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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Family-owned Pleasanton institution closes its doors

A Pleasanton institution closed last week when pharmacist Mike Clauser shuttered Custom Care Pharmacy on First Street.

Mike and his partner, Rusty Hewitson, had owned and operated the pharmacy for more than 40 years — Mike was involved for 39 years. They were familiar faces behind the pharmacy bench to thousands of Pleasanton residents for more than four decades. And they both grew up here.

They saw lots of those people in their final two weeks of business, as customers called in to have prescriptions filled and then came to pick them up. It was quite unusual for a business that was closing to have customers pouring in.

"We had a line out of the door. It looked like we were giving away free ice cream instead of going out of business," Mike said.

The store history dates to the Jorgensen family, which owned a pharmacy on Main Street that was then moved to the First Street location when parking became too challenging downtown — we're talking parking challenges more than 40 years ago.

For Mike, Saturday's closing marked the start of a time of well-deserved retirement, free from the challenges of operating a business that was open six days every week.

They will be missed because their employees knew their customers and greeted them by name. They went the extra mile in service.

What's wonderful in the transition is that CVS, at its newest store at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, will take over the customer lists for Custom Care's Pleasanton and San Ramon stores as well as most of the employees who are going to continue working. Longtime pharmacist Bob Mayes and tech Kathy Anderson will join Mike in retirement. Rusty sold his interest in the business to Mike five years ago, but kept showing up for work until he relocated to San Diego a year ago.

The partnership had interesting roots. Mike worked for Rusty's father, Louis Hewitson, at his liquor store throughout his years at Amador Valley High School. Rusty, who was a few years older, already had finished pharmacy school and was serving in the Navy. When Rusty wrapped up his service, he bought into Alisal Pharmacy on First Street.

Mike joined him there in 1979. Over the years, their children, as well as Mike's wife MaryKay, were familiar faces behind the counter. Service was a consistent key to the family-owned business, which delivered prescriptions to folks who couldn't get to the pharmacy.

Rusty's son, Louis, worked for them for more than 20 years, mostly as a pharmacy tech. Mike's son Danny, now an engineer, did almost everything during his high school years. John, managed the Pleasanton store for two years before turning it over to Joe Cardinale, whose grandfather, Joe Antonini, was one of Pleasanton's longtime independent insurance agents back when the population was a few thousand.

During the years, Mike and Rusty had to adjust to significant changes in the medical insurance situation. After years as an independent, they had to become a franchise of Medicine Shoppe because insurers were signing contracts with chain retailers and freezing out the independents. They had a 20-year marriage with Medicine Shoppe, at the original Pleasanton location and the San Ramon store, before the government recognized the folly of its regulatory ways and changed the rules.

That change allowed them to rename their business Custom Care, based upon their longtime practice of mixing custom prescriptions. When they started in the business, that was common, but it faded over the years leaving Custom Care a nice niche.

It got even better when the government imposed strict new equipment requirements on pharmacies that compound. Those involved a major investment that Mike and Rusty made at the San Ramon store. Any compounds were mixed there and will continue to be. The retail store closed, but the compounding operation will continue with a younger pharmacist.

When we were in a different insurance program, Custom Care was our pharmacy of choice. I remember the extra mile that Bob went when my father-in-law was in the care of Hope Hospice. We had a care crisis, and I called a few minutes before closing time to ask for a med. Bob filled that prescription and admitted me after hours to pick it up.

Imagine that happening with a chain store. ■

About the Cover

Morning commuters line up to board an approaching BART train at the Dublin-Pleasanton station, the eastern-most stop on the blue line. BART is in the early stages of public review of plans for how to extend its service east to Livermore, an effort decades in the making. Photo by Mike Sedlak (mike@digitalsight.com). Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XVIII, Number 37

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Long Term Care/Reverse Mortgages
November 9, 2017 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

Chris D'Orazio, financial professional, discusses the what, when, how and why of long term care. Daryl Thomas, Senior Loan Officer, shares the truth and benefits of a reverse mortgage to finance senior living.

A Living Trust Checklist/The Joy of Less
January 11, 2018 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

Jay Roadarmel, Wills, Trusts, and Probate Attorney, identifies the four legal documents every senior needs and how to identify and repair a broken estate plan. Kim Falahati, owner of Family Matters, is the one-stop shop to help seniors transition; she delivers ready to cook Paleo meals under 600 calories, downsizes, packs, and organizes the move.

A question and answer session will follow each presentation and a light supper will be served. Please RSVP.

With Christina Rice, Seniors Real Estate Specialist, MBA, Graduate, Realtors Institute (GRI), BRE 01934850

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND DOWNTOWN

Are you aware of any really obscure fact that you think very few people aside from you know about?



Teresa Swift

Hairstylist

Certainly. The hair of about 95% of the population naturally parts on the left. Only rarely do people have hair that naturally parts on the right. The reason for this is that most people have hair whorls that rotate clockwise.



Olga Oraya

Financial consultant

I know of a few. One of my favorites is that at one point in time, the United States Treasury was considering producing donut-shaped coins. Sometimes I chuckle, imagining a quarter with a hole in its middle.



Tony Victor

Retired

The word “almost” is the longest word in the English language where all of the letters are in alphabetical order. I love words and language, so I find this fact to be not only obscure, but fascinating as well.



Franco Palmieri

Physician’s assistant

I do. Tongue prints are like finger prints. Every person has his or her own unique tongue print. I paid a lot of tuition in order to learn that fact so I’m happy to share it with the entire town.



Linda Downey

Dental hygienist

I would say the most obscure fact I know, and which is a bit sad, is that the expression “It’s raining cats and dogs” comes from England, when, a few centuries ago, many homeless cats and dogs would drown and float down the streets of England, making it literally look like it was raining cats and dogs.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

LPC lockdown

A student who brought a Nerf toy gun to Las Positas College in Livermore Wednesday morning prompted a lockdown and shelter-in-place order that lasted about an hour, according to Livermore police.

Livermore police initially reported they were investigating a "suspicious occurrence" at the campus around 11 a.m.

Officers said they spotted the student after a call from a faculty member and placed him in handcuffs "for his safety and our safety so we could determine what was going on." The student was taken out of handcuffs after police determined he was carrying a Nerf gun, officers said.

About an hour later, the lockdown was lifted and classes resumed.

Police said the student had the Nerf gun for an off-campus activity and "had no intent to cause harm or problems."

Sunol Quiet Zone

County and regional transit officials are gearing up for the start of construction this month on rail crossing improvements needed to implement the planned Sunol Quiet Zone.

The goal is to create a stretch through Sunol where train horns will be restricted 24 hours a day.

To allow the new quiet zone, crews will be installing three at-grade crossings at Castlewood Drive, Bond Street and Main Street in Sunol. The work is expected to wrap up by the end of the year.

The Sunol Quiet Zone is being financed with funding from the Alameda County Transportation Commission using Measure BB funding. The program is being implemented through the ACE-forward Program on behalf of Alameda County.

PPIE gala

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) is hosting its 13th annual fall gala next Friday from 6-9 p.m. at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

Dubbed Night of the Stars, this year's fundraiser will be an Academy Awards-style celebration featuring student films, according to organizers.

Attendees will receive dinner and dessert and have the chance to win cases of wine, signed gear from San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford, restaurant vouchers and more.

PUSD superintendent David Haglund, school board trustees, City Council and PPIE board members will be in attendance, and there will be a wine pour by school principals.

Tickets are \$75 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://ppie.org/buy-tickets-night-stars/>. ■

Announcing the Tri-Valley Heroes

RSVP now for 2017 award presentation ceremony set Oct. 23

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

The Tri-Valley Heroes panel of judges have selected the recipients for the 2017 awards, which are bestowed on residents who are making contributions to better our communities and their residents.

This is the sixth year the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com have recognized local unsung heroes with the award program.

The awards will be presented Oct. 23 at the DoubleTree Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the presentations will begin at 7:15 p.m. If you would like to

attend to honor a recipient, email Gina Channell at gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com with the number of people planning to attend.

Sponsors of the 2017 Tri-Valley Heroes awards program are Monterey Private Wealth, Robert Half, Harrington Art Partnership, ChiroSports USA, Crown Trophy, DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club and San Ramon Arts Foundation.

This year's recipients are:

Arts & Culture: Gary Winter, Pleasanton. From miniatures of buildings to artwork made from nails to the Zwirll spiral football, Winter is a master artist, designer

and inventor.

He has works in a dozen museums, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Museum in Florida and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley.

Community Spirit: San Ramon 150 co-chairs Gary Alpert and Heidi Kenniston-Lee, San Ramon.

As the volunteer co-chairs of San Ramon 150, Alpert and Kenniston-Lee have coordinated everything associated with the year-long celebration of San Ramon's sesquicentennial that included a lecture series, San Ramon birthday party

for residents of all ages, an exhibit at the San Ramon Valley Museum and a multi-cultural event.

The co-chairs participated in dozens of events and meetings to raise funds and promote the program.

Courage: Bob Coomber, Livermore. An avid hiker since childhood, "4 Wheel Bob" Coomber did not let limited mobility to take his passion from him. He estimates he has logged thousands of miles in his wheelchair, traversing everything from smooth park paths to rocky mountain passes throughout

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Fire Safety Expo next weekend

Young Katie and McKenna Murray, daughters of Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department firefighter Doug Murray, take in the fun at last year's LPPFD Fire Safety Expo. This year's free event, designed as educational and interactive for all residents, is set for next Saturday (Oct. 14) from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fire Training Tower at 3333 Busch Road. The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will help kick off the fun that Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast with donations supporting the Fallen Firefighters Foundation. For more info, visit www.lppfd.org or call (925) 454-2361.



LPPFD

HEAD OF THE CLASS

Villaseñor settling in at Valley View

New principal draws inspiration from upbringing

By JULIA REIS

Soraya Villaseñor was not planning on education as a profession.

The daughter of an elementary school teacher, Villaseñor aspired to become a politician as an undergrad majoring in history and political science at UCLA.

But after she graduated in 1999, she found only entry-level positions available at government offices.

So her teacher mother suggested she work as a substitute teacher in the meantime.

"She's like, 'At least sub while you find something that you really want to do,'" Villaseñor recalled.

Villaseñor turned in her application to the principal at Highland Elementary School in Inglewood. To her surprise, the principal offered her a full time job as a second grade teacher.

"I was like, 'But I have no idea what to do with kids,'" Villaseñor said. "Some people who want to be



Soraya Villaseñor

Amador Valley named Blue Ribbon School

One of two in county, 25 in state to earn national distinction

By JULIA REIS

Amador Valley High School has been named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, one of only 25 schools in the state to receive the honor.

The U.S. Department of Education announced all 342 winners last week. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps, officials said.

Amador Valley is one of two schools in Alameda County — along with Albany Middle School — to earn the distinction this year.

"Congratulations to the Amador Valley High staff, students, and

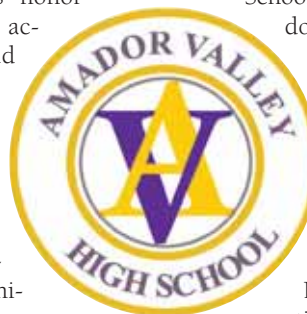
families for being distinguished as a National Blue Ribbon School," PUSD superintendent David Haglund stated. "This honor is an impressive accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire Amador community."

Added Amador principal Mike Williams, "This recognition belongs to the amazing staff, students, and families who contribute to the success and incredible culture of Amador Valley

High School each and every day."

This was not the first time Amador has been named a Blue Ribbon School. Foothill and Amador received the honor in 2006. Vintage Hills Elementary also earned the distinction in 2015.

This year's National Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored at a U.S. Department of Education ceremony in November, when educators will receive a plaque and flag for their school. ■



Council gives initial support to new police raises

Contract also includes increased pension, medical contributions by union members

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council spoke highly Tuesday about a proposed new labor agreement with the police union, a deal highlighted by wage increases for city police officers and sergeants in each of the next three years.

The tentative agreement with the Pleasanton Police Officers Association (PPOA), which would end nearly nine months of negotiations, also includes higher pension and medical contributions from certain police officers, among other provisions.

“When all is said and done, and we have this win-win, it’s wonderful. We appreciate the efforts on all sides,” Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin said from the council dais in the Pleasanton Civic Center.

The council typically reviews major labor deals in a two-step process, which for the PPOA contract began with an initial discussion Tuesday night in the council chamber. The agreement is scheduled to return for final approval Oct. 17.

The union, which represents all 60 sworn police officers and 13 police sergeants in the Pleasanton Police Department, already ratified the

agreement. Members voted 51-1 in favor of approval, according to Officer Ken McNeill, PPOA’s president.

McNeill said this year’s negotiations with the city’s bargaining team weren’t easy, calling them “arduous, and often frustrating.”

“The positive is, that despite the challenging journey, today we have come to a fair and reasonable and well-received tentative agreement that recognizes not only the value of our officers but the city’s fiscal responsibility to our Pleasanton residents and businesses,” he told the council.

City and union negotiators began their talks in January, with the PPOA contract set to expire at the end of May. With no deal reached by that deadline, PPOA members have been working without a contract since June 1.

The two sides recently came to terms on a tentative agreement to end the lengthy negotiations, according to Debra Gill, the city’s director of human resources and labor relations.

Gill said the proposal meets city officials’ main goals for the negotiations: “providing a reasonable cost-of-living adjustment to employees, increasing employees’

contributions to PERS pensions and increasing employees’ contribution to medical premiums.”

The new memorandum of understanding (MOU), which would run through May 31, 2020, would see PPOA members receive a 3.5% raise effective upon MOU adoption and then 3% raises in June 2018 and June 2019.

The police officers’ previous contract saw them receive three separate 3% raises between January 2015 and June 2016, Gill said.

The new deal also includes a one-time stipend of \$2,000 per police officer and sergeant in recognition of each of them completing crisis intervention training.

As for pensions, all PPOA members already in the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) program, referred to as “classic members,” will see their employee contribution increase 1.5% to 12% overall effective June 2, 2018. New members’ contributions will remain at 11.5%.

The contract would also double the minimum employee contribution toward medical premiums for officers with family coverage to \$50 per month effective January 2019.

30 years of supporting animals, and people

Two pups dig in to a special cake as part of Valley Humane Society’s 30th birthday bash last month in Pleasanton. The nonprofit based on Nevada Street strives to support dogs and cats in need — especially by alleviating overcrowded public animal shelters — as well as to improve the lives of people in the community through programs like Canine Comfort Pet Therapy.



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Other highlights of the deal include that PPOA members, who typically receive 80 hours of paid time off each year but were scheduled to receive only 60 hours for 2017, would be given the full 80 hours retroactive for this year.

The contract would also stipulate a minimum call back time of four hours for special events, mandatory meetings and assigned work outside shift, and it would eliminate longevity requirements for education and Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) pay incentives.

And a joint committee of PPOA and police management would be created to discuss diversity, personal appearance, grooming standards and incentivizing special assignments, with the recommendations from this group — non-binding

— to be presented to negotiating teams during the next round of bargaining talks.

In all, the new police union MOU is estimated to cost \$1.9 million through fiscal year 2019-20, of which \$432,000 will be incurred this year and covered through the general fund contingency account, Gill said.

The four council members, with Councilwoman Kathy Narum absent, each gave initial endorsements of the proposed MOU and offered their support for Pleasanton’s police officers Tuesday.

“Many people believe this is a great town. And I share that belief, and one of the reasons is our police department. So I’m really happy this came together the way it did,” Councilman Arne Olson said. “Keep up the good work.” ■

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State testing results

PUSD students score higher in math, stay consistent in English state testing

By JULIA REIS

More PUSD students are meeting or exceeding mathematics standards tested as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAAS-PP), according to statewide results released last week.

A total of 77% of students met or exceeded math standards, an increase of 1% over last year, while English language arts and literacy results remained consistent from 2016 with 81% meeting or exceeding standards.

In a statement, PUSD superintendent David Haglund lauded the results while acknowledging there are still improvements to be made.

"We are proud to see strong student results for another year," Haglund said. "Our CAASPP scores are one of multiple measures the district uses to gauge student success and to provide needed supports."

He continued, "We are committed to continuing to improve supports and interventions that close opportunity gaps and contribute to the success of all students."

The district also saw increases with particular student groups. The percentage of students with disabilities meeting or exceeding standards rose by 1% in both English language arts and math, while an additional 7% of black students met or exceeded math standards.

The same percent of socioeconomically disadvantaged, Hispanic and Latino students met

English and math standards this year compared with last, district officials said.

Statewide, 48.56% of students met or exceeded English standards and 37.56% did so for math. Last year, the state reported 49% of students were meeting or exceeding English standards and 37% were meeting or exceeding math standards.

"I'm pleased we retained our gains, but we have so much more work to do," state superintendent of public instruction Tom Torlakson said in a statement. "We need to work diligently to narrow achievement gaps and make sure all students continue to make progress."

He added, "It's important to remember that these tests are far more rigorous and realistic than the previous paper and pencil tests. We are asking more of our students, but for a good reason — so they are better prepared for the world of college and careers."

In Alameda County, 55% of students met or exceeded English standards and 47% did so for math.

The CAASP replaced Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) assessments three years ago. The online test is given to grades three through eight and high school juniors.

Individual student scores were mailed to homes over the summer. To view Pleasanton's scores and those of districts across the state, visit caaspp.cde.ca.gov. ■

Imagine a Day Without Water

Officials raise awareness ahead of annual recognition event next week

By JULIA REIS

Local officials are raising awareness of a campaign that emphasizes the importance of water and related infrastructure.

Organized by the Value of Water Coalition, Imagine a Day Without Water is taking place next Thursday.

"This is a day for all Bay Area residents to reflect on the importance of water in their life," an excerpt from a statement signed by Dublin San Ramon Services District board president Richard Halket, Contra Costa Water District board president Lisa Borba and Central Contra Costa Sanitary District board president Paul Causey reads.

Imagine a Day Without Water encourages citizens to be aware

of the value of water as well as the water and wastewater needs facing the nation. An economic study released by the Value of Water Coalition this year determined that a single nationwide day without water service would put \$43.5 billion of economic activity at risk.

Current local water and wastewater infrastructure projects include the expansion of the recycled water plant in Pleasanton — a partnership between the city, DSRSD and East Bay Municipal Utility District — collaboration between Tri-Valley water agencies on a potable reuse feasibility study, and a sewer pipeline rehabilitation in Dublin.

For more information, visit imagineadaywithoutwater.org. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Rain forest: Jenny Mack, Patrick Markel, Ellen Markel and Kanoa Markel pose on a bridge at the Monteverde Rain Forest in Costa Rica. Moments after they took the photo, the skies opened and they all got soaked in a downpour — and the Pleasanton Weekly disintegrated!

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

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California.

He has been inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame in 2007 and recognized by the George W. Bush administration with a President's Council on Physical Fitness Community Leadership Award. He now leads "adventure" hikes for the East Bay Regional Park District. Half of his hikes are on a flat trail with easy access, perfect for those with limited mobility, and the others are more challenging.

Environmental Stewardship: **Jill Buck, Pleasanton.** In the early 2000s, Buck introduced an environmental education program, Go Green Initiative, to her daughter's Pleasanton school.

The organization now reaches every U.S. state and 73 countries, with more than 1.5 million students and teachers currently in registered Go Green schools. Last year she introduced a program in

Pleasanton that pairs high-schoolers with community leaders to give young people opportunities to affect change in their communities.

Innovation: **Jasmine Steele, Danville.** As a junior at San Ramon Valley High School, Steele created a smart phone application, "Allergy Blast," to help people easily and quickly share allergy and medication information. The app won the 2016 Congressional App Challenge for U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier's (D-Concord) 11th Congressional District and went on to represent Contra Costa County in Washington.

Rising Star: **Madeleine "Maddy" Wang, Pleasanton.** Fifteen-year-old Wang, a Foothill High School sophomore, finds ways to help the young, the elderly, the ill and the four-legged.

She established the This Side Up Foundation to raise funds for Donor Network West, a nonprofit located in San Ramon that facilitates organ and tissue donations, through selling specially designed

t-shirts, hosting CPR and first-aid classes and by promoting the annual Donate Life Run/Walk. She plays piano at the Sunol Creek Memory Care Center to entertain the elderly, and is active with Spectrum of Science, where she is a volunteer aid in science classes for elementary and junior high students. Shew also bakes dog treats to raise funds for Coppers Dream Animal Rescue.

Role Model: **Barbara Proctor, Pleasanton.** Proctor is 82 years young and touches the lives of people of all ages through her volunteer work.

Known as "GG," short for "Gorgeous Granny," by the second-graders she reads to, Proctor is a Booklegger for the Pleasanton Public Library, visiting classrooms to promote independent reading among elementary and middle school-age children. She also provides child care for mothers at Tri-Valley Haven and Shepard's Gate women's shelters. She is also a dedicated Meals on Wheels driver, providing meals and companionship to local seniors.

Lifetime Achievement: **Dolores Bengtson, Pleasanton.** Bengtson has shared her passion for the outdoors with Tri-Valley residents throughout her career and into her retirement.

She began working for the city of Pleasanton as a swim instructor, eventually becoming head of the swimming programs at the aquatic center that now bears her name. In 1979, as the director of the city's parks and recreation program, Bengtson developed the policy of planning neighborhood parks within a half-mile of most residences as well as larger community parks to serve everyone.

She also literally "blazed trails" by gaining permission to open up the trails beside local arroyos and canals, between neighborhoods, along the western ridge, and around the municipal golf course. After her retirement in 1998, Bengtson continued as a trail advocate and guide. Bengtson has also been part of many groups that have helped shape Pleasanton and surrounding communities. ■



JULIA REIS

New Valley View Elementary principal Soraya Villaseñor poses outside her new school last month.

VILLASEÑOR

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a teacher, they take child development classes or they're liberal arts majors, (but) I had none of that. Quite the opposite, I was like, 'I am not going to be a teacher.'

Nonetheless, she decided to give it a try and "fell in love."

Nearly 20 years after getting her first teaching job, Villaseñor was appointed the new principal of Valley View Elementary in May, replacing Rafael Cruz who retired in June. It's her first principal job and second as an administrator after serving as a vice principal for a year at Junction Ave K-8 School in Livermore.

Villaseñor, 40, grew up in Inglewood where gangs, drugs and violence were prevalent. Seeing that, her parents had her attend private school in Marina Del Rey instead of the neighborhood public schools.

"I think that's why politics was really calling me — I felt there was so much that needed to be changed," she said.

Her mother always worked in education and was employed as a teacher in Mexico, but because her credentials didn't transfer upon moving to the United States she didn't become a teacher here until she was 43. With Villaseñor's father on disability and unable to work, her mother worked two jobs while in school and raising four kids.

"She was a phenomenal teacher, just because she cared so much," Villaseñor said. "But she worked so hard. I think a lot of people go into teaching thinking 'Oh it's easy,' ... but I think because I saw it day in and day out and how much it consumed her as a kid I was like, 'Enough already.' But sure enough, as soon as I started, I realized what she had seen for so many years — the difference one person can make in a child's life."

Villaseñor added her mother "has always been a big cheerleader of mine."

"She calls me all the time, 'How's

it going?' and tries to make sure I remember why I'm here," she said. "She's always my go-to."

Villaseñor moved away from home in 2001 to attend UC Berkeley, where she earned her master's in education and teaching credential. After that she taught at elementary schools in Fremont and went back to school to get her administration credential. In 2014 she moved to Junction Ave, where she worked as a Spanish dual-language teacher before becoming a vice principal last year.

"Going into admin, I saw the little girls I taught and don't think they had role models; I don't think they ever had a principal who was a female Latina so I was like, 'I want them to see that it is possible,'" she said. "I always told my students, 'You're very capable of doing what you want,' but I put it to action. I said, 'I grew up in Inglewood, I had hardships, but I did it.'"

A Livermore resident, Villaseñor knew Pleasanton well before coming to PUSD. Her husband Dan Villaseñor is a recreation supervisor for the city, so she's been accustomed to bringing their children to events he's involved with.

She says Valley View's dual immersion program was a big draw for her.

"I looked into Valley View and the dynamics, the diversity of the school ... I was like, 'This is the school to work at,'" she said.

So far Villaseñor has been working to get to know the Valley View community.

"One of the things I try to bring is positivity," she said. "If we have a positive mindset, so much more can be accomplished."

When Villaseñor isn't at school, she's likely to be found watching her kids — who are 9, 10 and 12 — play sports. She also enjoys traveling with her family.

Villaseñor earns an annual salary of \$127,143 as principal of Valley View Elementary, located at 480 Adams Way. ■



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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Inmates who escaped custody in Dublin arrested in Mexico

Two women who escaped from a federal minimum security facility in Dublin last month were recently arrested in Mexico, U.S. Marshals Service officials reported last week.

Irene Michell, 37, and Anna Armstrong, 34, were serving time at FCI Dublin, a minimum-security prison camp for women, on federal narcotics charges when they escaped on the evening of Sept. 4.

Michell was serving 110 months in prison and her criminal record includes theft, assault, fraud and identity theft in Montana and Washington.

Armstrong was serving 63 months and has ties to Lancaster in Los Angeles County and Yuma, Arizona.

There were multiple public sightings of Michell reported after the escape, including in rural Livermore, but it was not until Sept. 26 that federal authorities tracked her down.

Michell was arrested Sept. 26 in an apartment complex in Tijuana less than 10 miles from the U.S. border. Armstrong was located and arrested in San Luis Rio Colorado in Mexico on Sept. 27.

Both were returned to the United States and charged with escape in federal court.

In other news

- Police are investigating a graffiti threat made against both Danville high schools that has been deemed not credible, according to local officials.

Danville Police Chief Allan Shields said the graffiti was found on a footbridge near Old Blackhawk Road, reported Sunday

afternoon by a resident. The message read, "Shooting at MV and SRV 10/3" — an apparent reference to Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley high schools.

Shields said Monday there was no evidence supporting the threat as credible, and no incidents occurred at either school on Tuesday when there was extra police presence at both sites.

The San Ramon Valley school district sent out a message to parents/guardians and staff, reaffirming that while there is no evidence supporting the threat as credible, they are nevertheless taking precautions.

"There is no evidence to support that this threat is credible," district spokeswoman Elizabeth Graswich said. "However, because the safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority, we are still taking this threat very seriously. We will be taking precautions to ensure student and staff safety, working very closely with Danville Police and our local law enforcement partners. There will be additional officers specifically at these two schools this week as well as increased police presence at all of our campuses."

- An insurance company is offering a financial reward for helping to track down and identify a male driver and female passenger of a Land Rover accused of crashing into a Blackhawk office building in August.

The \$2,500 reward is for the positive identification and arrest of the suspect in the case, according to Contra Costa County



JULIA REIS

Honoring Vegas victims

U.S. flags at all public buildings and grounds, including the Pleasanton PD station (shown), have been flown at half-staff this week out of respect for the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas last Sunday that killed 59 people and left 516 others injured. Among those who died were two Cal High (San Ramon) alumni: Stacey Etcheber and Denise Cohen.

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Sept. 24

- **Alcohol violation**
12:32 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
- 8:36 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- **Theft**
1:55 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
4:46 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
7:15 p.m., 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive; theft of bicycle
- **Vandalism**
11:14 a.m. on the 300 block of Yearling Court
- **Drug violation**
7:24 a.m. on the 5200 block of Johnson Drive
- **Assault/battery**
12:54 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 23

- **Burglary**
1:09 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop
- **Auto Theft**
11:49 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Sept. 22

- **Theft**
2:50 p.m., 3000 block of Boardwalk Street; theft from auto

- 4:48 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 4:33 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Graffiti offense

- 11:40 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Sept. 21

- **Vandalism**
4:34 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road
- **Graffiti offense**
4:51 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road
- **Shoplifting**
10:52 a.m. on the 4700 block of Hopyard Road
4:51 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- **Assault/battery**
3:19 p.m. on the 3100 block of Busch Road
- **Fraud**
1:51 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 3:19 p.m. on the 3100 block of Busch Road

Fraud

- 1:51 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Sept. 20

- **Theft**
7:36 p.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
8:14 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall
11:35 p.m., 4400 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Domestic battery

- 9:32 p.m. on the 2100 block of Goldcrest Circle

Alcohol violation

- 8:49 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

- 8:17 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

- 7:02 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Burglary

- 11:14 a.m. on the 3400 block of Boulder Street

DUI

- 10:34 a.m. on Foothill Road at Moller Ranch Drive

Sept. 19

- **Theft**
5:56 a.m., 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
6:44 a.m., 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft of bicycle
10:31 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; theft from auto
10:34 a.m., 3800 block of Appian Street; theft from auto
10:37 a.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
3:25 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft of bicycle
4:06 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
6:21 p.m., 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Express lanes are not a silver bullet for I-680, but should help

Bay Area freeway congestion delays hit a record high in 2016, up 9% from 2015 and a whopping 80% since 2010.

According to a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) report released last month, Bay Area freeway congestion delays — defined by MTC as time spent in traffic moving at speeds slower than 35 mph — during weekday commute periods increased to 3.5 minutes per commuter per day, up 9% from 3.2 minutes in 2015. The delay was only 1.9 minutes per commuter per day in 2010.

Until a few years ago, there were a number of Tri-Valley freeway segments on the top-10 most congested Bay Area freeway list.

The only Tri-Valley freeway segment to make the 2016 top-10 list was the northbound I-680 afternoon commute from Crow Canyon Road in San Ramon to Contra Costa Boulevard in Pleasant Hill. MTC is hoping to change this when express (toll) lanes from Alcosta Boulevard to Livorna Road northbound and from Rudgear Road to Alcosta Boulevard southbound open on Monday morning.

Express lanes, also known as high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, are available to carpools and other exempt vehicles without charge, but solo-driver vehicles are required to pay a variable fee that is adjusted in response to demand during operating hours. Because solo drivers can choose to pay to use a lane they could not use before, capacity increases in that lane, freeing up the general lanes. In theory, at least.

Express lanes are credited for another Tri-Valley stretch of freeway being dropped from the top-10 most congested list. According to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), the express lanes that opened last year on I-580 from Greenville Road in Livermore to the intersection with I-680 in Pleasanton/Dublin made the difference because they maximized capacity.

However, building additional lanes as part of the I-580 project no doubt contributed to the positive result. It makes sense that travel speed increases and congestion decreases with more lanes available, regardless of the presence of a toll lane.

The \$56 million I-680 San Ramon Valley express lanes project converts existing HOV lanes (one in each direction) into toll lanes, with no widening or additional lanes added. With more potential users of the far-left lane and more drivers maneuvering toward that lane, there seems a real possibility of some level of traffic flow improvement, but not nearly to the extent realized with I-580.

The I-680 San Ramon Valley express lanes will operate Mondays through Fridays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. — and remain free to all drivers outside those hours. When traffic is light during toll hours, the fees will automatically decrease so traffic moves in all the lanes and additional congestion is not created. However, it does not appear that there will be any “open to all” times during operating hours in this segment as there are on neighboring lanes on I-680 and I-580 in Alameda County.

Additionally, the express lanes would do little to reduce the number of collisions, stalls and other incidents on the roadways during rush-hour commute times, and these inevitably back up traffic — as do just normal traffic conditions at the key highway interchanges, I-680/I-580 to the south and I-680/Highway 24 to the north.

When crashes happen now, solo drivers will use the carpool lane to get around the incident, which helps alleviate some of the backup when a lane or lanes are closed. With a toll lane, though, this might not be an option, particularly for those without a FasTrak Flex toll tag.

A vehicle without a FasTrak moving into the express lane to avoid a backup could potentially be fined after the fact, as happens with automated toll enforcement at Bay Area bridges. License plate cameras identify vehicles moving through without a valid FasTrak and the vehicle owner gets a notice in the mail for the toll plus hefty penalties.

Express lanes are not the silver bullet that will immediately and completely fix the complicated and increasing problem of traffic congestion on I-680 in the San Ramon Valley. However, history shows these toll lanes can improve traffic flow.

We are hoping for a bit of relief to the congestion that plagues this stretch of freeway, but our hopes are tempered with realism. ■

LETTERS

School bond shuffle?

Dear Editor,

The school bond included a promise to “construct a new elementary school.” However, the board’s supporting resolution states: “Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).”

A new elementary school could have a positive impact for nearly half of our elementary students. Donlon, Fairlands and Walnut Grove could become smaller schools, students wouldn’t be overflowed from their neighborhood schools, and students and teachers could move out of portables.

There’s even a bonus if we save bond funds by not modernizing old portables.

Instead, the board has prioritized the tear-down and rebuild of

Lydiksen at nearly the same cost of the new school. This expense qualifies for less than a million dollars in matching funds from the state, rather than the tens of millions in a new construction match, and provides none of the benefits noted above.

There is no “new school” community lobby because families are at other schools, haven’t moved here or haven’t had children yet. There also are other, better needs to consider (Amador’s large gym is one) and that would provide an improved environment for a larger number of students.

Without active campaigns from parents, staff and the community, the board has no will to consider them and we will wait years more before additional funds become available again. And it appears they could use funds in ways not originally intended by voters.

—Kathleen Ruegsegger

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• For more information visit www.ptowndowntown.org

Planning Commission

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• P17-0327, Gary Sears

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator’s approval of an application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Large Family Daycare Home for a maximum of 12 children at the existing residence located at 2875 Garden Creek Circle

• PUD-105, Johnson Drive EDZ

Consider certifying the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) and consider applications on 12 parcels at 7106 through 7315 Johnson Drive and 7035 and 7080 Commerce Circle, comprising approximately 40 acres known as the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) for: (1) approval of a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation of the project site from Business Park (Industrial/Commercial and Office) and General and Limited Industrial to Retail/Highway/Service Commercial; Business and Professional Offices; and (2) approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning to rezone the project site from Planned Unit Development-General and Light Industrial (PUD-G&LI) District, Planned Unit Development-Industrial/Commercial-Office (PUD-I/C-O) District, and General Industrial (I-G-40,000) District to PUD-C District

Youth Commission

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Review of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 Community Grant Final Performance Reports
- Approve Funding Criteria for the FY 2017/18 Community Grant Program - Youth Category

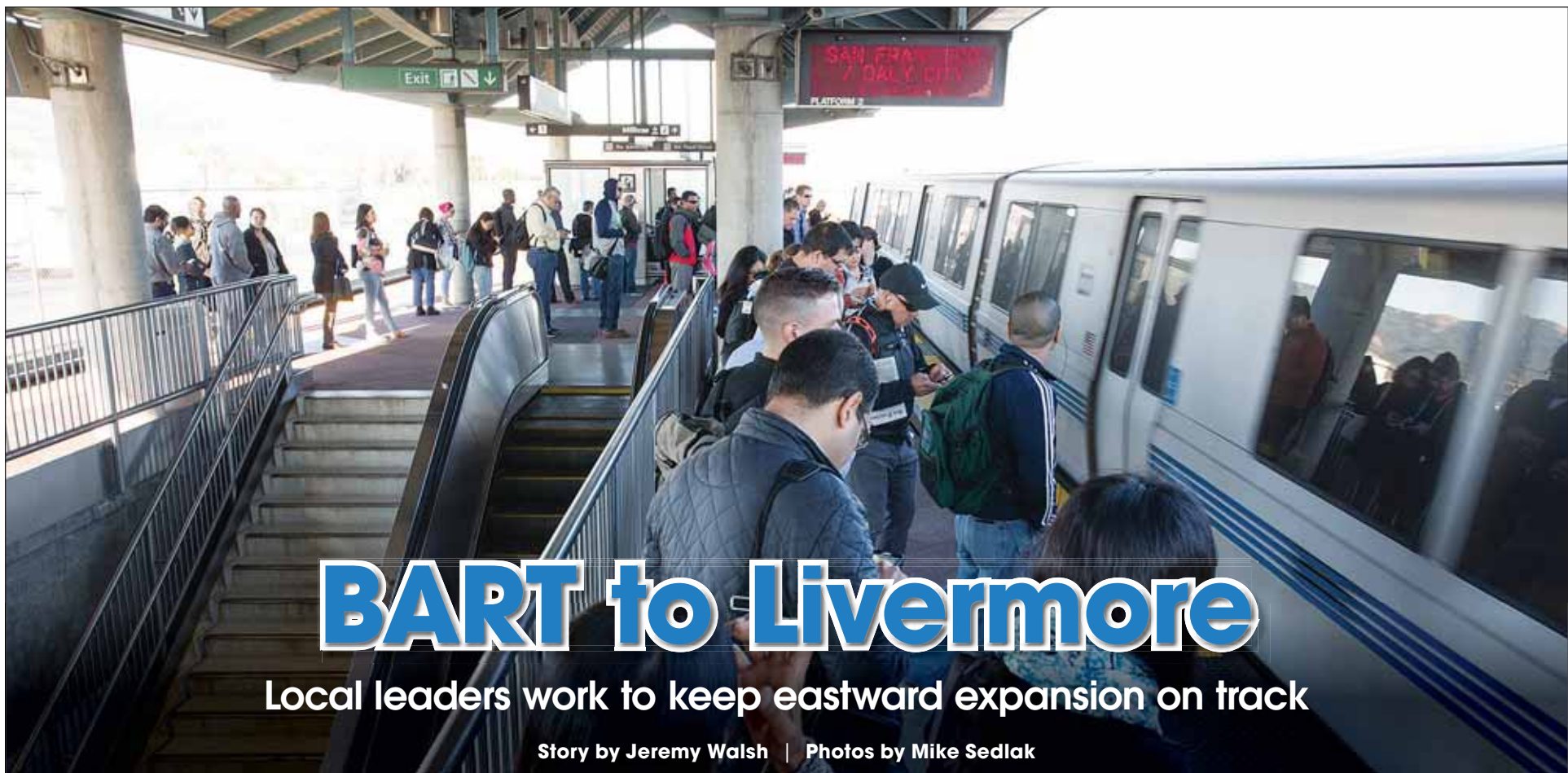
Library Commission

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider Library Code of Conduct
- Consider Library Meeting Rooms General Rules

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BART to Livermore

Local leaders work to keep eastward expansion on track

Story by Jeremy Walsh | Photos by Mike Sedlak

Morning commuters get ready to board an empty San Francisco-Daly City train at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station, the eastern-most stop on the blue line. But that could change if BART extends service to Livermore as long-planned.

Crowded commutes continue to dominate the lives of many residents throughout the Bay Area.

And perhaps no one knows that better than anyone who drives on Interstate 580 through the Tri-Valley.

Whether from the routine back-up at the I-580/I-680 interchange or the typically packed lanes during normal commute conditions (or worse yet the gridlock any time a crash occurs), freeway congestion has become a fact of life for most in Pleasanton.

“The only real solution for 580 is you put a gate down over the Altamont Pass and you keep those Central Valley people from coming in,” Art Dao, executive director of Alameda County Transportation Commission, quipped to the Pleasanton City Council during a presentation last month.

“Or,” Dao added, more seriously, “you build a mass transit extension out here to the foot of the hill.”

BART to Livermore — the

comprehensive transit project that’s been on the tip of Tri-Valley residents’ tongues for decades — received a boost of energy this summer.

BART in July released its draft environmental impact report (EIR) providing key analysis of a potential extension of BART service to Livermore.

The base proposal outlines traditional BART rail down the I-580 median to a new station near the Isabel Avenue intersection, estimated at more than \$1.6 billion. But the voluminous EIR also looks at alternative scenarios including a light rail station at Isabel or new Express Bus services between Livermore and the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station.

The public comment period for the draft EIR runs for another week and a half, putting the BART board on track for final EIR consideration next year — a major step toward moving forward on a project option.

And then last month, the State Legislature gave overwhelming support to bipartisan legislation that

would create a new regional agency tasked solely with delivering improved connectivity between BART and the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) train, including taking over construction of a BART extension to Livermore.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose district includes Livermore and Dublin, called Assembly Bill 758 “a game changer.”

“I have never been more optimistic,” said Haggerty, who has been involved with BART to Livermore for more than 20 years.

Leaders in the region agree that a public transit overhaul in the Tri-Valley is key to alleviating congestion. But the same question remains: What changes to make?

Tri-Valley residents’ input about the available options will be vital in helping the nine-member BART Board of Directors decide among what’s on the table now, according to BART Director John McPartland, whose district includes both Dublin-Pleasanton stations and Livermore.

“I represent the people, and I’m going to do my best selling to the Board of Directors based upon the analysis and feedback that we end up getting from the public,” McPartland said.

“That’s my job, is to get BART to Livermore,” he added. “That’s my sole purpose of being a director is to live up to my obligation to get BART to Livermore.”

As for Pleasanton city officials, Mayor Jerry Thorne said, “We know that any solution will be expensive, so we have to focus on options that make practical and financial sense — the rail extension options result in the highest ridership levels and will best meet the needs of our region.”

And Livermore is more than ready for rail expansion to move forward, according to Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

“In the original design for the BART system decades ago, the first extension was planned to come to Livermore. Since that time, BART has been extended to two counties that voted against going into the BART system,” Marchand said, adding:

“Livermore residents have paid almost \$400 million into the BART system. The time has come to build BART to Livermore.”

Traditional BART

The base proposal studied in the draft EIR outlines extending conventional BART rail from the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton station 5.5 miles down the I-580 median to a new station just east of the freeway’s junction with Isabel Avenue in the city of Livermore.

The full BART station would sit in the center of I-580 with pedestrian bridges giving access to either

side.

Freeway alignment would need to be shifted to create room for the larger median to accommodate the BART line and the new station, along with modifications to four I-580 interchanges. The number of travel lanes is not expected to change.

The Isabel station would include a parking facility with 3,412 spaces between a seven-level parking structure and two ground-level lots south of the freeway. Space for more bus transfers, passenger drop-off and pick-up, and taxi queuing would be on the north side.

The project would come with improved bus routes to connect the new station better with ACE, downtown Livermore and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, among other areas.

BART officials also say they would need a new storage facility to accommodate the new train cars and other materials because of adding a station. They propose building it north of I-580 about two miles away, northeast of Las Positas College.

All told, BART estimates design and construction of the traditional BART extension to Isabel would come in at \$1.635 billion — including \$300 million for cost escalation to the midpoint of construction.

The city of Livermore is also amid public review of an Isabel Neighborhood Plan, outlining potential transit-oriented development around a full Isabel BART station, including residential, retail, commercial and other uses.

If this rail extension is endorsed, construction would begin in 2021 and last until 2026, under BART’s current timetable.

That would depend largely on the schedules for the ongoing



Looking down at the Interstate 580 and Isabel Avenue intersection in the distance, a new BART rail station would sit just east (left) of the interchange in the freeway median.

environmental review, the design phase and obtaining funding.

As of July, BART had \$533 million committed to design and construction of BART to Livermore, consisting of \$398 million in Alameda County transportation sales tax funds, \$95 million in regional bridge toll allocations and \$40 million in city of Livermore impact fees, according to BART. The agency would likely look for state and federal dollars to fill much of the remaining gap.

And after construction, a full Isabel extension would see about \$19 million to \$23 million in annual operating costs for the first 15 years, according to BART.

"I absolutely support extending the traditional BART system to Isabel and keep that moving along," said local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon). "And I hope BART will see that's a smart investment to make."

The alternatives

BART leadership has not committed to a traditional BART rail extension to Isabel and is studying other options, including rail and bus alternatives, as part of its environmental review process.

• **DMU/EMU:** The lead rail alternative being considered for BART to Livermore is a diesel multiple unit (DMU), known colloquially as light rail. They are self-propelled cars with a diesel engine to generate their own power on a standard-gauge rail track, whereas traditional BART cars use electricity and run on wide-gauge rail track.

The DMU individual cars and overall trains are smaller than the traditional BART trains, but a DMU extension to Isabel would be almost \$40 million less expensive to construct at \$1.599 billion and almost \$5 million per year less expensive to operate.

DMU is the strategy BART is using in east Contra Costa County where central Pittsburg and Antioch stations are due online next year.

A related alternative for Livermore is electrical multiple unit (EMU), a project option closely aligned with the DMU in terms of size and impact, except that the cars are electrically powered instead of diesel. An EMU extension would cost nearly the same as traditional BART, but like DMU the subsequent operating costs are estimated at about \$5 million less expensive annually than full BART.

The DMU/EMU options would also involve extending BART rail to the I-580/Isabel interchange. There would be a smaller station footprint at Isabel, plus a smaller parking facility there and a smaller storage facility to the northeast.

Changes along I-580 and freeway interchanges would be implemented too, as would a new platform at the Dublin-Pleasanton station to accommodate riders transferring to the full BART system. The light rail construction timeline would mirror full BART.

• **Express Bus/BRT:** The next alternative being considered would see no rail improvements but an overhaul of bus infrastructure serving BART in the eastern Tri-Valley.

The Express Bus/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) options would increase the bus network, including new bus platforms at the Dublin-Pleasanton station. There would also be new bus ramps from the I-580 express lanes for buses to enter and connect directly to the transfer platforms, giving passengers the ability to transfer from bus to BART without leaving the station.

BART would add more car parking at the Dublin-Pleasanton station as well as at a new parking lot at Laughlin Road in Livermore.

This bus-only infrastructure would cost an estimated \$376 million. The construction timeline for Express Bus, like the full BART and either light rail option, would be from 2021 to 2026.

BART board vice president Robert Raburn, who asked that the Express Bus option be included in the draft EIR for BART to Livermore, said he thinks that alternative would help alleviate traffic concerns in the Tri-Valley while also guaranteeing better transit connectivity between downtown Livermore, the national labs and ACE stations — at an attainable cost.

"Right now, what we have on the table, I see a deliverable project ... it looks like we have funding for a project that is Express Bus with direct transfer," Raburn said during a phone interview. "And I don't see funding for a project that's in the \$1 billion-plus category. And that's the big dilemma: Who's going to pay for this?"

Raburn, who represents most of Oakland, was the only other BART board member to respond with comment after the Pleasanton Weekly emailed each last week asking for their thoughts on BART to Livermore.

• **Enhanced bus:** Coming in with the lowest pricetag — other than moving forward with nothing for Livermore — is an enhanced bus option, which would add bus



The view from the BART parking garage at the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton station on a typical morning, with drivers and trucks heading west on I-580 and lines of riders waiting on the platform for their BART train to arrive.

routes and other minor changes to improve access to the Dublin-Pleasanton station.

It would not include any significant capital improvements like transfer platforms or freeway-to-BART ramps.

BART estimates the enhanced bus option would cost \$25 million and could be built over two months. That's also how long it would take to implement the feeder bus improvements for the other alternatives.

In terms of rider impact, the full BART option would result in the highest number of new BART riders (11,900 per day) and most cars off the road (244,000 fewer vehicle miles traveled), according to the draft EIR.

DMU/EMU would follow with

7,000 new BART riders and 140,600 fewer vehicle miles traveled, the Express Bus would see 3,500 new riders and 92,600 fewer vehicle miles, and the enhanced bus would add 400 riders and reduce vehicle miles by 6,500.

Key elected officials in the Tri-Valley endorse rail extension to Livermore, but the type of rail system preferred still appears up in the air for them.

"The city of Pleasanton continues to believe that a rail option provides the best solution for both environmental and cost effectiveness advantages over the bus rapid transit option," Thorne said.

"There are options that we as a community need to consider," U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) said. "We could extend it up to Isabel,

we could go beyond Isabel with 'big BART' as we all know it. Or we could consider DMU, which could go all the way up the Altamont and into Tracy to really address where much of the congestion is coming from," he added. "I think the best thing we can do is collaborate as local leaders, find the funding and present to the community the options."

Joining forces

To help expedite — and better localize — BART to Livermore planning, Baker co-authored bipartisan legislation that received overwhelming support in the State Legislature to establish the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority.

The new agency's only task would be "planning, developing and delivering cost-effective and responsive transit connectivity" between BART and ACE that "meets the goals and objectives of the community," according to AB 758.

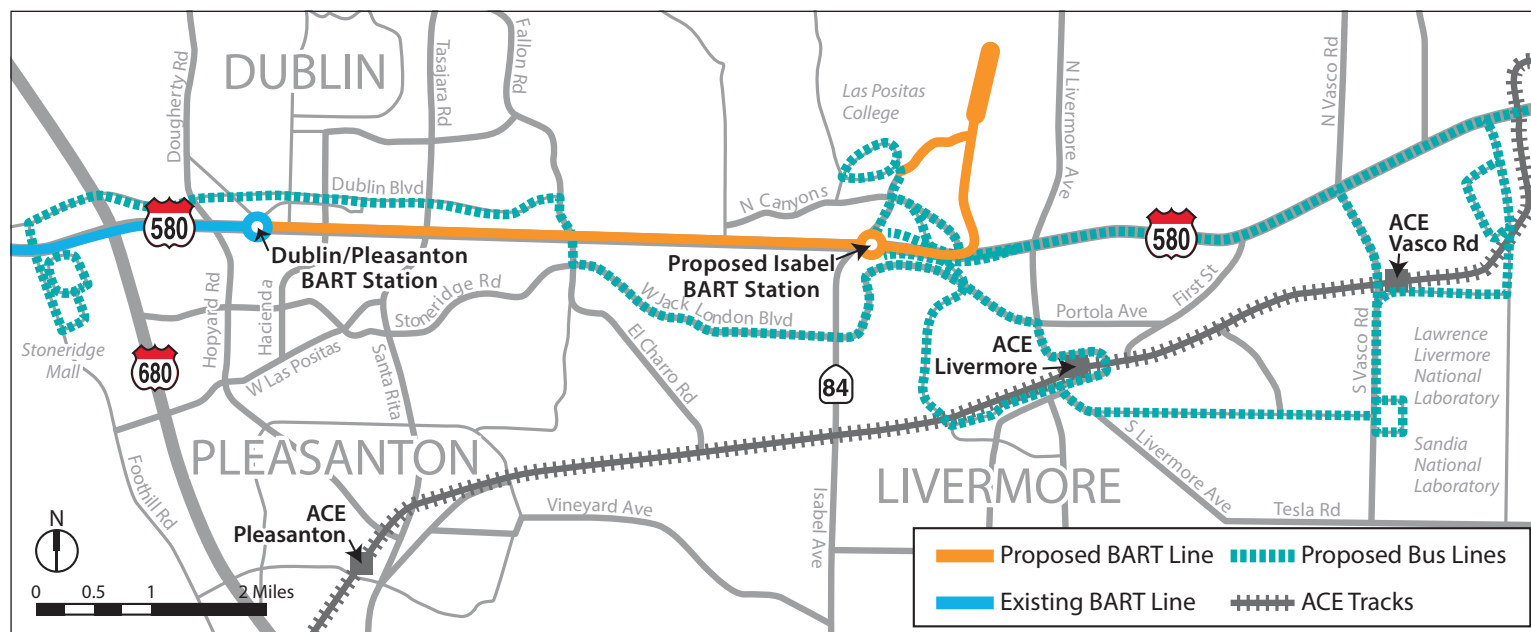
"What's wonderful about what 758 does is it gets the issue of connecting BART to ACE into one authority that has one sole mission: to deliver that project," Baker said. "And that's a model that we saw successful for extending BART into Silicon Valley."

"Connecting these systems is essential, and this is the absolute most effective way to do it, rather than just leaving it in BART's hands when they have many other serious challenges to overcome," she added.

Sponsored by Baker and Susan Talamantes Eggman, a Democrat from Stockton, AB 758 passed resoundingly out of the Senate and Assembly last month, with one nay vote per legislative house. The bill remains on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk awaiting approval or veto as of press time Wednesday.

If approved, the new joint powers authority (JPA) would have the ability to take over planning and construction of a BART board-endorsed option for extending BART to Isabel.

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Map shows where new BART rail would extend down I-580 to an Isabel station, along with associated bus route improvements to improve transit connectivity in Livermore.

BART to Livermore

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The JPA's governing board would be composed of 15 representatives, including Tri-Valley and west San Joaquin cities, both counties and BART. Some of those leaders have already taken part in a regional working group of local officials for the past couple years to keep the BART to Livermore conversation moving.

"Who better to shepherd the process along than those who are most impacted by it and who live it every single day of their lives," Thorne said.

The JPA concept to accomplish BART to Livermore has received strong support from key city, county, state and federal leaders in the Tri-Valley.

"Livermore has waited far too long for a BART extension. The traffic on 580 is intolerable. The Baker/Eggman bill will provide a much needed boost to accelerate the planning process," local State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) said.

One key opposition came from the BART board, a majority of whom voted earlier this summer to stand against AB 758.

But Baker pointed out that

opposition applied to the original draft of the bill, whereas the final version includes amendments that might have addressed BART directors' key concerns, including giving them more input.

"I think BART will take another look at why this is the best way to do this project and ultimately will help the BART system," the assemblywoman said.

The bill also states the authority is not designed to disrupt BART's environmental review process or infringe upon its process for planning and delivering an extension down I-580 to Isabel — unless the BART

board does not adopt a preferred extension project by next June 30.

The new authority would have to start its work soon, as AB 758 requires it to release a feasibility report publicly by July 1, 2019, outlining its plans for enhancing BART to ACE connectivity. If the report includes a recommendation for extending BART to Livermore, the BART board would have the ability to endorse or deny the project.

"It will include a preliminary design, a completion schedule and funding plan," Haggerty said of the feasibility report. "In short: It will be a plan to get construction underway as soon as possible."

Draft EIR

In the meantime, if you're looking for a little light weekend reading, check out BART's draft EIR online — all 3,888 pages, spread among two volumes plus appendices.

The document analyzes potential impacts, as well as strategies to mitigate those impacts, for a variety of environmental categories caused by all proposed BART to Isabel options.

Topics include impacts on transportation, agricultural resources, housing, visual aesthetics, cultural resources, geology, water quality, biological resources, noise, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and public health and safety.

BART has been collecting citizen comments, and held two Tri-Valley community meetings, on the draft

EIR since it was released publicly July 31. The deadline to submit comments is Oct. 16.

"I want people to continue giving feedback, even after they close open public comment (on the EIR) because that's going to be the kind of ammunition that will help me sell this to a crowd of other directors because I'm only one director out of nine," McPartland said.

Once the public review period closes, BART will prepare the final EIR to include all comments received and a written answer to "each substantive comment."

The BART board is expected to consider certifying the EIR — without which the project couldn't proceed — and approving its preferred extension option in the latter part of 2018.

With the EIR certification, BART would complete the environmental review required under state law. And then analysis under federal law, the National Environmental Policy Act, would follow.

The draft EIR is available online at www.bart.gov, plus in hard copy locally at the Pleasanton Public Library. Comments can be emailed to barttolivermore@bart.gov or mailed to BART to Livermore Extension Project, 21st Floor, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612. ■

Editor's note: To read more in-depth comments from the policymakers interviewed for this story, see the online version at www.PleasantonWeekly.com.



Aerial photograph looks west from just beyond I-580/Isabel interchange in Livermore. This area could look a lot different in the next decade if BART extends rail there and the city moves forward with its Isabel Neighborhood Plan.

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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Extravaganza next week combines
art and innovation

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON
The grand finale of the city's first
IGNITE! event will be Firelight Society
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Relay Robots will strut their stuff
inside the Firehouse Arts Center
lobby, displaying developing
"innovation."



An exciting evening is in store for anyone who ventures near the Firehouse Arts Center next Saturday night as art meets innovation with IGNITE! The free city-sponsored extravaganza will kick off at 5 p.m. Oct. 14 with the exhilaration of the Eden Aoba Taiko Japanese Drum Group.

"We've never done anything like this before — we are very excited about it," community services manager Michele Crose said. "We wanted something unique that would draw people into Pleasanton."

The evening event will feature two stages of live entertainment — one in front of the Firehouse and one in back. "Digital painters" Jeremy Sutton and Peggy Gyulai will interpret sounds and sights on their iPads throughout the event and project their findings on two large screens.

Inside the Firehouse Theater, "Ignite talks" — similar to TED Talks only just five minutes long — will give audiences a variety of topics to stimulate their thoughts and creativity.

In the lobby, Savioke's Relay Robot will show off its ability to perform tasks that are usually done by humans. (Relay Robot has been a hit serving hotel guests who are open

to high-tech innovations.)

Pleasanton's Civic Arts Commission had been wanting to create a signature event for the city for some time, Crose said.

"We'd been brainstorming for some time, and then in January 2015 we held a workshop to really draw down," she recalled.

They talked about Pleasanton's identity historically, and they kept coming back to the word "innovative."

"We were innovative growing hops, then with our roses, our dairy," Crose said. "We said, let's do something with art and innovation. It just clicked."

Pleasanton continues to be innovative, she noted, as home to businesses on the cutting edge of technology such as Oracle and Workday.

Crose said when they began to play with words and discuss their vision of the event, they agreed on "Ignite! Where Innovation Meets Art." Then they decided it should be an evening event, which would add excitement and be different from other city fests — plus it would not conflict with sports and other family activities.

"At this point, we have over 30 vendors that will be on the streets of Division and Railroad, both the art and innovations sides

of the event," Crose said.

Middle and high school students will have booths that focus on their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) and robotics programs.

"The Food Truck Mafia will be there, with about five trucks, so you can ignite your appetite at the event with their delicacies," Crose added with a laugh.

The Hot Club of San Francisco will perform gypsy jazz. And the evening will end with a performance, beginning at 8:30 p.m., by fire dancers from the Firelight Society, who guarantee they add sizzle to any event.

The city is collaborating on the event with Museum on Main, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, Pleasanton Downtown Association and the Pleasanton Unified School District. It is hoped that IGNITE! will take place annually. ■

Drums to robots to fire

What: IGNITE! Art + Innovation
When: 5-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14
Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., and nearby streets
Cost: Free

Large photos exhibit 'beautiful chaos'

Long exposure technique highlights innovation

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A series of six very large format photographic works is on display in the Harrington Gallery's downstairs hallway space through Oct. 21, in conjunction with next weekend's Ignite! Art + Innovation happening next Saturday evening (Oct. 14).

Bay Area photographer/videographer Cameron Meikle, 22, a native of Pleasanton, used long exposure on metal for this series of large pieces.

Harrington Gallery director Julie Finegan invited Meikle to show at this time, noting that "his work is very technical and he uses innovative processes, so it fits in with the theme of the city's festival."

Meikle will be on hand during the Oct.

14 evening festival to chat with visitors, and answer questions about his work.

"Light painting" grabbed Cameron's attention early and has not let go. He said he is fascinated with using light to paint a one-of-a-kind scene.

"Being in pitch black environments became an obsession," he said, noting that he initially spent hours experimenting with and manipulating light patterns out of flashlights, LEDs and steel wool, enjoying the challenge of balancing artificial light with the surrounding environment.

"Each image tells a story that is unique to each person's interpretation," Meikle said.

He recalled that he happened upon photography when he was "looking for ways



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Photographer Cameron Meikle used long exposure on metal for his series of large pieces now on display at the Harrington Gallery.

to best observe and understand the world around me." He was drawn in by the perfection within imperfection, and began photographing grittier landscapes where he was

inspired by the underlying beauty and movement. Absorbing these surroundings, he said, allows him to express himself through his camera "in the beautiful chaos of it all." ■

Livermore ArtWalk

New cultural events added to annual showcase

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

More than 150 artists will be on hand to interact with visitors as ArtWalk returns to downtown Livermore for its 16th year, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 14), sponsored by Bothwell Arts Center.

Everyone is invited to explore the wide range of works, from contemporary to classical, abstract to realism, pottery to jewelry and mixed media. Displays will be clustered throughout downtown parks, sidewalks, galleries, wine bars, restaurants and shops.

New this year will be cultural arts demonstrations on the stage at the Bankhead Plaza in front of the theater. Throughout the day, local groups will perform music and dance including the African cultural group Cheza Nami, the Livermore American Indian Center, the Hawaiian Halau Makani Lani, and a demonstration of capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art with Giga Mundo of Arena Training Center.

Also, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council will offer free music at Livermorium Park with the Celtic sounds of Gabe

Duffin and Friends, jazz combos and more. The Livermore Drum Circle and Kindermusik, as well as arts and crafts projects for children, will be at Lizzie Fountain.

Fifteen colorful banners, hand-painted by local artists, are already hung on poles throughout the downtown area in advance of the event, featuring many subjects, themes and visual styles. All 15 banners are available for sale through online auction on eBay from now until Oct. 14 to support the Bothwell Arts Center.

ArtWalk, which involves the entire community, will have members of the Disabled Veteran's Painting Program show their work at the Chamber of Commerce; and high school art will be on display in the Bankhead lobby. Currently, the Gallery at the Bankhead is exhibiting "Livermore Paint Out: Historical Livermore and its Vineyards," more than 40 works featuring landmarks and landscapes that make the city distinctive.

Information and maps for ArtWalk activities are available online at www.bothwell.lvpac.org. ■

Ventriloquist, comedian, magician

"Godzilla Theater" ventriloquist, comedian and magician Kevin Johnson will take to the stage at the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m. next Friday (Oct. 13) with his show for all ages. He was discovered on "America's Got Talent," with other TV appearances including "Late Night with David Letterman." Reserved seating tickets are \$20-\$30. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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Filmmaker Chris Brown at Las Positas

Amador Valley grad will show movie, talk about its making

Independent filmmaker Chris Brown, a 1986 graduate of Amador Valley High, will be at Las Positas College next week to show his film, "The Other Kids," and talk about its creation.

"The Other Kids" combines fiction and nonfiction as six teenagers about to graduate high school share their feeling, experiences and struggles, for a glimpse into the life of an American teen. The movie was shot without a script during 18 months in Sonora.

Brown, who attended San Francisco State University, has been making features and documentaries for more than a decade, including "On Her Own," "A River Changes Course," and "Fanny, Annie & Danny" in 2010, which were all acclaimed.

The movie evening of "The Other Kids," from 7-10 p.m. next Friday (Oct. 13), is a part of a film and arts class offered through Las Positas College Community Education, which promotes lifelong

learning and professional development. The cost is \$10. Register online at www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed or call 424-1467.

Brown has also lectured and presented his works at UCLA, Boston University, the San Francisco Art Institute, CSU Monterey Bay and University of Central Florida, among others. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, actress Jill Pixley, who performs in some of his films. ■

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TV30 set to air Foothill game

Football coverage continuing with two Amador tilts

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley Community Television is set to carry on its tradition of covering local high school football games starting this week when the Foothill Falcons travel to Granada for the Matadors' homecoming game.

This game, like the two others set for TV30 coverage later this month, will air on local community access television on the Saturday night after the game is played.

Play-by-play and color announcing will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich and Tim Sbranti, plus a high school field reporter. Interviews during the game will include coaches, players, principals, students, mayors and more.

"This is the ninth year of TV30's all-inclusive high school football coverage and broadcasts," TV30 executive director Melissa Tench-Stevens said in a statement. "We are very appreciative of the support

of the cities, local sponsors and the TV30 Foundation, as without them we would not be able to provide this coverage."

The Foothill-Granada game will be played tonight at 7 p.m., with the TV30 broadcast scheduled to air Saturday at 7 p.m. and repeat during the week.

TV30 will also cover Amador Valley this month, airing the Oct. 13 game when the Dons travel to Dublin and the Oct. 20 game when the Dons host Livermore.

The football games can be seen on Comcast TV30, AT&T U-verse via Channel 99 and also streaming at tv30.org. To purchase DVDs of the games or to find other broadcast dates, visit the TV30 website.

Tri-Valley Community Television, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides commercial and industrial production at its studio in Pleasanton. The facility also broadcasts programming over channels TV 28, TV29 and TV30 on Comcast Cable and on AT&T U-Verse via Channel 99. ■

Foothill girls host annual Falcon Invitational

Strong showings for Foothill boys water polo, both football teams

The Foothill girls water polo team hosted the third annual Falcon Invitational this past weekend and played well despite posting a 1-2 record.

The Falcons opened the tournament with a 15-5 win over Alameda.

Emily McElroy led the team with five goals and five assists. Also adding to the attack was Lauren Dennen, Zoe Reid and Monica Ureno each with two goals, and Erin Schafer, Maddie Bolt, Addie Sciammas and Beth Earle with one apiece.

Defensively, the Falcons had nine steals with McElroy, Dennen and Schafer leading the charge.

Foothill then lost against Livermore 7-4 in a close battle. The Falcons jumped out early with McElroy scoring two of her three goals, and Schafer also finding the back of the net. Great defense efforts in the cage were from goalies Kaylee Dillon and Sam Ramirez with a combined 11 saves.

The Falcons closed out the weekend tournament dropping a 6-4 decision to James Logan.

Offensively, Earle, Dennen and Ureno paced the effort, each with a goal, and Schafer with a power play goal. Dennen and Schafer lead the defensive charge with three steals each, while Earle and Reid also contributed defensively with eight steals.

Boys water polo

The Foothill boys team went 3-1 in action last week.

On Sept. 28, the Falcons knocked off Cal High 9-7 in an East Bay Athletic League match.

Contributing to the win were Matthew Dotson with three goals (four steals), Nathan Williams with two goals (four assists, two steals), and one goal apiece from Drake Southern, Dylan Pottgieser, Ryan Weiglein and Josh Nagra.

On Sept. 30, Foothill took fifth in the local, Amador Valley-hosted tournament.

Foothill lost its first game 12-11 in overtime to Alameda, but Southern had a breakout game scoring four goals (two steals). Also contributing were Dotson with three goals (one assist, three steals), Dylan Weiglein with two goals (one steal) and Williams

with two goals (three assists).

In the second game of the day, Foothill defeated Livermore 11-4.

Southern again lead the way early with three goals and Dotson followed up with four goals (one steal). Also contributing were Williams with two goals (three assists, one steal), Dylan Weiglein with one goal (two assists, one steal), Pottgieser with one goal, and Ryan Weiglein with two assists and one steal.

For the final game against rival Amador, Foothill prevailed 8-6.

Scoring for Foothill were Dotson with three goals (one assist), Ryan Weiglein with two goals (one steal), Dylan Weiglein with two goals and Williams with one goal (one assist, one steal).

Over these four games, Harrison

Carter contributed 51 saves in the goal. Backup goalie, junior Jacob Hvidt, also saw significant playing time in the Amador game, splitting time with Carter and contributing five saves.

Football

The local teams kept rolling on last Friday, as Amador beat Monte Vista 21-13 and Foothill defeated California 14-0.

Both teams are back in action tonight, with Foothill playing at Granada and Amador going to Danville to play San Ramon Valley. ■

Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit game info for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.



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SENIOR INFO FAIR The Dublin Senior Center will host a Senior Info Fair on Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Forty-two agencies will offer services including flu shots, blood pressure, balance and strength testing. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away throughout the event, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin.

WELCOME TO MEDICARE "Welcome to Medicare" events at John Muir Health Outpatient Center, presented by LAS/HICAP. Free sessions about Medicare enrollment and benefits, geared towards adults turning 65. Convenient hours, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., 5860 Owens Drive, starts Oct. 10. Free on-site parking. John Muir Health Outpatient Center. <https://www.johnmuirhealth.com>

Seniors

RETIREMENT FAIR Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley - Pre-Planning for a Successful Retirement at Pleasanton Senior Center. Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5353 Sunol Blvd. Free educational

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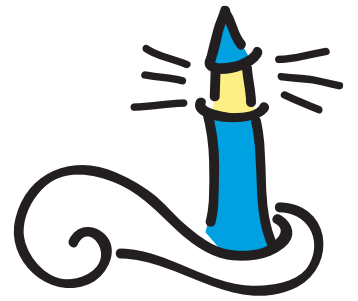
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File No.: 534822

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VAANHU
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 534273

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

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

The following person doing business as: **QUALITY CUSTOM BUTTONS, 4181**

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

JULIA HILL CONSULTING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 535406

The following person doing business as: **Julia Hill Consulting Services, 1440 Wilton Road, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County**, is hereby registered by the following owner: **Julia M. Hill, 1440 Wilton Road, Livermore, CA 94551**. This business is conducted by **Julia M. Hill, an Individual**. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein **September 14, 2017**. Signature of Registrant: **Julia M. Hill, Owner**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on **September 14, 2017**. (Pleasanton Weekly, September 22, 29 and October 6 and 13, 2017.)

Jeannette's Consignment Consulting
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 535460

The following person doing business as: **Jeannette's Consignment Consulting, 110 Mission Drive, Pleasanton, CA, Alameda County**, is hereby registered by the following owner: **Jeannette Osorio, 110 Mission Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566**. This business is conducted by an **Individual, Jeannette Osorio**. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein **September 15, 2017**. Signature of Registrant, **Jeannette Osorio, Owner**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on **September 15, 2017**. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2017.)

AAM Partners
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 536017

The following person(s) doing business as: **AAM Partners, 1085 Nolan Court,**

Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): **Shailesh Mangal, 34349 France Way, Fremont, CA 94555; Megha Jain, 1085 Nolan Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566**. This business is conducted by **Shailesh Mangal and Megha Jain, Individuals**. Registrants began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein **September 27, 2017**. Signature of Registrant, **Shailesh Mangal, Owner**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on **September 27, 2017**. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017)

Crows Landing Road Plaza, Crows Road Plaza, Crows Plaza, Crows Landing FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 535660-663

The following person **Crows Landing Plaza, LLC** doing business as: **Crows Landing Road Plaza, Crows Road Plaza, Crows Plaza, Crows Landing, 35699 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536, Alameda County**, is hereby registered by the following owner: **Crows Landing Plaza, LLC, 35699 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536**. This business is conducted by **Crows Landing Plaza, LLC**. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein **Crows Landing Road Plaza, Crows Road Plaza, Crows Plaza, Crows Landing, Signature of Registrant, Harpreet Grewal, Member**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on **Sept. 21, 2017**. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017.)



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Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

Dublin

4 BEDROOMS
7843 Hillrose Drive Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Story 918-3683

5 BEDROOMS
1737 Tramonti Drive \$1,498,000
Sun 1-4 Janice Habluetzel 699-3122

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
3940 Inverness Common \$650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mark James 216-0454

4 BEDROOMS
901 Medolla Court \$1,224,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore/Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 918-0986/980-9265

5 BEDROOMS
2998 Bresso Drive \$1,248,000
Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
4142 Peregrine Way \$838,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Jennifer Swalve 209-552-9806

3 BEDROOMS
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Sun 1-4 Rosie & Kent 463-9500

927 Happy Valley Road \$1,649,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7953

3275 Runnymede Court \$1,195,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

4696 Shasta Court \$1,089,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

2842 West Ruby Hill Drive \$3,380,000
Sun 1-4 Janet Cristiano 989-1200

5 BEDROOMS

6155 Club House Drive \$2,758,888
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

2471 Pomino Way \$2,489,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fran Cunningham 202-6298

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Pleasanton (Aug. 11-17)

Total sales reported: 6

Lowest sale reported: \$708,000

Highest sale reported: \$3,348,000

Average sales reported: \$1,437,812

Dublin (Aug. 11-17)

Total sales reported: 10

Lowest sale reported: \$575,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,200,000

Average sales reported: \$806,100

Livermore (Aug. 11-17)

Total sales reported: 23

Lowest sale reported: \$359,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,898,500

Average sales reported: \$788,760

San Ramon (Aug. 30 to Sept. 7)

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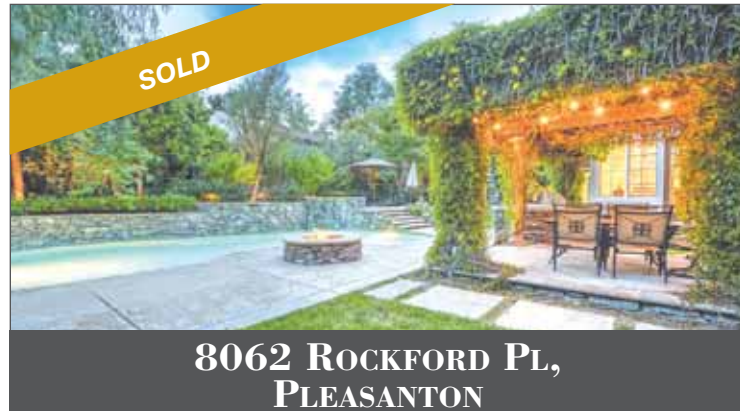
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First of all, a disclaimer. The appraisal in question generally refers to the bank appraiser assigned by the buyer’s lender to appraise the property as part of the loan process. If the buyer is paying all cash, they can still include an appraisal contingency, and contract to have the property appraised as part of the purchase. While sellers often wish it to be so, this clause does not apply to a previous appraisal obtained by the seller, either as a preemptive measure or as part of a refinance or purchase. Prior appraisals are not used to satisfy the appraisal contingency. In fact, as written about previously, the bank appraiser is independent of the lender, and seller for that matter. In theory, thanks to the recent changes in the appraisal process, appraisers have absolutely no contact with the lender. This is in order to avoid manipulation or undue influence on the valuation. So, if the appraisal comes in at the sales price or greater, the condition is essentially satisfied and the buyer can not cancel the agreement on that basis.

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1073 Via Di Salerno – \$2,650,000

Stately Mediterranean Masterpiece, overlooking the 12th Fairway of Ruby Hill Golf Course. This home takes advantage of the beautiful gardens and views from the spacious loggia. Separate entrance for Guest House or Art Studio. Over-sized kitchen with 2 islands. Kitchen has 4 dishwasher drawers and 2 freezer drawers along with built in refrigerator. Main level Master Bedroom Suite, 3 bedrooms upstairs with Bonus room.

Open Sunday 1-4



Rosie & Kent

5873 Corte Mente, Pleasanton – \$1,449,888

This stunning Country Faire home has been recently enhanced with sculptured carpet, extensive plantation shutters, fresh paint and an updated kitchen with high-end stainless appliances, and brand new quartz counter tops. The master bedroom includes a retreat area with its own fireplace & coffee bar. The park-like expansive backyard with large deck and much more.



Cindy Gee

7580 Canyon Meadow Circle, Pleasanton – \$430,000

Gorgeous 1 bed 1 bath home in the desirable area of Canyon Meadows! Updated and ready to move in!! Newer gourmet Kitchen cabinets, Quartz counters, stainless appliances, new custom paint, newer carpet, laminate floors, darling patio for outdoor bbq and sitting. This is a must see!



Al Zielske

712 Augusta Court – Dublin – \$999,999

COMPLETELY REDONE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. Just to name a few; kitchen, quartz counters, tile floor, maple cabinets, new cooktop, new dishwasher, new sink and faucets, bathrooms, flooring, new A/C and heating, dual pane windows, window coverings, new redwood deck to view Mt Diablo. New front steps and railing. Recessed lighting. Electrical redone. Indoor laundry. One quarter acre lot with small vineyard. Court location Just move right in.

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Showstopper Estate with Vineyard at The Reserve! Quality built by Toll Brothers, this stunning home w/panoramic views has been highly upgraded by original owners & feels brand new. Boasting 1BR/1BA Guest House on approx. 10 acre lot w/ over 8 acres of Vineyards managed by award winning Wente. Highlights include Gourmet Kitchen w/high end appliances, hand-picked quartz countertops, & upgraded Precision cabinetry. Executive Office & Main Level Junior Master BR Suite w/private entrance. Luxurious Master BR Suite w/ private Balcony, Retreat w/two-way fireplace, spacious Bath, & oversized walk-in closet. Hand-scraped wood floors, Control4 Smart House System, 6 car Garage & motor court. Private, resort Backyard w/pool & spa, built-in BBQ, fire-pit, & sports court.

6BR, 6.5 BA, 7129+/- Sq. Ft.

Offered at \$3,599,000

10 CARVER LANE, SUNOL



One of a Kind Country Estate! Custom single story with Guest House set in private location on almost 10 acres. Completely remodeled and professionally designed interior with high end finishes and luxurious amenities throughout. Gourmet Kitchen and Great Room, private and luxurious Master Bedroom Suite, Theater Room, Executive Office, Detached 6 Car Garage, & more! Resort Backyard with outdoor kitchen, fireplace, pool, and sports court.

5BR, 7 BA, 8058+/- Sq. Ft.

Offered at \$3,495,000

370 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON



Offered at \$1,699,000

4508 MIRANO COURT, DUBLIN



Offered at \$929,888

Welcome To The Team, Mary Arnerich!



Mary brings with her over 20 years' experience in sales and marketing. The past 10 years she has served as the Director of Membership and Corporate Wellness at ClubSport. She has trained and developed top-performing, award-winning sales teams. A second-generation real estate professional, Mary was first licensed in 2004. She has been a resident of the Tri-Valley for close to 15 years and currently resides in Pleasanton with her husband, Larry King, and their five children. An active volunteer in the community, Mary serves on the Board of Directors for the Stanford-ValleyCare Foundation and Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.



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927 Happy Valley Road | 4bd/3ba
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789 View Drive | 3bd/3.5ba
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DUBLIN \$1,498,000

1737 Tramonti Drive | 5bd/4.5ba
Janice Habluetzel | 925.699.3122
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PLEASANTON \$1,279,000

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2998 Bresso Drive | 5bd/3ba
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HAYWARD \$1,099,900

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PLEASANTON \$1,069,000

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