton, and Lisa Burley and Charla Tracy, both from Castro Valley.

Also on Aug. 26, the RADD A team earned a bronze medal after going 1-2 in its three games. The team consisted of Steven Adkins and Joshua Layman of Pleasanton; Greg Neves and Jason Paasch of Dublin; and Adam Alhathani, James Burton, Jesse Eichensehr, Jake Kaufman, Harrold Seales and Mason Trevisano of Castro Valley.

In all, the two-day competition featured several hundred top Special Olympics athletes from across Northern California, showing off their softball skills amid triple-digit heat, RADD coach Kay King said.



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Pleasanton RADD skills athlete Adam Pinney celebrates his gold medal performance at the softball regionals.

Tri-Valley REACH for Special Adults, a longtime supporter of RADD, outfitted each player with new baseball caps for this season, as well as sponsored the traditional after-competition awards pizza party at New York Pizza in Pleasanton, King added.

In other news, the city will be celebrating RADD's 30 years in Pleasanton with an event at the Senior Center this evening. It begins with a short program on RADD's history at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing for RADD participants, their family and their friends at 7 p.m.

Registration remains open until 4:30 p.m. today. For more information, call 931-5373. ■



SUSAN WEIGLEIN

Junior Samantha Ramirez led the defensive charge in the goal with 12 saves against Livermore.

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## Music

**FOURTH FRIDAY FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** Sept. 22; 6-9 p.m. Farewell to 4th Fridays. Free live music. Bring a picnic, enjoy a glass or bottle of Charles R wine available for purchase. Lisa Marie Johnston singer-songwriter, blends country, Americana and blues into a unique style. Johnston represents a new breed of independent artists as a fully self-managed, self-funded recording artist and self-published songwriter. Las Positas or Patterson Pass Road to Greenville Road. Charles R Vineyards.

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**A BEWITCHING FETE** Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. One of a kind Halloween art and oddities Sept. 22 and 23. Vintage Halloween collectibles; show raises money for charity by auctioning pieces donated by participating artists. One hundred percent of the auction proceeds go to help the animals of local no-kill shelters. In attendance will be artists

that have worked in Hollywood creating Halloween characters. Soft sculpture artists, wood carvers, vendors of curious goods and oddities, sculptural arts, ceramics. More info call: 916-705-2284. [www.abewitchingfete.com](http://www.abewitchingfete.com)

## Talks & Lectures

**TRI-VALLEY WRITERS** Scott Thomas Anderson, award-winning journalist, presents "The Future of Reading and Writing in the Coming Digital Age" at 2 p.m., Saturday. Cost for members \$12, non-members \$17. Check-in 1:30 p.m. Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road.

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## Food & Drink

**AAUW WELCOMING LUNCHEON** L-P-D Branch American Association University Women hosts 65th Anniversary Welcoming Luncheon for current and prospective members from noon to 3:00 pm Sept. 18, at Lynewood Methodist Church.

## Lessons & Classes

**KURUKULA EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN** 2017 Classes: Ages 10-14, Mom and Girls Middle School Prep. Girls and Moms Basic

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**LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY** Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15-20 minute consultations. Appts are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names selected at 5:50 p.m.. Call 931-3400, ext. 7. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

## Health & Wellness

**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP** If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in Conference Room 112 at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. For more information, [www.eastbayet.com](http://www.eastbayet.com) or call 487-5706 or email [eastbayet@comcast.net](mailto:eastbayet@comcast.net).

**WALK 'N' TALK TOGETHER** Walk 'n' Talk Together. Explore Pleasanton city parks and trails, plus more destinations, with World Walk to Wellness, local group of friendly people who like to start the weekend by walking 'n' talking together for an hour or two on Sat mornings. Sign up for free weekly e-newsletter to learn destinations: [walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org](mailto:walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org). Varies by week.

**RADD PROGRAM** City of Pleasanton will be celebrating RADD (Recreation for Adults with Developmental Disabilities) Program. Dancing for RADD participants and their friends and families will begin at 7:00pm. The RADD program is designed for people ages 15 and above with developmental disabilities. RADD's mission is to provide equal opportunity for personal growth for individuals with development disabilities through recreational activities and community involvement. Phone 925-931-5373. Registration for this event through today until 4:30pm. Pleasanton Senior Center.

**ADDICTION RECOVERY AND MEDITATION - REFUGE RECOVERY** Refuge Recovery is a mindfulness-based addiction recovery community that practices, utilizes Buddhist philosophy and meditation as the foundation of the recovery process. Those struggling with any addiction benefit when they are able to understand suffering while developing compassion for pain. \$5 suggested donation Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets - by stage.

## PET OF THE WEEK



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**FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY 2017** Fall Prevention Awareness Day 2017, Senior Support Program Offices, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn from Stanford Health Care/Valley Care experts on how to reduce your risk of falls. Other events include nutrition demos, exercise demos, chance to win prizes at our raffle wheel.

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY NAMI** Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 114. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Marsha McInnis at 980-5331 or [marsha@nami-trivalley.org](mailto:marsha@nami-trivalley.org).

**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 that are part of each grief journey and we will explore them in this 8 wk series of workshops. One-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space limited, pre-registration required. Call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708 for more information. requested donation St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

## Seniors

**MEN OF BREAKFAST** Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest. Call 931-5369.

## Teens

**TEEN BOOK CHAT** Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Sept. 16, 2-3 p.m. High school students encouraged to join monthly book chat meetings, one Saturday a month. Register at the Info Desk and select a title to read from

books available (selection varies month to month). Read and prepare a short talk for the group. Each person will present their book, and group can ask questions. Instructions for book talk given when you pick up a title. After the meeting, the book is yours to keep! 925-803-7252

## Business

**ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING** Pleasanton is known as a city of planned progress, resulting in a community that successfully integrates a thriving residential population within a robust business environment. Companies choose Pleasanton for its competitive advantages as highlighted in our Pleasanton Economic Assets report. Third Thurs. of the month at 7:30 a.m. Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton.

## Religion and Spirituality

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

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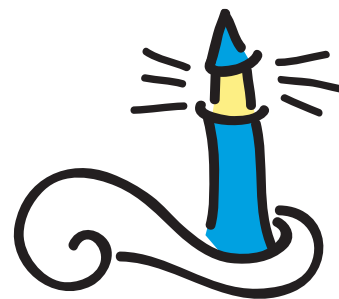
**From Pleasanton to Pinecrest:** Jeff and Robin Zolfarelli, Bob and Deb Cilk, Rich and Natalie Martin, and John and Marianne Sensiba escaped Pleasanton and ventured to Pinecrest, to ring in last new year. All four couples are Pleasanton residents, so naturally the Weekly was present.

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### 245 Miscellaneous

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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Zachary's Chicago Pizza  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 534068

The following person doing business as: Zachary's Chicago Pizza, 337 Maint St. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Kevin Suto, 5801 College Ave. Oakland, CA 94618. This business is conducted by Kevin Suto, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Aug 7, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Kevin Suto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 7, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, and 15, 2017.)

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): JIM SHEHS ENTERPRISES, INC., 2601 BLANDING AVE, STE D, ALAMEDA, CA 94501. This business is conducted by JIM 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)

COLOR THEORY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 534822

The following person(s) doing business as: COLOR THEORY, 4667 3RD STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY is hereby registered by the following owner: CARLY BUNTIN, 4667 3RD STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by CARLY BUNTIN, AN INDIVIDUAL. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on AUGUST 29, 2017. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: CARLY BUNTIN, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, SEPTEMBER 15, 22, 29 AND OCTOBER 6)

VAANHU  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 534273

The following person doing business as: VAANHU, 4847 Hopyard Road, Suite 4143, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ethel Matshiya-Law, 2 Benmore Drive, Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by Ethel Matshiya-Law, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein August 14, 2017, under the fictitious business name listed herein VAANHU. Signature of Registrant: Ethel Matshiya-Law, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 14, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, September 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 2017.)

QUALITY CUSTOM BUTTONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 535194

The following person doing business as: QUALITY CUSTOM BUTTONS, 4181 AMBERWOOD CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA, 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: SHERRY SORMAN, 4181 AMBERWOOD CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by SHERRY SORMAN, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on SEPTEMBER 11, 2017. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: SHERRY SORMAN, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, SEPTEMBER 15, 22, 29 AND OCTOBER 6)



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 Sun 1-3 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

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 Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

### Danville

**5 BEDROOMS**  
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 Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto & Debra Allen 251-2536

### Dublin

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**7781 Chantilly Drive \$549,800**  
 Sat 12-3/Sun 1-4 Brian Cullen 872-1722

### Fremont

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**46560 Sentinel Drive \$2,349,950**  
 Sat/Sun 1-5 Joseph Sabeh, Jr. 415-385-6442

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**2382 Castillejo Way Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**1122 Tewa Court \$2,498,950**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Joseph Sabeh, Jr. 415-385-6442

### Livermore

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**6133 Fieldstone Drive \$750,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Nancy Terpening 570-4003

**6475 Ramblewood Place \$899,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Miranda Mattos 336-7653

**525 Saddleback Circle \$699,888**  
 Sun 1-4 Cathy Dean 200-4130

**1259 Shelburne Road \$715,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Sean Leggat 899-6087

**4 BEDROOMS**  
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 Sun 1-4 Kathleen Waelde 321-3169

**2632 Gelding Lane Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Miranda Mattos 336-7653

**2307 Tapestry Drive \$1,174,880**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Mary Anne Rozsa 963-0887

### Pleasanton

**2 BEDROOMS**  
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 200-0202

**4142 Peregrine Way \$848,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Jennifer Swalve 209-552-9806

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 Sat 1-4 Lois Cox 200-8495

**471 St. Mary Street \$1,700,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Gina Piper 200-0202

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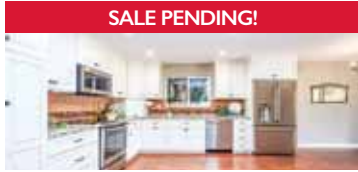
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