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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Chabad opens Jewish high holy days at new Pleasanton center

When Rabbi Raleigh Resnick blows the Shofar today at Rosh Hashanah services, he and the community Chabad he leads will be celebrating more than the Jewish high holidays. This joyous event marking the Jewish new year of 5778 is being held in the Chabad's new center for Jewish life at 3370 Hopyard Road, the building that once housed the Masonic Lodge of Pleasanton.



JEB BING

Rabbi Raleigh Resnick celebrates the opening of the new Chabad center for Jewish life that he leads at 3370 Hopyard Road.

I first met Rabbi Resnick 12 years ago at a 1st Wednesday Street Party on Main Street. Fresh from the more orthodox neighborhoods of New York City, he stood out in the summer crowd in his traditional dark suit and black hat. Yet his robust, joyful personality and determination to become an involved part of our Pleasanton community cemented friendships along the street. We've been close friends ever since.

Inspired by the teachings of their faith, Resnick and his wife Fruma came here to launch the Chabad of the Tri-Valley, which today serves as a unique center of Jewish life and education in the region.

They've been on a mission to provide a spiritual home for every Jew, whether reform, conservative, orthodox or unaffiliated, seeking out especially the thousands of Jews in the area who have never set foot in a synagogue despite their heritage.

They've also helped grow the numbers in Pleasanton. When I met the rabbi and his wife, there was just the two of them. Today, they have seven children: Malka, 9; Yaakov, 8; Shimi, 7; Mendel, 5; Mushka, 3; Riva, 2, and Rachmiel, almost 6 months old.

Before coming here, Resnick served Jewish communities in Tokyo and Bangkok. His charisma, combined with his musical talent, has helped to propel Chabad and the Tri-Valley's Jewish community into a highly visible presence with events ranging from holiday parades at Chanukah (Hanukkah), which this year will be held on Dec. 17, to public services in the Stoneridge Shopping Center, community luncheons and speakers and women's defense classes.

The Chabad will host a talk by Dr. Jacob Eisenbach, a retired dentist and Holocaust survivor, on Nov. 8,

which is open to the public. Resnick has even hooked-up with Livermore Valley winemaker Mitchell Katz to turn out some of the valley's esteemed vintages that quickly sold out.

"When we moved here, the Chabad we started in Pleasanton was only the third in the region," Resnick said. "Now there are 10. We are an independent nonprofit organization financed entirely by contributions from those who benefit, admire and respect our work. Our support is generated by the community and remains here."

Earlier this week, Resnick joined volunteers and a construction crew to complete initial renovations on the former Masonic Lodge building, and then led the Chabad's first service there Wednesday night at the start of Rosh Hashanah.

That concludes tonight after several services during the day. Yom Kippur services, which will end the week-long Jewish High Holidays, will be held at 6:35 p.m. next Friday, with a "Break Fast" at 7:45 p.m. next Saturday (Sept. 30).

Unlike more traditional synagogues and reform Jewish congregations, which have members and often charge for high holy week services, Resnick's Chabad is more of an assembly of Jews regardless of background or affiliation. Although there's a charge for luncheons and special events (\$15 to hear Eisenbach, for instance), Chabad services and youth programs are free and open to all, Resnick points out. ■

About the Cover

Kathy Martin of Pleasanton straightens a photo of her daughter, Tricia, who died five years ago by suicide. Kathy wants to increase awareness and prevention of suicide, and a group of Tricia's friends will participate in the annual Out of the Darkness Walk Oct. 14 in Oakland to support the cause. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND DOWNTOWN

How would you react if you suddenly bumped into someone who looked like they could be your identical twin?



Sue Worth

Sourcing manager

I’ve heard everyone has a doppelganger somewhere, so I would be really excited to finally meet mine. I would say hello and introduce myself, and ask to hear about her life and her background to see if maybe there is a connection somewhere down the line.



Steve Worth

Customer service

I think initially I’d be shocked and do a double-take. But then I think I would approach the person and try to engage him in conversation and find out about his life a bit, without seeming too intrusive.



Gil Rojo

Finance

I’m pretty sure my initial reaction would be to exclaim, “Lord help us all, there’s two of us!” After that I would approach the person because I’d love to know if we shared other similarities aside from our outward appearance.



Sylvia Rojo

Dog walker

I would think my dad has some explaining to do or that perhaps she was a distant relative. I’m not sure if I would want to approach and talk to her.



Yvonne Franks

Retired

I’d be a bit shocked. I’d hope they would approach me. It would be a very interesting fluke. I think there are probably more people out there who resemble one another than we think.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

VA Mobile Medical

The city and the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care system are teaming up with Veterans Connect @ the Library to offer free examinations, resources, consultations and referrals to military veterans next week.

No appointment is necessary for the VA Mobile Medical event, scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Medical team and enrollment specialists will also be on hand to help Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans learn more about new benefits available to them.

Veterans who are not currently in the VA system should bring an extra copy of their DD-214 discharge papers to attach to their enrollment form, as well as a list of medications for the doctor to review.

For more information, contact Julie Eseltine at the library at jeseltine@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 931-3400, ext. 4.

Fall Festival

Alviso Adobe Community Park is set to hold its fourth annual Fall Festival this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the city park at 3465 Old Foothill Road.

The free event includes an authentic Californios music and dance by the California Fandango Project, a live animal display by local 4-H members, a visit from Fiona (the park's life sized, fiberglass milking cow), food and crafts, games and activities.

The festival will also include hands-on activities and presentations from the adobe's three distinct time periods: Ohlone, Californio and Meadowlark Dairy. Fun demonstrations include apple cider pressing, adobe brick making and ice cream churning. A taco vendor will also be onsite.

A novel survey

Pleasanton Unified School District is looking for input from current students and alumni on novels that middle and high school teachers are considering for classroom instruction.

Feedback can be shared through a brief online survey available through tonight at <https://form.jotform.us/72337991421156>.

"A major goal of collecting input is to select diverse texts that fully represent our PUSD student body (in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, class, age, ability, religion, place, immigration status or LGBTQ identity)," PUSD officials said.

The survey is anonymous, but information gathered will be shared publicly as a summary. ■

City Council endorses roadwork financing agreement with Costco

City poised for public review of full JDEDZ proposal, with eye on final vote this year

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council has given its formal endorsement to a plan for funding key roadwork around where Costco wants to add its third Tri-Valley warehouse store, a highly visible spot near the I-580/I-680 interchange.

The 4-0 vote at the end of a 1-1/2-hour special meeting Monday sets the stage for further public vetting of the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) proposal that would establish rules for how the wholesale retail

membership store and other developments could open on the north end of town.

"I think this is good for Pleasanton, and I've supported it from the beginning," Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin said Monday evening at the Pleasanton Civic Center. "We have a responsibility in this city to grow our economic development, and this is a great opportunity for us."

"I just see this as a straightforward decision, particularly since I think the voters — the residents, a majority of them — have said, 'We want

Costco; what are you waiting for,'" Councilwoman Kathy Narum said.

"I think I can support this ... but I struggle with it because it is setting a new precedent," Councilwoman Karla Brown said before voting in favor.

"I'm going to do what I believe most citizens in this town want, and I will support it," added Brown, who expressed apprehension about the financing proposal when the council first discussed it last month.

Councilman Arne Olson also offered strong support for the deal

during the discussion that took place without Mayor Jerry Thorne, who recused himself after previously owning Costco stock in a retirement fund earlier in the JDEDZ consideration process.

The centerpiece of the financing is a sales tax sharing agreement to cover a portion of the roadwork cost, which sees Costco front the city \$6,785,000 in cash for the infrastructure work and the city repaying the money with 40% of the sales tax

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LORI RAUN

The Zone 7 board last month unanimously authorized spending \$2.85 million more toward bank stabilization work underway in the 7800 block of Foothill Road.

Zone 7 board OKs new program, more funding for erosion work

Crews striving to finish bank stabilization before rainy season

By JULIA REIS

In the wake of significant erosion in Pleasanton's Verona Reach neighborhood earlier this year, the Zone 7 Water Agency has started a new program offering administrative support to private landowners who could use help with flood protection-related projects.

The agency's Board of Directors last month adopted a resolution to create the program, which will enable Zone 7 staff to provide expertise when requested to pursue grants and partnership

opportunities for local private properties without a Zone 7 easement or other agency property interest.

At the same meeting, the board unanimously authorized spending \$2.85 million more toward bank stabilization work underway in the 7800 block of Foothill Road, bringing the total project cost to date to \$4.55 million including contingency.

The additional funding was necessary to continue on with the project and a result of changes to the proposed repair design that

were mandated by state and federal regulators, Zone 7 staff told the board Aug. 16.

Directors expressed some frustration over the increased cost, but ultimately conveyed they understood it was necessary as the return of the rainy season looms.

"We need to do the most responsible thing we can do," board president John Greci said. "We can't just sit and argue or demand changes or a better design. We've got to proceed and use the

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Congestion easing on I-580 corridor

Falls to 24th in annual list of worst Bay Area commutes

By ERIKA ALVERO

For the second year in a row, Interstate 580 through Pleasanton did not make the top 10 list of most congested Bay Area freeway segments, according to an annual ranking compiled by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Data from the last few years seems to suggest that traffic has been improving for local I-580 sectors. The eastbound afternoon commute on I-580 from Eden Canyon Road to Santa Rita/Tassajara roads was the most congested, ranking 24th in the Bay Area.

Last year, the westbound morning commute on I-580 from San Joaquin County line to Hacienda Drive took 17th — an improvement from 2014 and 2013, in which the same commute came in at eighth and sixth, respectively. For both of those earlier years, the segment stretched from the San Joaquin County line to Santa Rita/Tassajara roads in Pleasanton/Dublin.

But this year, the westbound morning commute segment from the San Joaquin County line to Flynn Road in Livermore dropped to 40th on the MTC list, which reflects data collected throughout

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Tri-Valley paratransit study moving forward

Council also hears update on highway projects, approves commission appointments

By JEREMY WALSH

Work is progressing on a study to evaluate paratransit services in the Tri-Valley and consultants are on track to release recommendations for improvements early next year, according to a project update presented to the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night.

The “Mobility Forward” paratransit analysis, a partnership between the city and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), is looking at service delivery in the region now and how to meet those demands in the years ahead, including possibly consolidating efforts between the two agencies.

“At this point, I really say that all options are on the table,” Richard Weiner, from Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc., told the council members during their regular meeting Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

The city provides paratransit services for Pleasanton seniors who are 70 years old or older and for adults with disabilities. The services include door-to-door transportation and group trips Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LAVTA, which provides paratransit for Livermore, Dublin and unincorporated Tri-Valley through its Wheels Dial-A-Ride program, also fills Pleasanton Paratransit Services’ off-hours gap or steps in when Pleasanton has reached maximum capacity during normal hours.

Unlike Pleasanton’s service,

LAVTA Dial-A-Ride paratransit only offers rides to disabled adults, but the daily service window is longer, from 4:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Earlier this year, the city and LAVTA decided to partner on a consultant study to evaluate paratransit services in the Tri-Valley. The overall contract with Nelson/Nygaard is worth a maximum \$170,125, with the city’s share at just over \$59,500 base plus about \$5,950 for contingencies, according to Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager.

So far, the consultants and agencies’ staff have created a dedicated webpage on the study, compiled and analyzed service data, and collected stakeholder and community input, among other tasks.

The consultants have found that residents who use Pleasanton paratransit are very happy with the service, but ridership has been down in recent years, dropping from 11,696 annual trips in 2011-12 to 7,130 trips last fiscal year, according to Weiner.

On the flip side, operating costs have increased during that same timeframe. Weiner said the city’s service now costs \$68 per passenger trip compared to \$39 in 2011-12 — and the current \$37 rate for LAVTA’s Wheels Dial-A-Ride.

For Pleasanton, passenger fares cover less than 5% of total operating costs, according to Weiner.

“Absolutely, that has to be one of the objectives, to reduce those costs,” he said. “And there are

innovative ways of doing that, even if it isn’t the same kind of service per se.”

In addition to high costs, other concerns for Pleasanton paratransit include driver retention, data reporting inconsistencies and the fact the city makes a significant contribution to fund the service, according to Weiner.

This fall, the consultants will develop paratransit service options for residents and stakeholders to review before compiling that feedback and creating recommendations for both agencies to consider early next year, according to Hopkins.

The Pleasanton council and LAVTA Board of Directors will then give direction about what alternatives to pursue, and the consultants will prepare an implementation plan for final adoption by next March, she added.

In other business

• Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) executive director Art Dao provided the council with updates on several key regional infrastructure projects spearheaded by his agency for the “Tri-Valley Triangle” — interstates 580 and 680 and Highway 84.

The list featured two Highway 84 projects: Segment 3 between Concannon Boulevard and Ruby Hill Drive and widening from Pigeon Pass to Interstate 680 including the highways’ interchange.

The \$105.4 million Segment 3



FILE PHOTO

Pleasanton Paratransit Services bus outside the Senior Center.

project, expected to be completed in fall 2018, involves widening the 2.4-mile stretch from two lanes to four lanes overall. The design and construction has been challenging given terrain, roadway alignment, soundwalls and other aspects, according to Dao.

The Pigeon Pass to I-680 project aims to add one travel lane in each direction, improve traffic flows at the highways’ interchange and extend the existing express lanes on I-680 by about two miles, among its key components.

The project, estimated to cost \$220 million, is currently in the environmental review stage that should be completed by next summer, Dao said. Final design is estimated to be completed in winter 2020, with construction to follow until winter 2023.

Funding is in place for about \$140 million of the project, leaving just over \$80 million currently unfunded. The project is included in expenditure plan for money generated by Bay Area bridge toll hikes approved by legislature and possibly headed to voters next year,

which could fill that funding gap, he added.

The presentation also included information on the I-680 express lanes south of Pleasanton including the Sunol Grade, planned I-680 express lanes from Highway 84 to Alcosta Boulevard in Dublin, and the I-580 express lanes through Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore that opened last year.

• As part of its 10-item consent calendar, the council unanimously ratified Mayor Jerry Thorne’s selections for positions on six city commissions and committees, a list led by reappointing incumbent Greg O’Connor to the Planning Commission.

Other seats included Zarina Kiziloglu to Housing Commission, Stephanie Pellegrino and Isabelle Morales (youth member) to Civic Arts Commission, Kavya Subramaniam as Human Services Commission youth member, Keshav Patel as Parks and Recreation Commission youth member, and promoting David Fisch to a full seat and naming Sharon Piekarski as an alternate to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee. ■

Horse racing returns to fairgrounds

Live fall horse racing is back at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton for the second year in a row, with races continuing today through Sunday and next Friday through Sunday. Post times are 2:15 p.m. on the Fridays and at 1:45 p.m. every other day. A free racing seminar will occur each day. Special event highlights this weekend include the Sip, Savor and Wager Wine Festival and Derby Dog Dash on Saturday and the Poker Run Motorcycle Ride to the Races on Sunday.



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

EBRPD names new fire chief

Rick Seal spent last 25 years in San Jose

Richard “Rick” Seal, who’s been with the San Jose Fire Department for 25 years, has been named the new fire chief of the East Bay Regional Park District, park district officials said.

Seal succeeds Dan McCormick, who retired in April.

“Chief Seal is a great fit for the East Bay Regional Park District and has significant experience with fire protection in an urban interface,” park district general manager Robert Doyle said in a statement.

Park district officials said Seal began his career as an emergency

medical technician in 1985 with the San Bernardino County Fire Department and then served as a paramedic with Santa Clara County before joining the San Jose Fire Department in 1990.

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Pleasanton QA firm acquires Bay Area crowd-testing company

‘We now have multiple ways of working with our customers to bring them value’

By JEREMY WALSH

QASource, a leading quality assurance service provider for the software industry with its headquarters in downtown Pleasanton, recently announced the purchase of MyCrowd QA, a three-year-old San Francisco crowd-testing company.

The acquisition, terms of which were not disclosed, aims to allow the Pleasanton firm to offer its clients new services — crowd-sourced testing using real people on multiple devices and networks worldwide — while also adding new customers and serving its clients with a new engagement model, QASource officials said in a statement.

“Strategically, this acquisition of MyCrowd QA allows us to serve our customers better,” said Rick Rampton, head of client success. “They may have needs that are geographically specific like retail

stores, for example, or that require customer feedback on products or apps using different networks and integrations. We now have multiple ways of working with our customers to bring them value.”

With headquarters at 73 Ray St., QASource focuses on software quality assurance outsourcing services with an onshore/offshore model that combines technical professionals in India with United States-based management. The firm also embeds project leads in clients’ engineering departments with the goal of avoiding risks often associated with remote testing teams, according to Rampton.

Founded in 2002, QASource has evolved into an internationally recognized firm with more than 700 professionals and clients ranging from startups to Fortune 500 companies. ■

State Senate approves Glazer bill on school districts' rainy day reserves

Legislation would loosen restrictions established in 2014

By JULIA REIS

Legislation co-authored by local State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) that would loosen restrictions on school districts' rainy day reserves has been sent to Gov. Jerry Brown following unanimous approval from the State Senate.

Jointly authored by State Sen. Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) and Glazer — whose district includes Pleasanton — Senate Bill 751 passed 39-0 on Sept. 14. Supported by the California School Board Association, it would eliminate for most small school districts a reserve cap approved by the State Legislature in 2014.

"I would like to see the cap on school reserves completely repealed, but this measure improves upon current law," Glazer said in

a statement. "I encourage school districts to continue to prepare for a rainy day, which will come eventually."

In 2014, legislation was approved that limited school districts' rainy day reserves to 6% of their overall budget under certain circumstances.

The bill passed last week would get rid of that cap for most small school districts and limit when the state could impose a new 10% reserve limit on other school districts.

This is not the first time Glazer has authored legislation on this issue. In 2015 he and Hill were among 16 State Senate and Assembly members who co-authored SB 799, which sought to allow school districts to save 17% of their budget for economic downturns. ■

City seeks volunteers for library program

Booklegger training begins Tuesday

By JULIA REIS

The city of Pleasanton is looking for volunteers for its Booklegger library program, which promotes reading for fun and lifelong library use to local children.

"Bookleggers extend our reach dramatically, encouraging students to discover new books and informing them about library services," said Chris Spitzel, children's librarian and Booklegger coordinator at the Pleasanton Library.

Booklegger volunteers give book

presentations in PUSD elementary and middle school classrooms and determine the dates and times of their visits.

Fall training will be held every Tuesday from 9:15-11:45 a.m. for nine weeks beginning this Tuesday. After training, volunteers are asked to visit six to 12 classrooms per semester for at least one school year.

For more information, contact Spitzel at 931-4426 or visit <http://bit.ly/pleasantonbooklegger>. ■

FIRE CHIEF

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Seal was promoted to be a fire captain in 1996 and was promoted to be battalion chief of special operations in 2011.

Seal was awarded a Class A Medal of Valor, the San Jose Fire Department's highest award, in 1998.

"Chief Seal was selected after an extensive search," said

Anthony Ciaburro, the park district's interim chief of public safety.

"Chief Seal's leadership,



Rick Seal

education, professionalism, and experience with fire protection in a wildland and urban interface made him the clear choice for the position," Ciaburro said.

Park district officials said that as the district's fire chief Seal will be a steward of the environment who is committed to the multi-faceted nature of the district, which includes lifeguard services, fire hazard reduction, and management of full time and on-call emergency responders.

Seal began working in his new post on Aug. 14.

The East Bay Regional Park District is a system of public parks and trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News

COSTCO

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revenue generated by the Costco until the debt is repaid — a first-of-its-kind funding strategy for Pleasanton, but one used by other cities.

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 city officials plan to use those funds to pay down their debt to Costco.

The other portions of the financing deal, to pay for roadwork design and construction, call for \$6.4 million to be paid by city traffic impact fee (TIF) reserves and \$6,785,000 in a separate cash payment from Costco as part of its developer fee package.

The pending roadwork includes Stoneridge Drive and Interstate 680 northbound onramp improvements, Johnson Drive widening, work at the Johnson-Stoneridge intersection, and new traffic signals at Johnson and Commerce Circle and Johnson and Owens Drive (north).

Since they deem the road improvements necessary to accommodate increased vehicular traffic caused by Costco and other JDEDZ businesses, city officials did not want to proceed with JDEDZ consideration without a funding plan in place. The city estimates design and construction costs at \$19.97 million and \$1.5 million for right-of-way acquisitions.

To cover the nearly \$6.8 million ultimately covered in the tax sharing agreement, city officials also considered borrowing internally from city-controlled funds, taking out a bank loan or doing nothing and abandoning the JDEDZ at this time.

The balance due to Costco will be subject to 1.5% annual interest, and the 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement would remain in place until the balance is paid off with a maximum period of 25 years.

The proposed term sheet — an initial agreement between city staff and Costco officials — was unveiled publicly just under a month ago. The four participating council members weighed in during a public workshop Aug. 29, with all but Brown expressing clear support at that time.

The council also asked city staff to iron out a few remaining details with Costco officials before returning for final direction on the financing plan.

Those changes, now incorporated into the term sheet, included stating the city would not have to pay back its outstanding balance to Costco if the Pleasanton store closes for any reason. The debt would also be forgiven if the city still has a balance remaining after 25 years of payments, indicating the Costco store under-performs compared to current estimates.

City staff also added disclaimer language early on in the agreement that "execution of the term sheet does not supersede the city's land-use entitlement process or guarantee development rights to Costco or

any other entity."

The updated financing proposal met with mixed response from the nine speakers who commented to the council Monday evening in the council chamber.

Scott Raty, on behalf of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, urged the council to approve the deal, saying it would "enable the timely construction of transportation improvements to Stoneridge Drive and I-680 ramps while generating substantial new tax revenue to the city of Pleasanton and will indefinitely help fund many public services that we equate to quality of life here."

Resident Frederick Johnson worried about increasing traffic around an oft-jammed freeway interchange, especially during commute hours. "The traffic now in that period of time is a disaster," he said. "If 580 and 680 are at capacity now, I just don't understand the logic."

Josh Shumsky, representing a hotel development firm working to purchase land in the JDEDZ, said they are eager to see the proposal move forward and they plan to submit project applications to the city right after full JDEDZ approval.

Resident Alejandra Lopez was one of several to urge the council to deny the proposal for giving Costco too much financial support from taxpayers and instead "let Costco pay their fair share."

The council also heard that local advocacy group Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth retained consultant firm Civic Economics to conduct a third-party analysis of the financing deal.

Conclusions reached by the firm's Tulsa, Okla.-based partner Dan Houston include that the city's consultants used overly optimistic projections for Costco sales and underestimated the impact Costco would

have on sales tax revenue from existing Pleasanton businesses.

"We think you're seeing this through rose-colored glasses that people have given you to look at, and we would ask that you look at it through data instead," Houston said, urging the council to hold off on final consideration and take more time to analyze the proposal and statistics.

Council members weren't swayed by comments from Houston or other detractors Monday evening, with all four opting to support the financing deal.

The council's vote technically only authorized staff to proceed with finalizing the term sheet to include as part of the final JDEDZ proposal for future consideration, so ultimate approval of the deal would come with adoption of the JDEDZ.

The move Monday also advanced the JDEDZ forward for new public consideration, a process that was set to get underway with an Economic Vitality Committee discussion on Thursday.

The Planning Commission is expected to hold at least one meeting on the proposal next month before making a recommendation to the council, which is expected to hold one or more meetings on the JDEDZ before taking a final position by the end of the year.

The four council members also agreed Monday that they would be open to allowing two hotels, with a maximum of 231 rooms overall, to begin operating in the JDEDZ before all roadwork is completed.

"If we can develop the roads up to the hotels, then I would support bringing those hotels forward," Brown said. "I want the \$1.8 million to help pay down the road and infrastructure costs as soon as possible." ■

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EROSION

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best techniques we've got."

Back in March, the board approved \$1.7 million for emergency repairs to an eroding slope threatening homes on Foothill Road after hearing from emotional residents who requested that the agency step in and help.

The issue was brought to their attention by the Belshe and Raun families, next-door neighbors on Foothill who lost much of their creekside backyards amid heavy winter rains. A gradual change in the configuration of the Arroyo de la Laguna — which homeowners have asserted is a result of development upstream — created an s-turn that propelled water toward their properties and caused ground to erode away.

The erosion turned the vegetated slope fronting their properties into a cliff. Alarmed by how quickly their backyards were eroding, the homeowners contacted Zone 7 for assistance in late February.

The Belshe and Raun properties are among nine parcels on Foothill Road that, along with the arroyo, Zone 7 holds an easement for. The easement gives Zone 7 the right to "construct, maintain, operate, inspect, and repair flood control facilities and appurtenances," but up until March the agency had never undertaken projects there. The creek within that area is owned by the residents themselves.

Upon hearing about the erosion, Zone 7 staff filed an emergency permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, doing so thinking that either its agency or the city of Pleasanton would step up as the homeowners' local sponsor for federal



LORI RAUN

Crews have been working to finish bank stabilization work along the Arroyo de la Laguna before the return of the rainy season.

assistance. Zone 7 consultants also began surveying and design work necessary to obtain the permit.

Compelled by residents and city representatives who urged that these efforts continue, the board approved resolutions making Zone 7 a local sponsor for federal funding for repairs available through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and authorizing agency spending on such a project. Staff at the time said the program could provide up to 75% of construction costs, but the local sponsor or landowner must cover all other costs, including ongoing maintenance.

With direction from the board to proceed and an emergency permit in hand, Zone 7 staff on March 17 initiated an interim repair to guide the majority of the water toward the center of the channel and away from the eroded bank.

The incident was the inspiration for the new program for private landowners with flood protection concerns, according to Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig.

"Because there was so much damage this year, we had to declare the

local emergency and we don't have a lot of extra money in our flood funds," Duerig said. "So it was, 'How can we do something for these folks?'"

"By saying we'll be the public agency sponsor, we're getting these guys huge discounts and access to federal grants," she added.

But since the new program pertains to private parcels where Zone 7 has no property interest or easement, participants won't be eligible for funding from Zone 7. Actual project costs and ongoing maintenance will be left to the homeowners.

At last month's board meeting, residents expressed criticism of the proposed program.

One was Scott Alcaide, a resident of the 7100 block of Foothill.

He told the board his property — for which Zone 7 does not have an easement — has suffered erosion similar to what the Belshe's have experienced and that he understood from speaking to agency staff that his house could be eligible for an Environmental Protection Agency grant. He asked whether Zone 7 could front the grant money so he could possibly get repairs done on his property before the rain returns.

"I can't afford a million dollars — that's what it's going to cost to fix the bank," Alcaide said. "(The rain) now has actually done a significant

amount of physical damage and what I'm hearing is, 'We're not going to help you, even though we collect a lot of taxes pretty much for this purpose with this expectation.'"

"I read this proposal and you're not going to do anything," he continued. "You're basically going to leave me high and dry — or low and wet — and I don't know what to do about it."

Told that providing funding would not be possible, fellow Foothill Road resident David Raun addressed the board.

"I don't know how a private owner can go into that creek, get a vehicle in there, deal with a 50-foot cliff and everything — it's impossible," Raun said.

Later in the meeting, the board received an update on the bank stabilization project outside the Raun and Belshe homes, along with the request for additional funding.

Zone 7 staff explained that initial design options proposed for a permanent repair, including ones that involved supports made from large rocks or metal beams, were rejected by regulators who give out construction permits.

What did get approval was a design involving not only the slope in the 7800 block of Foothill, but also a vacant parcel across the creek at 3 Verona Way. Zone 7 used eminent domain to take possession of the property, contending it was necessary for stabilizing the arroyo.

The new design involves placing soil and rock inside geotextile fabric and wrapping it up like burritos, according to Zone 7 manager of integrated water resources Carol Mahoney.

"Basically you're putting soil

down and wrapping it inside of these 'burritos,' and as you lay those down, each one gets stacked on top of the next and the slope is built with these lifts of soil and geotextile fabric," Mahoney explained in a recent interview.

Once completed, the slope will be planted or seeded so grass can grow on top.

The expanded scope and new project design triggered cost increases, Zone 7 staff said. The more complex design requires more labor-intensive work and a biologist onsite during construction.

Zone 7 could ultimately be reimbursed anywhere between \$870,000 and \$1.56 million in state and federal dollars for the project.

Directors expressed frustration upon hearing of the increased costs.

"We go through so much problems trying to help people and it's not us, it's the federals," board vice president Jim McGrail said. "It

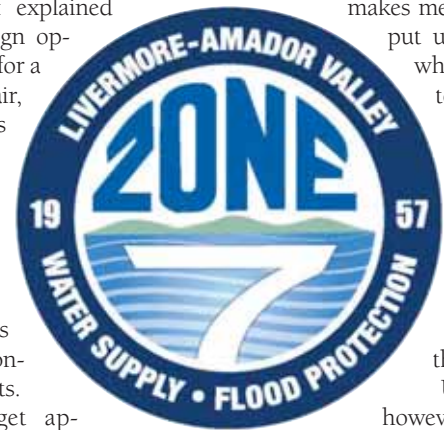
makes me sick that they put us through this when we're trying to help people."

Added director Bill Stevens, "Why are we spending \$5 million on this house? This whole thing stinks."

Ultimately, however they came to terms with the situation.

"Frankly at this point, what choice do we have?" said director Angela Ramirez Holmes. "This project has to be done and we're on a timeline. Perhaps we've learned some things for the future, but I don't see how we can pull back at this point."

Mahoney said workers have begun to build the geotextile fabric slope. The bulk of the work has to be completed by the end of October, as regulators won't allow heavy equipment in the creek during the rainy season. ■



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee
Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard

- Trails Master Plan Outreach and Engagement

Downtown Update
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information for this meeting

Committee on Energy and the Environment
Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Discuss Admitting Additional PACE Providers to Operate in Pleasanton
- Discuss Work Plan for Implementing and Updating the City's Climate Action Plan

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CONGESTION

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2016.

According to the MTC, Bay Area freeway congestion overall hit a new record in 2016, with congestion-related delays during weekday commute periods rising to 3.5 minutes per commuter per day, up 9% from 3.2 minutes the year before.

It was the fourth year in a row that Bay Area weekday congestion has hit a new high; the 3.5-minute figure reflects an increase of over 80% compared to 2010, when congestion delay was recorded as 1.9 minutes per commuter per day. "Congestion delay" is defined by MTC as time spent in traffic moving at speeds slower than 35 mph.

At the top of the MTC's list for the second year in a row was the afternoon trek northbound and

eastbound on Highway 101 and I-80 from the I-280 interchange in San Francisco to the Bay Bridge's Yerba Buena Island Tunnel.

Nine out of the top 10 worst commutes took place in the afternoon; the only morning segment to make the list was ranked No. 2, the westbound I-80 drive from Highway 4 in Hercules to Fremont Street in San Francisco, which suffers day-long congestion from 5:25 a.m. to 6:55 p.m.

Half of the top 10 and about one-third of the top 50 were in Alameda County.

"I think we need to look for marginal gains everywhere we can — ramp metering, express lanes, they all matter," said Scott Haggerty, Alameda County supervisor and MTC vice chair. "These smart investments have certainly helped in the I-580 corridor and will help

leverage our bigger investments in rail connectivity and dollars for highway infrastructure improvements that will continue to improve the commute through the Tri-Valley."

Only one segment on the top 10 list was in the Tri-Valley: the northbound I-680 afternoon commute from Crow Canyon Road in San Ramon to Contra Costa Boulevard in Pleasant Hill.

Others in the top 10 were south and west of Pleasanton, including northbound I-680 from Mission Boulevard to Andrade Road and northbound I-880 from Mowry Avenue to Winton Avenue.

"I'm hopeful we can also see 880 and northbound 680 drop off the Top 10 list as new Express Lane projects in these corridors come on line in the next couple years," Haggerty added. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

PPD: Gas station cleared after report of suspicious device

Authorities closed off a Pleasanton gas station for several hours last weekend while investigating a suspicious item that the local bomb squad eventually determined was a harmless anti-theft device.

The situation began around 9:15 a.m. Saturday when Pleasanton police received a report of a suspicious circumstance from a worker at the Chevron station at 5280 Hopyard Road, on the southwest corner of the Owens Drive intersection, according to Sgt. Chris Niederhaus.

The Chevron employee reported seeing someone get out of a vehicle, grab something from the trunk and carefully place it into a trash can near a gas pump before quickly driving away from the station, Niederhaus said. The worker said they heard a tone coming from the can.

Pleasanton police officers arrived at the gas station, looked inside the can and found a strange device with exposed wires, a red light and a loud audible tone, according to the sergeant.

Police immediately evacuated the Chevron and surrounding businesses while cordoning off the area,

Niederhaus said. Personnel from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Paramedics Plus and the Alameda County Bomb Squad later arrived on scene.

The bomb squad used a robot and a deputy wearing a protective suit to move around the trash can and expose the device, which was soon found not to be an explosive but rather an anti-theft device often seen attached to expensive items at retail stores, Niederhaus said.

Emergency personnel then left the scene, and the area was fully reopened by 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Niederhaus credited the Chevron employee for quickly reporting the strange device, saying it is important for people to remember to call police immediately if they notice anything suspicious.

In other news

- A motorcyclist who died Monday morning after a crash on Interstate 680 in unincorporated Alameda County near Sunol has been identified by the county coroner's bureau as 22-year-old Fremont man Eric Rich.

Rich died after crashing into the center divider on northbound Highway 680 near Koopman Road and Highway 84 at about 7:35 a.m. Monday.

Rich, for a reason yet to be determined, let his motorcycle drift into

the center median and strike the divider, CHP Officer Tyler Hahn said.

Rich was taken to Eden Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead, Hahn said.

The crash blocked northbound lanes of the highway until shortly after 10 a.m. that day.

- A pair of big-rig collisions that turned fatal on I-580 last week blocked traffic for nearly 10 hours near Castro Valley in unincorporated Alameda County, causing significant backups into the Tri-Valley.

The collision was reported just east of Eden Canyon Road at 4:10 a.m. Sept. 14, according to Hahn.

A black sedan collided with a big-rig, affecting the driver's ability to steer the vehicle. The first big-rig came to rest in the middle of the freeway and was subsequently struck by a second big-rig, Hahn said.

The man driving the second big-rig died as a result of the collision, according to Hahn. He's been identified as 62-year-old Maclovio Lopez of Roseville, according to the Alameda County coroner's bureau.

Personnel on the scene had to unload one of the trucks, which contributed to significant traffic delays.

Adding to delays in the area, Norris Canyon Road was temporarily blocked when a truck taking the road as an alternate to I-580 became stuck under a tree branch,

according to the CHP.

A Sig-alert was issued at 4:24 a.m. because all westbound I-580 lanes were blocked. It was finally canceled around 2 p.m. that day.

- The Pleasanton Police Department in recent days released photographs on social media showing people who allegedly used cards stolen from Pleasanton to make purchases elsewhere in the Bay Area.

The first incident took place between Aug. 6 and Aug. 10, when a Pleasanton resident's home was burglarized, with a Starbucks gift card among the items taken from the residence, according to police.

That gift card was later tracked to purchases subsequently made at a Starbucks shop in San Jose, police said. Surveillance footage shows the individuals using the card as a Hispanic man with multiple arm tattoos and a Hispanic woman with arm and chest tattoos.

Pictures related to these suspects are available on the department's Facebook page. Anyone with information about their identity can contact the department at 931-5100 and reference case No. 17-30479.

Police also put up on Facebook this week photos of a person who used a credit card stolen from a 24-Hour Fitness locker in Pleasanton to make multiple purchases at a Starbucks and Whole Foods in Dublin on Aug. 27.

Anyone with information on that suspect can call the department and reference case No. 17-33129.

- A 9-month-old pit bull was left in serious condition and had to undergo surgery after she was beaten last week, according to Alameda County sheriff's officials.

On Sept. 11, deputies were dispatched to the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin to investigate a report of animal cruelty.

According to the sheriff's office, the female puppy named Allie was repeatedly beaten with a weapon but was able to get away. Concerned citizens found her in serious condition and brought her to an emergency veterinary hospital.

The puppy suffered a fractured jaw, a missing tooth and extensive bruising on her back and hindquarters consistent with blunt trauma, sheriff's officials said.

Deputies later located and arrested 23-year-old Joshua Taddac of Hayward on suspicion of felony animal cruelty for Allie's injuries. Taddac was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sheriff's officials said Allie was taken into protective custody to be cared for by county animal services. She underwent successful reconstructive facial surgery two days later. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 17

Burglary

- 12:44 p.m. on the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle

Trespass/prowling

- 8:43 a.m. on the 4400 block of Bacon Court

Theft

- 4:20 a.m. on Bernal Avenue at Koll Center Drive

Sept. 16

Shoplifting

- 2 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 9:17 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 12:37 a.m. on the 5900 block of Case Avenue

Sept. 15

Assault/battery

- 7:41 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

- 8:43 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Theft

- 10:20 a.m., 1600 block of Laguna Hills Lane; theft from auto

- 11:12 a.m., 2800 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

- 3:52 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 7:29 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, theft from auto

- 8:04 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Vandalism

- 6:13 p.m. on the 200 block of Rachel Place

- 7:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Child abuse

- 2:56 p.m. on Mohr Avenue

Graffiti offense

- 11:43 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue at Clara Lane

Domestic battery

- 9:04 a.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Auto theft

- 2:39 a.m. on the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Sept. 14

Alcohol violation

- 10:39 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Blvd.

Theft

- 4:38 a.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 2:15 p.m. on the 4400 block of Seminole Way

- 3:18 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 3:32 p.m., 3800 block of Saratoga Way; theft from auto

- 6:39 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 8:22 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Drug violation

- 3:38 p.m. on Bernal Avenue at Vintage Drive

Commercial burglary

- 10:12 a.m. on the 700 block of Main Street

Sept. 13

Theft

- 12:13 a.m., 700 block of Rose Avenue; auto theft

- 1:37 a.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure

- 5:02 a.m., 5600 block of Owens drive; theft from auto

- 7:35 a.m., 3200 block of Harvey Court; theft from auto

- 10:30 a.m. on California Avenue; theft from auto

- 4:54 p.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from auto

- 5:32 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

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James "Jim" Robert Laing passed away from cancer at his son's home on August 17, 2017 in Livermore. He was 74 years old.

He leaves behind his children, son Robert Laing and his wife Diana of Livermore, his daughter Kathleen Schoening and her husband Clark of Georgetown, Texas; along with two beloved grandchildren, Emma Schoening and Ryan Laing.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, the son of Charles and Ruth Laing, he spent the last 38 years of his life in San Ramon.

He was a single dad who did the best for his children. He retired in his 50's to spend time with his family.

There will be no service. A private pizza and beer night will be held for family and close friends. The burial will be Pioneer Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Donations can be made in his name at Helping our Heroes <http://www.helpingourheroes.us>



PAID OBITUARY

Opinion

LETTERS

Keep BART along freeway

Dear Editor,

BART, since it opened its Tri-Valley line over 20 years ago, has turned all of its trains back just east of the Dublin-Pleasanton station.

The BART to Livermore project would move the turnback to east of Isabel.

There would be no more daily turnback moves at Isabel than there

have been for 20 years — at least until another BART route is added to downtown Oakland and the R Line.

There appears to be no valid requirement for a maintenance facility just to extend the BART line to Isabel.

Provide for three turnback tracks in a widened freeway median. The third track would provide operating flexibility if the line were extended later, opening the way for a train yard and maintenance facility at less cost and with fewer

environmental issues.

Until then, BART could continue turning trains back in the freeway median as it has done for 20 years.

Keep BART tracks in this project within a widened freeway median.

—Robert S. Allen

BART director District 5, 1974-88

Thanks for your support

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, please accept our thanks to those who braved the

record-high temperatures and attended the 152nd presentation of the Scottish Gathering & Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Labor Day weekend.

This was also our 24th year in Pleasanton, and by far the hottest. We did adapt our famous closing grandstand show with the massed bands — over 700 musicians on the racetrack — for the health and safety of the participants, and our efforts to keep everyone hydrated were appreciated.

We look forward to the

community's continued support in more normal weather conditions in 2018.

—Alan J. Purves

Past club chief and 24-year Pleasanton resident

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BY DENNIS MILLER

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Foothill volleyball dominates East County Invitational

Strong weeks for Falcons girls water polo, Dons cross country

The Foothill girls volleyball team had a great run last week, racking up a perfect 8-0 mark.

In East Bay Athletic League action, the Falcons won their three matches, beating Carondelet 25-20, 25-17, 22-25, 25-20; Dougherty Valley 25-22, 25-20, 25-22; and San Ramon Valley 25-19, 25-21, 25-14.

Then, over the weekend, the Falcons traveled to the East County Invitational and went 5-0 to bring home the Blue Division Championship.

In their pool-play, Foothill beat Liberty 25-19, 25-15; Miramonte 25-21, 25-21; and Berkeley 25-15, 20-25, 17-15 to advance to the semifinals.

There, they beat Northgate 19-25, 25-19, 15-11 to earn a spot in the championship match. The Falcons came home with the title in a thriller, beating California 32-30, 25-23.

Foothill was led by senior outside hitter Andreea Paduraru who finished the week with 100 kills,

67 digs and 44 service points, and senior libero Amaya Wilson who finished with 157 digs and 23 service points.

Following the tournament, Foothill stood 9-4 overall and 4-2 in EBAL play.

Girls water polo

The Foothill girls water polo team improved to 2-0 in league play by defeating Dougherty Valley 18-1 on Sept. 14.

Offensively, senior Madison Weiglein led the scoring with five goals, followed by seniors Emily McElroy and Erin Schaffer with four goals each. Five other Falcons scored, including senior Lauren Dennen (two), senior Meghan Hogue (one), junior Maddie Bolt (one) and sophomore Addie Sciammas (one).

Dennen and McElroy led the team with four assists each.

Dennen added nine steals and McElroy added six to lead the defensive dominance as the Falcons had a season-high of 24

takeaways. Sophomore Kaylee Dillon also contributed with a personal-best three saves in the goal.

The Falcons then traveled to Rocklin to compete in the 23rd annual Sierra Shootout, finishing the tournament in 12th place out of 64 teams.

Foothill first defeated McClatchy 7-3, with Dennen scoring four goals and contributing with four out of the team's 16 steals. Adding defensively was junior goalie Sam Ramirez with six saves.

Foothill then lost to Carondelet 8-4 in a close game. McElroy and Weiglein led offensively with three goals each and Bolt led defensively with four steals.

Foothill closed out Saturday with a 7-5 win over Marin Catholic and with the tandem of Weiglein assisting McElroy for four goals. Once again Foothill had strong defensive efforts with three steals apiece by Dennen and McElroy and two by Schaffer, as well as a great effort by Ramirez with four saves and a steal in the goal.

On Sunday, Foothill lost to Justin Siena 4-3, with the game being decided in the last seconds. The tournament wrapped up for the Falcons after a 8-6 loss to Lodi. Game highlights were Schaffer's team-high three goals and a solid defensive team effort of 11 steals by five players.

Cross country

The Amador Valley cross country team kicked off the season with strong performances at the



KARI DUKLETH

Foothill's Roman Sahagun rolls up field against Monte Vista during the Falcons' 42-14 win over the Mustangs last week.

Football

Monte Vista Invitational.

The Amador sophomore boys grabbed a first-place finish.

Top individual performance from the Dons included a first-place from Jack Gray in the sophomore race. Aiden McCarthy was third behind Gray. Juliette Fletcher was second in the senior girls' race.

Aiden Boyle was third in the junior boys' race, with a time that was second all-time for an Amador runner over the Monte Vista course. Derica Su was third in the girls' sophomore race to round out the top performances.

There were some mixed results for the local football teams in Week 4 of the prep football season.

Amador fell 27-7 to California, while Foothill picked up its first win of the season, thumping Monte Vista 42-14.

The Dons travel to Granada this week, with the Falcons hosting Dublin in their homecoming game. ■

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



DUSTY COLLINS

The Foothill Falcons varsity volleyball team celebrates after winning the East County Invitational.

TAKE US ALONG



Young Piscotty fan: Elijah Ahlgren went to Major League Baseball spring training in Florida with the Pleasanton Weekly's March 10 edition, which featured a cover profile of St. Louis Cardinals outfielder and Pleasanton native Stephen Piscotty. The MLB regular season comes to a close next weekend — almost not soon enough for the Giants and A's, who both struggled mightily this year.

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Out of the DARKNESS

Survivor says removing stigma, igniting discussion are keys to suicide prevention

By Gina Channell



Most people look forward to Fridays.

Kathleen "Kathy" Martin dreads them.

"I sit and watch the clock because I know the timeline," the longtime Pleasanton resident said, referring to the day her daughter, Tricia, died — a Friday, five years ago.

"It doesn't get any easier," Kathy said. "I still wait and pray she'll come home."

Patricia Martin, known as Tricia to her friends and family, died by suicide Sept. 14, 2012 at the age of 17.

Growing up in Pleasanton, as her mother did, Tricia made many friends at the schools she attended,

Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton Middle and Foothill and Village high schools.

A petite girl with a sprinkling of light freckles across her nose and cheeks and bright blue-green eyes, Tricia was "a very loving, kind, fun-spirited individual who liked to play jokes and pranks," her mother said. "And she was a giving person. Very giving."

"She loved to travel. She loved cruises," Kathy recalled. Kathy, Tricia and Tricia's father, Brian, spent many weeks aboard cruise ships and at Disneyland, one of Tricia's favorite vacation spots.

"But we saw two Tricias," Kathy said, looking back on the last years

of her daughter's life, "because she was fighting her own demons."

Tricia battled the demons of addiction. The turning point was when Tricia's father was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008. As her parents were focused on Brian's illness and treatments and worry over his failing health took center stage in the home, the family dynamic changed; school became less of a priority and Tricia eventually started abusing alcohol and drugs.

"When the demons came out we saw a different Tricia. She had to fight those (demons) off," Kathy said, recalling that Tricia appeared to be doing well in her battle through counseling and the support of family and friends. "Even through that battle I never stopped loving her and supporting her."

"But I guess the demons won."

Beauty and battles

Tricia found many things that gave her joy in her 17 years of life — her parents, her friends, her travels and her animals. She loved the color purple, penguins and art, often creating drawings for her mother and friends.

"Unfortunately, she liked social media too," said Kathy, who was employed at the Pleasanton Weekly when Tricia died. "It's just very sad. There have been suicides over what people have posted on social media."

Social media, Kathy believes, is a blessing and a curse. She has used it to reconnect with friends, to find support in times when grief overwhelms her and to reach out to mothers who find themselves living in the same surreal nightmare she is in as a survivor of suicide.

For teens, social media can be fun or dangerous. Kathy said Tricia's social media use might have been a factor in her decision to die.

"I feel like I wasn't able to protect my child from it," she said, adding that she would recommend other parents "try to limit their (children's) time on the internet. Try to observe exactly what they're doing. Sit and discuss it more. Be open and honest and let them know they

Anyone in need of support can contact Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's 24-hour confidential crisis line at 800-309-2131 or CrisisSupport.org, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, via text at 800-799-4889 or suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

can be open and honest."

Whether it be the rise of social media and prevalence of cyberbullying, or some other societal shift, reports of "self-inflicted harm" are increasing on a local, state and national level, particularly for teens and young adults.

"It is a disease because it is the demons fighting with you," Kathy said. "It's the depression, it's the stress, it's everything adding up."

"More teenage girls are taking their lives. It's an epidemic," she added, referring to a report released in August by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stating that the suicide rate for girls between 15 and 19 doubled between 2007 and 2015.

The rate of 14.2 per every 100,000 girls in this age range dying by suicide in 2015 was the highest in the last 40 years. Suicide rates grew by 31% for boys 15 to 19 between 2007 and 2015.

According to the most recent data available from the California Department of Public Health, the death rate due to suicide in Alameda County increased 7% between 2011 and 2015, from 8.6 to 9.2 per 100,000 people.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among Americans, according to the CDC.

"More than 44,000 people died by suicide in 2015, more than 1.4 million people reported making a suicide attempt in the past year and almost 10 million adults reported thinking about suicide in the past year," the CDC stated on its website. "Most people who engage in suicidal behavior never seek mental health services."

Locally, the Pleasanton Police Department works with the school district and a variety of nonprofit organizations such as National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI),

Abode Services, City Serve and Alameda County Behavioral Health to help people in emotional distress.

"When individuals in crisis are brought to the police department's attention, either by a third party or through a direct request for help, an officer responds, evaluates the circumstances, and makes a determination as to whether or not the officer has the authority to mandate a detention, in which a mental health assessment is completed, or whether they are able to acquire assistance on their own with proper



Top of page: Kathleen "Kathy" Martin sits on her front porch where she and daughter Tricia spent many days and nights chatting. Now Kathy sits with Tricia's beloved dog, Kimmy. (Photo by Mike Sedlak).

Above: Tricia Martin enjoyed traveling with her parents, Brian and Kathy, and particularly loved cruises. (Contributed photo).



Photos of loved ones lost to suicide, including Tricia Martin, at the 2016 Out of the Darkness Community Walk. Photo by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

referrals,” Pleasanton police Capt. Craig Eicher said.

Intervention can be key in reducing the number of suicides.

The Alameda County Health Data Profile for Pleasanton shows that between 2012 and last month, there were 2,388 “5150” calls — which refers to a law enforcement code that authorizes involuntary confinement of a person suspected of being a danger to themselves or others. During that timeframe, there were 37 reported suicide cases handled by Pleasanton police.

“The data indicates a large margin between the numbers of individuals where the department has had the opportunity to intervene and get the individuals in crisis to County Mental Health Services and those who actually ended their own life,” Eicher said.

The school district focuses on preventative support and resources for students facing mental health concerns, offering assistance through support staff including school counselors, administrators, psychologists and social workers, according to PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon.

“It’s important for our students to know that they have people and a community that cares about them,” Gannon said. “We want students and families to know that support is available, and encourage them to reach out for help.”

Survivors

Seven percent of the U.S. population knew someone who died by suicide during the past 12 months, according to the CDC. In other words, they are survivors of suicide.

Kathy said, as a survivor of



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Tricia Martin found joy in many things, including her cat Sparklie. Tricia’s family adopted Sparklie when Tricia was 2 years old.

suicide, people treat her differently.

“There is a stigma when you mention suicide,” Kathy explained. “There are times I just call it a tragic death when people ask me (about Tricia’s death) because there is this stigma, which is what I am trying to erase.”

She said her status is “written across my forehead. You could either say it says ‘SOS — survivor of suicide,’ or it says ‘suicide.’”

“People chose to exit my life,” she continued. “It’s a very difficult situation. A lot of people don’t know what to say.”

People affected the most by suicide — the spouses, children and parents of those who take their own lives — often choose not to tell their stories.

“Especially parents,” Kathy said, “because there is that shame, that guilt, that we, as parents, we failed.”

For Kathy, bringing awareness to the reality of suicide is imperative.

“A lot of people in Pleasanton live in a bubble. It needs to be talked about,” she said. “It’s not only nationwide, it’s worldwide. And it’s happening to younger and younger kids.”

Tricia had friends take their own lives, including one in eighth grade. Since Tricia’s death, Kathy has reached out to two other Pleasanton families who have lost children.

“You’d be surprised at the number of people in Pleasanton,” she said.

She supports Mothers With a Purpose, a nonprofit formed by Pleasanton mothers to raise awareness of the “epidemic use of prescription and illicit drugs in our community.” Kathy spoke at a Mothers With a Purpose candlelight vigil in 2015 about loving children unconditionally.

“We’re all fighting underlying battles of something that not everyone knows about,” she remembers telling the vigil attendees. “Tell your children that you love them. That was something I was raised always hearing ‘I love you, love you, love you.’ And that was something I said to Tricia all the time.”

One way Tricia’s family and friends honor her memory and raise money for suicide awareness and prevention is by participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

Kathy and 15 to 20 people have been part of the walk for the past four years, and they will participate in this year’s event Oct. 14 in Oakland.

Tricia’s friends — Sammy Yoshikami, Angie Nguyen, Berto Beas, Jose Hernandez, Dani Comito and Matthew Sherman — still keep in contact with Kathy and participate in the walk. Some of their parents walk with them.

“Her friends have been the most supportive group of friends that I could ever ask for,” Kathy said of this cadre of young adults who rallied around Tricia during her life and Kathy after Tricia’s death.

Kathy’s nephew Jacob Long, who

is 15 months older than Tricia, has also been a consistent source of strength and support. Also raised in Pleasanton, Jacob walked in the Out of the Darkness Walk once but has since joined the Marines, married another Pleasanton native, Danielle, and moved to Southern California.

Kathy’s friends from Amador Valley High School, who she has reconnected with, Tricia’s grandma Peggy Long, and longtime family friends Lori and Drew Korch from Dublin also walk. Drew designed t-shirts for the group.

“We’re known as Tricia’s Troopers,” Kathy said.

At one recent walk, one of Tricia’s friends gave Kathy a card that said, “We will always do this for her. We need to look at it as a celebration of her life.”

Kathy said, “That’s how I try to go into it, that we’re celebrating her life while we’re trying to raise money for the cause, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.”

“As long as I can I will support AFSP in any way, shape or form that I can,” she said, adding that, “in today’s political climate, funding could be shut off.”

“I know it won’t bring Tricia back, but you can help me save someone else,” Kathy wrote when seeking donations for the walk. “This is an awful disease and people don’t know where to turn to for help.”

Support system

“It doesn’t get any easier,” Kathy said. “I guess I do feel left behind. Sometimes I think I wish I could have just been with her.”

Sept. 14 was the fifth anniversary

of Tricia’s death. Kathy and Lori packed up the car and Tricia’s dog Kimmy and headed off to spend three days in a secluded house on Irish Beach. “We laid flowers in the water while remembering all the special times spent with Tricia over the years,” Kathy said. “I just really didn’t want to be in Pleasanton. I didn’t want to be home.”

Kimmy the dog, who turned 8 in August, provides Kathy a lot of much-needed emotional support — especially after Sparklie, the cat Tricia had since she was 2 years old, died two years ago.

“Kimmy means the world to me because I know how much she meant to Tricia,” she said. “I feel like she’s my last physical connection to Tricia within the home, and I worry about the day something happens to her.”

Tricia’s room has been painted but it remains, for the most part, as it did the last day she was home.

“I guess for the same reason I sit outside on the front porch and hope to see her come around that corner,” Kathy said. “I just want her back.”

“I miss washing her socks, because they never matched. She always wore two different colored socks,” Kathy said, smiling. “I miss hearing someone call me mom or mommy. I miss talking to her.”

“I never got to see her graduate from high school,” Kathy added. “I will never be called a grandmother. I’ll never see her walk down the aisle. There are so many things I’m going to miss out on.”

“I never thought I would be having it happen in my life, to my one and only child. It truly is heart-breaking.” ■



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Tricia Martin’s photo in front, adomed the pillars in the Lake Merritt promenade during the annual Oakland event, one of many hosted throughout the nation by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Attendees at the annual Oakland event, one of many hosted throughout the nation by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, walk through the pillars, touching the photos and remembering their loved ones.



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To honor Tricia Martin’s memory and raise money for suicide prevention, a group of Tricia’s and Kathy’s friends participate in the annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk in Oakland.

Out of the Darkness Community Walks

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s largest fundraisers, the annual walks are held in hundreds of cities across the nation with more than 250,000 people participating. In addition to raising millions of dollars for suicide prevention programs, the walks bring awareness to the cause and unite thousands of survivors of suicide to build and strengthen support systems.

Bay Area Out of the Darkness Community Walks are scheduled Sept. 23 in San Francisco, Oct. 7 in Santa Rosa, Oct. 14 in Oakland and Oct. 22 in San Jose.

For information or to donate, visit OutoftheDarkness.org.

OPERA SEASON OPENS WITH DON PASQUALE

Donizetti's comic classic is reset in the Wild West

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



COURTESY LVO

Bass-baritone Peter Strummer plays the title role in "Don Pasquale," the popular comic opera — "opera buffa" — opening next week and set in the Wild West.

An older man marries a young woman so he can produce a suitable heir — what can go wrong?

Next week Livermore Valley Opera opens its 26th season with Donizetti's comic opera "Don Pasquale" at the Bankhead Theater — but this production is set in the American Wild West in the late 1800s. Stage director David Gately developed this revision for the San Diego Opera in 2002, where it proved a popular twist.

"It is a classic 'spaghetti western,' complete with gun-toting cowboys, saloon

gals, bubble baths and even a mariachi band," said Rob Herriot, who will stage the opera for LVO. "It is an opera of fun, laughs and amazing tunes that will appeal to all ages."

The lead role will be performed by bass-baritone Peter Strummer, a newcomer to LVO who has performed at the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Houston Grand Opera and major opera houses in Europe. His adviser, Malatesta, is played by baritone Alex DeSocio.

The young wife, Norina, is soprano Erin Sanzero, who performed as Lucia for the LVO production of Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" in 2015.

Tenor Marco Stefani, a native of Pleasanton who now lives in Italy, returns to perform in the role of Ernesto, Don Pasquale's nephew. He starred as Lindoro in last year's "The Italian Girl in Algiers."

"Our professional quality will be on full display in 'Don Pasquale,'" LVO artistic director Erie Mills said. "With Maestro Alexander Katsman conducting, Jean-François Revon's western-inspired sets and our wonderful cast, audiences will be in for a real treat."

"Don Pasquale" was first staged at Théâtre-Italien in Paris in 1843 with four of opera's biggest stars of the day, was an immediate success, and continues to be a favorite "opera buffa."

A pre-opera talk will be held one hour prior to curtain time, and an artists' reception will be held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7; and at 2 p.m., Sundays, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8, at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets are \$42-\$90, with \$10 off for students 18 and younger.

An Opening Night Gala celebration dinner will be held across the street at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$95.

For tickets, call 373-6800, visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com, or go to the theater box office, 2400 First St. in Livermore. ■



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Pleasanton pianist Tamriko Siperashvili and guitarist Ian Rowe are performing a concert to benefit arts programs in Pleasanton schools.

Tickets on sale for concert to benefit arts in schools

Renowned pianist pairing with guitarist for special show

Tickets are on sale for the annual performance of pianist Tamriko Siperashvili to raise funds for arts in the schools sponsored by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council.

For this school year's benefit, Siperashvili joins her concert piano expertise with the musical talents of guitarist Ian Rowe, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Amador Theater.

The concert will feature selections from Bach, Carulli, Vivaldi, Rodrigo, Castelnuovo-Tedesco and Boccherini.

Siperashvili, who has performed in concerts to benefit PCAC for many years, is a Schumann Gold Medal Winner from

Moscow Conservatory and has performed throughout the United States, Europe and South America. She is originally from the country of Georgia.

Rowe, a teacher at Siperashvili's Inspire Academy of Music in Pleasanton, is a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory and has toured North America, Europe and Asia extensively.

Tickets are \$35 for adults; \$20, students; \$30, seniors. A 15% discount is available for groups of 10 or more. Call 931-4848, visit www.firehousearts.org, or go to the Firehouse Box Office at 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Fun run in Livermore — costumes optional

Rotary event to raise funds for community projects

By PATRICIA BOYLE

Livermore Rotary is hosting its third annual Community Spirit Fun Run on Oct. 29, a “spooktacular” event that begins and ends at downtown Livermore’s Carnegie Park Rotary Bandstand.

“The Community Spirit Fun Run is one of three or four major fundraising events held annually by the Livermore Rotary to support our community projects in Livermore,” said David Rounds, board member and club secretary.

“These include awarding scholarships for student musicians; helping to provide dictionaries to every third-grade student; running READY, an individual mentoring program for Junction Avenue School students; providing mini-grants to elementary school teachers to support classroom programs; and much more.”

Races include 5K run through old Livermore and a 10K run that continues into open stretches of vineyard, both open to all ages. Costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded for best costumes in both the kids and adult divisions. Races start at 9 a.m.; registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

While raising funds to support the community, the run is also a popular community event.

“It brings young and old members of the community together,” said Michael Ferrucci, who has been involved with music and Livermore Rotary for decades. “The run offers live music, great food and snacks, and culminates with a festive award ceremony and celebration.”

Part of the fun is the costume competition. Milly Siebel, past president of Livermore Rotary,



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Three generations of superwomen in the Seibel family enjoy the Community Spirit Fun Run: (right) past Livermore Rotary president Milly Seibel, (left) granddaughter Maddi Seibel-Perry, and daughter Jennifer Votav.

wore a costume each of the past two years.

“The costumes give you another dimension to your running,” Siebel

said. “People have a lot of fun with it. One man dressed up as Marilyn Monroe. You can get out there and run for a good cause and have fun doing it.”

Although the run is fun, the results serve serious goals.

Lori Valenzuela, a Junction Avenue School core teacher, is involved with the READY mentoring program.

“Our READY students are paired up with a Rotary mentor. The mentors not only provide academic support and guidance, they also build genuine connections with their students,” Valenzuela said. “The students in the program made significant gains in grades and test scores last year. More importantly, they enjoy going to school and know they have someone they can depend on to be there for them.”

Sam Steele, current Livermore Rotary president, is responsible for starting the Community Spirit Fun Run in 2015.

“Last year we were able to increase our mini-grant program budget so we could help more teachers in the classroom,” Steele said. “This year, initial run signups are on the rise, and we have more community awareness of the run and the goal of Rotary to do good in our community.”

The Community Spirit Fun Run also serves the needs of the serious runner and will use the most advanced chip-timing system available. Time awards will be three deep and given by age category.

For race information, entry fees and registration details, visit livermorerotaryrun.org or call (209) 795-7832. ■

Alameda County recognizes Pleasanton arts leader

Kenya native started foundation to explore African culture

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton resident Catherine Ndungu-Case is one of eight county residents being recognized for their achievements impacting the arts community at next week’s Alameda County Board of Supervisors meeting in Oakland. They are recipients of the 2017 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards, representing each county district.

Ndungu-Case is the founder and CEO of Cheza Nami Foundation in Pleasanton. Cheza Nami, which means “come play with me” in Swahili, was started in 2011 to encourage young people’s appreciation of the rich culture of Africa through active exploration of African dance, drumming and play.

Cheza Nami envisions a culturally diverse world where individuals of all ages can embrace the concept of global citizenship and understand the fundamental interconnectedness of all things.



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Catherine Ndungu-Case will receive an Arts Leadership Award.

Its programs teach children and remind adults that music, dance and an open mind are essential ingredients for a beautiful life, where people of all backgrounds can reach across their differences to find a joyful common ground.

The organization serves the Pleasanton Unified School District as well as many other schools, community centers, libraries and retirement homes in Pleasanton and east Alameda County.

Ndungu-Case’s childhood in a rural village in Kenya was enriched by an emphasis on family and culture. She founded the organization after she moved to the United States, married and had twins in 2007, with whom she wanted to share their African culture. She holds a master’s degree in cell and molecular biology and works in clinical research.

The other award recipients are the team of Denny Stein and Mary Bobik; Carol Zilli; Ami Ferreira; the team of Greg Morozumi and Elena Serrano; and Joyce Gordon. The presentation is being held in conjunction with the county’s celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month in October. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Galway anniversary: Patricia and Steve Jordan celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary with their daughter Amanda in Ireland. Here, they are with the Pleasanton Weekly at Kylemore Abbey in Connemara, County Galway.

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

Heart by Heart

Original Heart band members Steve Fossen (bass) and Mike Derosier (drums) are part of the second incarnation of the iconic Hall of Fame rock group, appearing in two shows at the Firehouse Arts Center, at 8 p.m. Sept. 29 and Sept. 30. Their mission is to create music that is completely authentic, passionate and true to Heart’s original recordings. Lead vocals by Somar Macek, with Randy Hansen on guitar, and Lizzy Daymont on guitar, keyboard and vocals. Tickets \$30-\$40. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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Cosmo's Barber Shop now has a second location.

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PET OF THE WEEK



ALLIE'S PALS

A bubbly companion

Bubbles is a 6-month-old kitten whose personality lives up to her name. She's full of energy and love; she's a total lap cat who adores snuggling close and sleeping with her favorite person at night. And people love her quirky little crooked tail. As an added bonus, she gets along well with other cats of all ages. Bubbles is available for adoption through Allie's Pals Cat Rescue. Contact Terri at 487-7279.

Theatre

ROALD DAHL'S JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH JR. Actors range from 9 to 16 years of age, from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. Shows run Sept. 15 thru Sept. 24: Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$7, \$10, \$13. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Concerts

CHANTICLEER: HEART OF A SOLDIER Chanticleer, called "the world's reigning male chorus" by the New Yorker, performs in Pleasanton at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Sept. 23 at 8 p.m., 3999 Bernal Ave. <http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org>

Music

FOURTH FRIDAY FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Farewell to 4th Fridays. Charles R Vineyards. Free live music. Friday, Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m. 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 Rd. to Greenville Rd.

Festivals & Fairs

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN COPTIC CHURCH FESTIVAL St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. Our heritage goes back to the first century where St. Mark the evangelist established the church in Egypt. We currently have presence in all seven continents. This carnival/festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No admin fee. It serves as a great social, educational and entertainment event with variety of games, ethnic Mediterranean food.

And lots of fun for all ages. <http://stmarystjohn.org/>

A BEWITCHING FETE One of a kind Halloween art and oddities. 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. Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Friday, Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More info call: 916-705-2284. www.abewitchingfete.com.

ALVISO ADOBE PARK'S 4TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL Celebrate Fall at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Enjoy activity stations, live music, food and entertainment for the whole family. 3465 Old Foothill Rd., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday.

Fundraisers

FALL BOOK SALE: FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY Support your local library while stocking up on great reading material. Everything is sorted and displayed by subject for easy browsing. You'll find lots of beautiful children's books. Our prices are incredibly reasonable. Donations are always welcome. Sept. 22-24 at Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. <http://www.friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org>

TRAINS FOR AUTISM Trains For Autism. Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m. Experience the world of model railroading while supporting a worthy cause. Charity event benefits Autism Speaks, the world's leading science and advocacy organization supporting children affected by autism. Games for kids of all ages, raffle tickets with great prizes. \$40 per family includes entry and all food. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore.

PYP CHARITY ON TAP 2017 Join the Pleasanton Young Professionals on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of food, music, beer specials, silent auction, and more. At this inaugural

event, we will be raising funds to benefit the Alameda County 4-H Camp Academy Project. Handles Gastropub Patio, 855 Main St.

SANDRA J. WING HEALING THERAPIES FOUNDATION DINNER Monday, Sept. 25, 5-8 p.m., Gianni's San Ramon, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. A fun night, a great raffle, authentic Italian food, served up by volunteers of the foundation. We will be receiving 10% of the proceeds that night and 100% of the tips. Reserve your table now for the restaurant, call 820-6969. Space is limited. www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

PLEASANTON LIONS 6TH ANNUAL TASTE OF PLEASANTON RESTAURANT & SHOP WALK FUNDRAISER Discover the best local restaurants and shopping hotspots in one fun-filled evening. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy savoring small bites, desserts and beverages while strolling the shops and restaurants of beautiful downtown Pleasanton. Plan a date night or gathering of family and friends for this fun social event. \$25 each for a passport ticket. Downtown, Main Street. <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>

Museums & Exhibits

THE FACES OF OAKLAND - MICHAEL MANENTE EXHIBIT AT HARRINGTON GALLERY Donations are appreciated. Exhibit runs through Oct. 6th, Daily, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue. <http://www.firehousearts.org>

Health & Wellness

WALK 'N' TALK TOGETHER Walk 'n' Talk Together. Explore Pleasanton city parks and trails, plus more destinations, with World Walk to Wellness, a local group of friendly people who like to start the weekend by walking 'n' talking together for an hour or two on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Sign up for free weekly e-newsletter to learn destinations: walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org. Varies by week.

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 week series of workshops. One-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space limited, pre-registration required. Thursday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. Call Eleanor Flatley at 846-8708 for more information. 4001 Stoneridge Drive.

VA MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH EVENT FOR VETERANS Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. VA Palo Alto Health Care's Rural Health Mobile Medical Team offers a free

event for veterans. Examinations, consultations and referrals will be provided. Veterans should bring military discharge papers and a list of current medications. Veterans wanting to request a copy of their proof of service documents before the event can get instructions and/or assistance from the library's Reference Desk: 931.3400 x4 or jeseltine@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Thursday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

FREE URBAN CYCLING 101 BIKE SKILLS CLASS-DAY 1 CLASSROOM Learn basic rules of the road, avoid bike theft, how to ride after dark and prevent crashes. Two hours, no bike required. Attending this or any of our other classroom workshops qualifies you to sign up for one of our free "Day 2" on-the-bike road classes and earn a free set of bike lights. Click here to see current schedule of Day 2 classes. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. <https://bikeeastbay.org>.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE Advises Parks and Recreation Commission and City's Traffic Engineering Division on bicycle, pedestrian and trail related items. Committee reviews and prioritizes potential projects, provides input on policies related to bike ways and trails, and promotes community education. Next meeting Monday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Teens

STEM DAY 2017 AT THE QUARRY LANE SCHOOL Saturday, Sept. 23, The Quarry Lane School will host STEM Day 2017 at our Dublin campus located at 6363 Tassajara Road. Quarry Lane student Kathlyn Cheng set out to organize an event that would showcase the work and careers of scientists and engineers in the Bay Area. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Lecture Hall, in Building 4, and will feature four speakers, spanning a variety of STEM fields and topics. Admission is free and is open to high school students. For more information about the event and to reserve a ticket, email stemday2017@gmail.com.

Business

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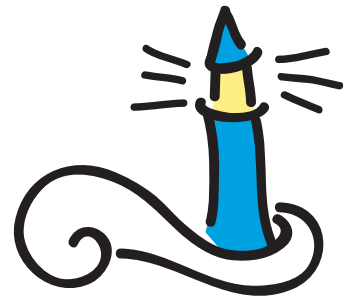
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COLOR THEORY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 534822

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)

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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.)

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Lowest sale reported: \$420,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,537,000
Average sales reported: \$1,303,105

Dublin

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$423,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,370,000
Average sales reported: \$902,760

Livermore

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$315,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,200,000
Average sales reported: \$706,235

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 Sun 1-3 Nancy Valett 251-2536

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 Sun 1-3 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

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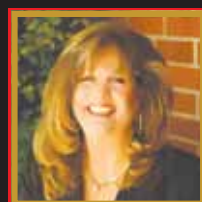
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Beautiful Custom Home Built in 2008 with Quiet Court Location! Located Adjacent to Desirable Bridle Creek and Sycamore Heights Neighborhoods. This 5-Bedroom, 5-Bathroom Home Includes a Private Office and Game Room Area and is Approximately 5147 Square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

OFFERED AT \$2,270,000

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SOLD

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5786 SHADOW RIDGE CT., PLEASANTON

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San Jose
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Pleasanton
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Market Update – Low Inventory Continues to Rule the Day

Even though low inventory levels (62% of year ago) are impacting sales, pending sales were still 10% higher than a year earlier. The median sales price was up 9% from July and 19% from August 2016. Homes priced below \$1 million remain in very high demand, with only a two week supply.

August ended with 60 homes for sale, the fewest since March. That compares to 67 at the end of July and 96 a year ago. Buyers were out looking and ready to act. Although pending sales dipped 8% from July (57 in August and 62 in July), they were 10% higher than August 2016's 96. With both sales and inventory dipping from July, relative supply remained unchanged at 1.1 months, versus 1.8 months at this time last year.

On average, homes sold in 23 days in August, compared to 20 days in July and 30 days a year earlier. The median sales price in August increased 9%, from July's \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million. That was 19% higher than August 2016's \$1.01 million. Homes sold in August for 99% of their asking price, unchanged from July but higher than the 97% they sold for a year ago. The price per square foot in August was \$507, slightly below last month's \$518 but higher than the \$494 in August 2016.

The tables below provide further details on the current market ...

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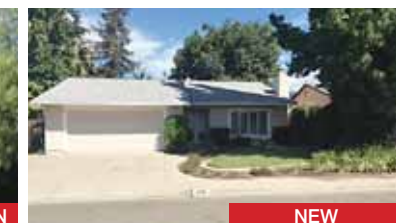


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