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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Police chief talks crime, other Pleasanton issues

Police Chief Dave Spiller has been making the rounds lately to talk up Pleasanton, and with good reason.

Still understaffed at a time when police work and pay is falling out of favor among college graduates nationally, the number of crimes in Pleasanton rose in 2015 (1,739) and 2016 (1,708) over earlier years (1,309 in 2014) and the growing number of cyber-crimes is taxing the police department's technological capabilities.

Crime totals for last year (data for 2017 will be released early next year) show that Pleasanton, with a population of 77,682, had almost twice as many reported crimes as San Ramon, which then had a population of 75,332 and 864 reported crimes.

Livermore, with a population of 86,870, reported 2,472 crimes — the highest in the Tri-Valley — with Dublin at a population of 54,695 reporting 1,187 crimes.

Listed in the crimes category with 2016 numbers for Pleasanton are homicide, zero; rape, 12; aggravated assault, 44; robbery, 45; burglary, 208; larceny/theft, 1,261; motor vehicle theft, 136; and arson, two. Of these, property crimes totaled 1,607 in 2016, down 45 from a year earlier.

Also increasing in Pleasanton — at least in the eyes of the public — are the numbers of self-proclaimed local homeless individuals. Spiller said most are seen seeking hand-outs from motorists at intersections such as Hopyard Road and Owens Drive.

"Ten cars will go through that intersection and five motorists will hand these individuals a \$20 bill," Spiller said. "The other five will call police to complain."

"For the most part, these are people who take BART to Pleasanton, spend time sitting in the median, which is perfectly legal, and go home at night after collecting hundreds of dollars," he added.

To put a stop to this, the police department is using social media and other platforms to urge motorists to give those \$20 bills to charities, where contributions are needed.

As part of their ongoing training, police officers are taking special courses on how to respond to threats from individuals who may have mental issues. Spiller, working with other police chiefs in Alameda County, is leading a multiple jurisdiction mental health network for police officers "to achieve a meaningful change in how we respond" in those cases.

It's a 40-hour block of very specific training about observation and behavior. The idea is to have officers learn to "give a little ground" to stabilize a situation involving someone who may be mentally challenged, even if the standoff takes a few hours.

"Residents may get mad to see their street closed, but there's no reason why we have to rush in to these situations and force a confrontation," Spiller said at a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce briefing.

Speaking later at a meeting of the Valley Real Estate Network, Spiller told Realtors they can help in his effort to reduce property crimes.

They should secure the locks on homes they are selling and talk to the neighbors if that home is going to be empty.

"We're living in an era with different lifestyles today," Spiller said. "Sometimes homeowners don't even know their neighbor next door, so Realtors can help to keep a neighborhood informed and alert."

Asked about allowing partygoers to carry alcoholic beverages in open containers in downtown Pleasanton during special events, such as during the upcoming Brew Crawl on Main Street, Spiller stood firm on continuing the ban.

"The Pleasanton Downtown Association keeps encouraging me to be a little more loose for these events," Spiller said. "But I don't want people roaming through our downtown carrying alcoholic drinks." ■

Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His "Around Pleasanton" columns run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

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What are you planning to do for Halloween?



Patrick Cyril
Software sales and consulting

I plan to hand out candy to the children in my neighborhood, while dressed up as an athlete for a United States national sports team. Thanks to my daughters, I already have the perfect jacket to wear.



Esha Cyril
Middle school student

I'm planning to go trick-or-treating with some friends. I won't be wearing a costume though. I'm getting a bit old for that.



John Minerva
Veterans Administration

There are a lot of kids in my neighborhood so I plan to spend the night handing out candy. I hope I don't run out. If I do, I have a stash of soda cans I plan to give out. I've done that in the past and the kids really love it.



Arya Cyril
Middle school student

I'm going to dress up as a character from the television show "The Flash," along with a few friends who are also going to dress up as characters from the show. We're going to walk around the neighborhood and have fun, but not really trick-or-treat.



Noa Cohen
Electrical engineer

I plan to take my children trick-or-treating downtown. We will probably go with another family or two, and we plan to have a great time.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Slurry seals

The city has been moving on to the next phase of its annual street resurfacing program to maintain and improve streets across Pleasanton.

Construction crews are now in the process of slurry sealing, a process performed on streets that are in better condition to serve as preventative maintenance to extend the life of a good street, city officials said.

More than 2.5 million square feet of pavement on 85 city streets are due to receive the slurry seal treatment, which will take into next month to complete, weather permitting. Notifications have already been sent out to all residents impacted by the slurry seal work, officials said.

The city's street rehab program consists of two distinct elements: full resurfacing for streets in need of more intensive efforts and repairs or the slurry sealing that applies a thin coat of asphalt and aggregate mixture to extend the service life of good streets.

For more details, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/roadwork or contact Lorenzo King at 931-5661.

Community meeting

Pleasanton's Downtown Specific Plan Task Force is holding a community meeting on Wednesday at the library to get more resident input on ideas being looked at to improve the downtown corridor moving forward.

The task force is part of city officials' effort to update the Downtown Specific Plan. "We invite you to learn more about the update process and participate in a conversation that will help shape downtown Pleasanton," officials said in encouraging people to attend next week's meeting.

The meeting is set to start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more info, visit www.PtownDowntown.org or contact city senior planner Shweta Bonn at 931-5611 or sbonn@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Parade prep

Applications are now being accepted for entrants and volunteers for the city's annual Hometown Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting and Celebration set for Dec. 2 on Main Street.

The Hometown Holiday Steering Committee is encouraging residents to submit their parade entry idea or share their time working behind the scenes to help make this year's holiday showcase a successful event.

The deadline to sign up is Nov. 22, with registration available online at www.hometown-holiday.com. ■

Zone 7 board OKs new water rates, moves ozonation project forward

Residents raise concerns about scope, cost of water treatment project

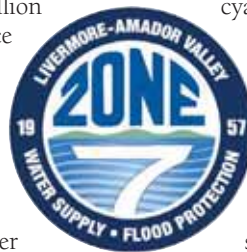
By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors approved an initial environmental review document for a Del Valle ozone filtration project and the agency's 2018 water rates during a three-hour meeting last week.

Spirited discussion around customers' water bills took center stage, with a handful of speakers voicing the concern that the ozonation project was too expensive and would ultimately lead to higher rates for customers to cover project costs.

Staff and board members, however, said the project — which currently has a projected cost of \$38-40 million and \$1.1 million per year in maintenance — is fundamental to ensuring the safety of water for locals and generations to come.

"We're the last of the Mohicans to use this technique," board member Dick Quigley said during the Oct. 18 meeting in Livermore. "It's proven successful. And we need it for our kids and our grandkids."



The purpose of the ozonation project is to enhance the water quality by disinfecting and treating cyanotoxins at the existing Del Valle Water Treatment Plant. The proposed project would include the construction of new facilities like an ozone generation building, contactor structure, new chemical facilities and storage, a new utility water pump station and some new impervious area.

According to a staff memo by

Tami Church, assistant water resources planner, the ozonation project has been included in Zone 7's capital improvement program for several years.

In 2008 and 2009, a consulting firm started evaluating the use of ozone as a disinfectant and as a way to improve the water quality at the Del Valle and Patterson Pass water treatment plants.

In 2015, after cyanotoxins were discovered at Lake Del Valle, the consultants completed another

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ERIKA ALVERO

Kissing a pig

Vintage Hills Elementary School principal Ann Jayne kissed a pig in front of the entire school Tuesday morning, paying up on a promise since students raised \$40,000 through the school's PTA Fun Run. Jayne, who offers to complete a challenge each year if students meet their fundraising goal, said the swine smooch was part of her commitment to "do anything for the students."

Board delays vote on Lydiksen Elementary rebuild architect

Contract due back at Nov. 14 meeting after rates left out

By JULIA BROWN

A \$1.33 million contract for an architect for the planned Lydiksen Elementary School reconstruction will be brought back to the Pleasanton school board's next regular meeting after administrators pulled the item from Tuesday's agenda because the hourly rates were not included.

Deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa indicated Tuesday night that the contract would return, with the figures that were mistakenly left off, as part of the board's consent agenda Nov. 14. Items on the consent agenda are voted upon all at once unless

pulled for separate consideration

The decision followed a board discussion and presentation by the CEO of the San Jose-based Aedis Architects, the firm PUSD administration is recommending the board select to design new classrooms and facilities at Lydiksen, located on the west side of town at 7700 Highland Oaks Drive.

The Lydiksen rebuild is among the projects slated for funding from the initial \$70 million Measure 11 bond issuance authorized by the board in August, with \$30 million earmarked for Lydiksen. Roughly a third of that amount would go toward soft costs such as

pre-construction testing and project fees, while the rest would cover construction, PUSD administrators said at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Four architectural firms responded to a PUSD request for proposals for the project, completing a design exercise that asked them to conceptualize new buildings in place of the current round ones (with Building E and the multipurpose room remaining), improve the parking and dropoff area and stay within a \$20 million construction budget.

The three highest scoring firms

The trial of a man charged with the fatal shooting of Pleasanton native Kathryn "Kate" Steinle on San Francisco's Pier 14 seems like it will come down to the question of whether he pulled the trigger on purpose and what he was aiming at — rather than his immigration status, which has grabbed national headlines.

The proceedings got underway this week with jurors hearing opening statements on Monday followed by the first witnesses that afternoon and the days ahead in the trial of Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, 54, who is charged with second-degree murder in the July 1, 2015 shooting of Steinle.

The trial has drawn national attention because of its ties to controversy over Sanctuary City policies used by San Francisco and other cities that limit the cooperation of local law enforcement with federal immigration authorities.

Months before the shooting San Francisco officials had released Garcia Zarate, an undocumented immigrant, from jail after a minor drug charge was dismissed without notifying federal immigration authorities, as is the city's practice for most cases.

However, assistant district

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PUSD board talks self goals, policies at workshop

Governance handbook revisions, new superintendent evaluation process among outcomes

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's five school board members and first-year Superintendent David Haglund spent hours last week discussing what they all expect of each other in working together as an effective governance team leading the Pleasanton Unified School District.

The workshop Oct. 19 covered the gamut for how the board wants to govern, with topics including the board's job description, what makes a good leadership team, reviewing the PUSD governance handbook, changing the superintendent evaluation process and what legacy board members want to leave behind.

"The legacy that I would like to leave the community is that we have a school system that didn't and doesn't rest on its laurels or gets complacent, but that has the ability to have an honest and continuous

improvement and better the relationships with each other, with the students and continuously works to better education for all students," board president Joan Laursen said.

Led by education consultant Gloria Johnston, the nearly 3-1/2-hour workshop gave the board members and superintendent the opportunity to delve deeply — as a group, in public — into the goals and expectations of themselves as the governance team in what is a critical time for PUSD leadership.

Haglund, a former deputy superintendent in Santa Ana with a doctorate in education, took the helm in July as PUSD's fourth leader since former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi stepped down in June 2015 to take over as Castro Valley schools superintendent.

Just over three months into Haglund's tenure proved the right

time for the six PUSD leaders to sit down and debate the identity of the district's governance team, a sparsely attended public meeting that ranged from team-building to informal idea sharing to serious debate on policy revisions.

"That's what a team does, when they come together, is say, 'How do we keep working together and make things work for our kids, our parents, our families, our community,'" Johnston said at the outset Oct. 19.

The district brought in Johnston to facilitate the governance workshop, and as board members decided later in the meeting, she'll come back next spring to assist them with Haglund's first annual evaluation. The scope and cost of the San Diego-based consultant's contract is still pending.

Johnston's workshop at the boardroom at PUSD headquarters opened with the board participating in a "legacy dialogue," answering prompts such as why they wanted to serve on the board and what legacy they hope to leave with the community.

"I personally value education. I think it's the most important thing we can do as a society for our kids," board member Valerie Arkin said. "I wanted to serve on this board because I wanted to do great things for kids, make decisions that are great for every single kid in our district."

"I really would like to see us make tangible steps toward our strategy and mission ... I really would like to see us move the needle on student stress somehow," board vice president Mark Miller said, later adding he would also "like to be remembered as someone who ensured we executed our school bond with excellence."

The group then looked at a half-page description of the board's "job," a list condensed from the

California School Boards Association professional governance standards. The board later added this description verbatim to PUSD's governance handbook.

Next came a review of characteristics of what can make governance teams effective and ineffective — a pair of 10-item lists created by Johnston — and a discussion of what areas the board excels at and struggles with.

The effective list included maintains a unity of purpose; has a vision, mission, core values and strategic goals and is able to articulate them; keeps the focus of their work on student learning; sets annual goals and conducts annual board and superintendent evaluations; and seeks valid and reliable information on which to base decisions.

The ineffective list featured items such as lacks trust and confidentiality, lacks preparation and commitment to effective governance teamwork, has poor communication and disrespectful behavior, micromanages, and has no common vision, mission or core values.

Board member Jamie Yee Hintzke said she has experienced each of the first three ineffective items, in some form or another, during her nine years on the board to date.

The group then went over Johnston's worksheets on what the board needs from the superintendent to be successful, what the superintendent needs from the board to be successful and board meeting norms.

Following a mid-meeting break, the board members and superintendent spent almost an hour reviewing the district's governance handbook, a 17-page document complete with mission and vision statements, roles and responsibilities, team culture and protocols.

"The handbook is impressive," Johnston told the board. "I mean,

not a lot of districts do something of this volume ... It's clear you spent a lot of time on this."

First adopted in 2012, the governance handbook was updated in 2014 and 2016. Thursday's review ranged from simple wordsmithing to in-depth debate about word choice and protocol background.

The document's cover page, for example, still lists Rick Rubino as superintendent and Chris Grant as a board member — and thus leaving out current position holders Haglund and first-term board member Steve Maher.

That and other proposed governance handbook revisions are set to come back to the board for final adoption at an upcoming regular meeting.

In another key conversation, the board endorsed revamping the superintendent evaluation process, including contracting with Johnston to help them prepare Haglund's year-end review next spring.

In the recent past, the five board members would meet in closed session in the spring to discuss the superintendent's performance and the board president would write the final evaluation on the board's behalf.

This year, the board plans to check in with Haglund in November and February to speak about his performance to date and then have Johnston facilitate his final evaluation in the spring, a nearly month-long process that would include meetings with each board member and a group meeting with the board and Haglund before she drafts the final evaluation document for board approval, she said.

As Haglund described, a facilitator could help the board "ensure that you get what you want out of me, and we have a process that we can all rely on that's transparent to the community." ■

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Teen improv troupe presents scare-fest

Creatures of Impulse bringing improvised 'Ghost Stories' to Firehouse

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Creatures of Impulse, the Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe based in Pleasanton, has opened its eighth season at the Firehouse Arts Center with "Ghost Stories," promising new twists on its ever-popular Halloween-inspired fall classic.

The troupe suggests we "gather around the (figuratively speaking) campfire" as audience suggestions inspire Creatures of Impulse to create custom-made ghost stories live on stage.

"Come and see your very own 'dark and stormy night' come to life," said founder, coach and director Mark Duncanson. "Every show is different, and we get lots of fans who come to two or more performances in the Creatures' annual scare-fest."

"Ghost Stories" is a long-form, story-based improv show. Audience members will be asked for suggestions before the show starts to help inspire the creation of characters and storylines.

"We hope to give audiences another perspective on improv with our long-form narrative performances like 'Ghost Stories,'" Duncanson said. "Improv isn't just one-liners designed to go for laughs. We hope to create compelling stories and characters with audience suggestions, and then take them along for the journey."

He noted that although the performers do not use props, sets, costumes or makeup, they are effective.

"I love when the performers in Creatures of Impulse can make an audience wince and cover their eyes

with space object work," he said. "One year, two audience members had to leave the theater because, they said, 'it got too intense!' They eventually went back in, but I consider that a huge compliment for improvised horror — mission accomplished!"

The unique shows, which kicked off yesterday, continue this week at 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday.

General admission is \$5, students; \$10, adults. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. Doors open 20 minutes before each show.

Creatures of Impulse is a teen improv troupe sponsored by Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Department. ■



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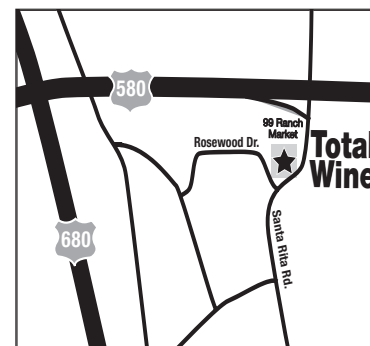
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Governor signs series of Baker bills

BART to ACE, protecting crime victims, firearms warnings among legislation topics

By JEREMY WALSH

Among the 859 bills signed by Gov. Jerry Brown over recent weeks were a variety of new laws authored or co-authored by local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

Baker's bills covered a range of topics, including helping connect BART to ACE train, protections for some of the most vulnerable crime victims, prioritizing California students in the UC system and warnings for firearms.

"I am honored to have seven bills signed by the governor, all bipartisan. These bills improve our transportation, education opportunity and public safety, and make a real impact on our quality of life," the second-term Republican told the Weekly.

AB 758: The bill that could have the most impact on everyday life in the Tri-Valley is Assembly Bill 758.

The legislation creates 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.

"This bill is a major step forward to connecting BART and ACE in the Tri-Valley. Connecting the two transit systems will help relieve traffic congestion, improve air quality, and lower commute times," Baker said in a statement.

The Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, which is endorsed by local elected officials throughout the Tri-Valley, would be a joint powers authority overseen by a board with 15 representatives, including officials from Tri-Valley and west San Joaquin cities, both counties and BART.

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.

The regional authority concept is similar to the process bringing BART rail to the Silicon Valley.

AB 1525: This Baker bill focusing on firearms warnings describes a specific statement on the risks of

guns that will need to be included on packaging and descriptive materials accompanying firearms, in the instruction manual developed by the state and at the premises of licensed firearms dealers.

The new law also requires a specific warning be given to all people who take a firearms safety certificate examination in the state.

The firearms packaging warning would read:

"WARNING" (with a yellow triangle containing an exclamation mark).

"Firearms" must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users. California has strict laws pertaining to firearms, and you may be fined or imprisoned if you fail to comply with them. Visit the Web site of the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> for information on firearm laws applicable to you and how you can comply.

Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you

may be fined or sent to prison."

AB 1674: Aimed at helping state residents get preferred admittance into University of California (UC) system colleges, AB 1674 urges UC officials and their Academic Senate to implement policies to make sure academic qualifications for out-of-state undergraduate students generally exceed qualifications for California undergrads.

The bill was inspired by an independent audit that found the UC system admitted nearly 16,000 nonresidents with lower academic qualifications than California students as well as adjusted standards to make it easier for nonresidents — who pay higher tuition — to gain admission, Baker noted.

AB 993: With the goal of protecting some of the most vulnerable victims, AB 993 expands the breadth of crimes for which child victims of sexual abuse can use video testimony during the criminal prosecution of their abuser.

State law already allowed for children 15 years old or younger or with developmental disabilities to opt for video or stenographic testimony in court in certain cases of sexual abuse. Baker's bill extended

the list to include more of the most heinous sex crimes against children that were previously left off.

AB 953: Also with vulnerable victims in mind, AB 953 aims to protect the privacy of victims in child abuse and domestic violence in court proceedings by expanding the range of court documents with victims' identifying information that will remain confidential.

Among its provisions, the bill allows victims and their guardians to request that a minor victim's name, address and circumstances surrounding the case are confidential in court documents.

AB 1444: With driverless vehicle testing on public roads requiring state approval, Baker authored legislation allowing a Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority pilot project to test autonomous shuttles in Dublin near and around BART.

AB 434: With state officials learning some state agency websites weren't following full accessibility standards to accommodate people with visual, hearing or mobility disabilities, Baker's bill requires each agency's administration to verify and certify that their website is fully compliant with accessibility standards by July 1, 2019.

To learn more about Baker's legislation or any of the bills approved or vetoed by the governor, visit <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>. ■

PUSD earns strong credit ratings ahead of first bond issuance

By JULIA BROWN

Pleasanton Unified School District received positive news on its credit ratings this month ahead of issuing its first series of Measure 11 general obligation bonds, with Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Analytics giving the district high ratings of Aa2 and AAA, respectively.

The strong credit ratings reflect the district's dedication to financial stewardship through efforts such as recently implementing various measures in recent years — including conservative budgeting, eliminating the district staff's food budget and a commitment to reduced legal expenses — to eliminate the need for an anticipated \$3.2 million in cuts by 2020 based on current information, according to PUSD officials.

PUSD deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa called the ratings "a testament to the district's collaborative efforts towards long-term financial stability and financial stewardship on behalf of our Pleasanton community."

The district's credit opinion from Moody's states that the rating "reflects the district's large and growing tax base benefiting from its Bay Area location and very strong residential wealth measures."

Fitch gave the district the highest possible rating.

The rating is based on the district's property tax base, including total assessed property valuation in the district, which has risen from \$21.1 billion in 2016-17 to \$22.4 billion in 2017-18, according to PUSD officials.

The rating "means investors will charge lower interest rates on bond debt, which translates to lower taxes for district property owners," district officials added.

Months after voters approved the \$270 million school facilities bond measure, the school board in August authorized the initial \$72 million bond issuance, with administrators indicating at the time that those proceeds would become available this month.

That revenue has been earmarked for staff and student technology; the Lydiksen Elementary rebuild; certificates of participation debt payoff; modernizations qualifying for state funding; infrastructure, safety and security projects, and a new elementary school feasibility study.

"We look forward to receiving bond proceeds to begin the much needed improvements at our schools," PUSD superintendent David Haglund stated. "We would like to thank the Pleasanton community for their incredible support and are excited to share future updates on our progress." ■

SCHOOL BOARD

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were interviewed by a panel of administrators Oct. 4. Based on those interviews as well as criteria including the design exercise, firm experience and proposed costs, PUSD administrators decided to recommend Aedis for the work.

Aedis CEO Thang Do was on hand Tuesday to give a brief presentation on school projects his firm has completed. Last week trustees Valerie Arkin and Steve Maher and district administrators toured the Aedis-designed Cedar Grove Elementary in San Jose.

Do said more than 90% of the work done by Aedis Architects involves schools.

"We are very excited to begin working with Lydiksen," Do said at the beginning of his presentation, which delved into 21st-century learning environments designed at different schools.

If awarded the contract, Aedis representatives would meet with administrators and the Lydiksen modernization/rebuild site committee in November to discuss priorities and get general input. The site committee is made up of district administrators, Lydiksen parents and staff.

The architect would then present a conceptual design to the board at their Jan. 30 meeting before it would go before them for approval Feb. 13, according to a tentative project timeline.

Ochoa said Tuesday that the committee will consider whether capacity should be added to the school as part of the project. Once the committee begins meeting, their agendas and minutes will be posted to the district website, she added.

Once the design is approved, the district estimates it would take an additional year to complete design and construction drawings, followed by six months of review by the Division of the State Architect and a two-month bidding process. That would put the construction on track to begin in summer 2019, with students and staff moved into the first completed classrooms by fall 2020.

The Lydiksen rebuild is among several major projects anticipated under the Measure 11 bond program, which is expected to generate \$270 million in revenue for school facilities.

In other business

• Trustees heard reports on Next Generation Science Standards and state testing results.

Earlier this month the state released results of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), which indicated a total of 77% of PUSD 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.

Tuesday's presentation delved into PUSD's results compared with the state and nearby districts, as well as results among grade levels and certain student groups.

The presentation on Next Generation Science Standards, meanwhile focused on how the district is working to implement new science standards that emphasize teaching connections across different domains of science as well as disciplinary core ideas and science and engineering practices.

Heather Pereira, PUSD coordinator of extended day academic interventions, said Tuesday that administrators are currently reviewing related new instructional materials with plans to pilot selected ones next school year.

• The board approved a resolution and agreement for the design of the district's Proposition 39 funded energy expenditure plan.

The California Energy Commission has approved \$1.88 million in funding to implement the district's plan, with money going toward exterior lighting, gym lighting, stadium lighting upgrades and some HVAC replacement at all district sites.

On Tuesday trustees selected EMCOR as the design/build contractor for pre-construction services at a cost of \$143,000, which will be paid for through Prop 39 funds. Administrators will return to the board with a proposed construction contract at a future date. ■

STEINLE

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attorney Diana Garcia did not mention Garcia Zarate's immigration status Monday morning, focusing instead on rebutting the defense claim that the shooting was accidental.

Steinle, a 32-year-old who lived in San Francisco's South Beach neighborhood and worked at Medtronic, was walking on the pier with her father and a family friend around 6:23 p.m. after a meal at the nearby Ferry Building when she was struck in the back by a single bullet and killed.

Garcia Zarate was arrested within roughly an hour of the shooting about a mile away after witnesses saw him fleeing the area. The gun used in the shooting was later recovered from the water where he allegedly threw it after Steinle was struck.

The gun had been stolen from the car of an off-duty Bureau of Land Management agent days earlier, although no evidence directly links Garcia Zarate to the theft.

Defense attorneys have noted that the bullet ricocheted off the ground a few feet in front of Garcia Zarate before it hit Steinle and have suggested that the gun went off in his hand after he found it hidden on the pier.

However, prosecutor Garcia went to great lengths Monday morning to persuade jurors that the gun, a .40-caliber Sig Sauer the agent used as a secondary duty weapon, was in good condition and is designed to be difficult to fire accidentally.

"He knew he had a gun, he meant to conceal it, he meant to shoot people on Pier 14 and he ended up killing Kate Steinle," Garcia said.

In his opening statement Matt Gonzalez, chief attorney for the public defender's office, told jurors that Garcia Zarate found the gun beneath a seat at the pier where he was sitting that evening.

There is no evidence that Garcia Zarate stole the gun, that he possessed it in the days leading up to the shooting or that anyone saw him holding it prior to the shooting, Gonzalez said.

Nor did he have a violent history or the kind of firearms experience necessary to have struck Steinle from a distance of around 90 feet given that ballistics evidence shows the bullet bounced off the ground before hitting her, Gonzalez said.

"Only a freakish ricochet which altered the course of the bullet caused this tragedy," Gonzalez said. "There has never been a ricochet charged as a murder in San Francisco history. An expert marksman couldn't make this shot if he tried."

Evidence then began Monday with brief testimony from Steinle's father Jim, who was present when she was killed and recounted her final moments for jurors. More prosecution witnesses followed in the days ahead before press deadline Wednesday.

Garcia Zarate remains in custody without bail during the trial. ■

—Sara Gaiser, Bay City News

ZONE 7

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study on the best treatment for cyanotoxins and found that ozone use was the best manner available.

In May 2016, the Zone 7 board awarded a contract to CDM Smith to design the Del Valle ozone system, pending compliance with state environmental law.

A draft initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) was prepared, with mitigation measures identified in areas of potential significant impact: air quality, biology, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality and tribal cultural resources.

The board received no comment letters during a 30-day public review period, and so the final IS/MND remained unchanged from the draft version. This document is what the board approved Wednesday in a 7-0 vote, allowing Zone 7 staff to move forward with funding negotiations and the project design.

Specific funding mechanisms are still up in the air, though the board is considering either pay-as-you-go financing or debt-financing for the ozone projects. According to water resources planner Elke Rank, 100% of funding for the Del Valle project will come from Fund 120 — Improvement, Renewal & Replacement.

The proposal saw opposition from several residents, some of whom carried signs reading phrases like "Roll Back Rate Hike Along with Drought Surcharge."

Tish Niehans, a Pleasanton resident who had voiced concerns about the board's lack of transparency earlier in the meeting, was critical of the board's public review process, saying that she had not been alerted to the environmental review.

"I think there was a failure of adequate public notice for this draft document...I surely would have commented, because I'm concerned not just with environmental impact of construction dust and dirt and noise, but of what massive amounts of ozone, 24/7/52, for the

next 25 years is going to mean for the environment of the vineyards close by and the people living nearby," she said.

Board member Sarah Palmer, a science teacher with a degree in biochemistry, addressed Niehan's latter concern later, stating that in the treatment process, the ozone would be destroyed before getting released into the environment.

Other residents expressed the sentiment that the scope of the project was unnecessary and too expensive.

Vin Pohray acknowledged that ozone was an effective disinfectant. "What we have as a concern is that the use of ozone should be limited to settled water and disinfection, as most other agencies do," he said. His concern rested in how the project would be treating raw water with ozone.

However, Palmer again pointed to a chart from the presentation earlier, citing other plants and projects that were also treating raw water — the L.A. Aqueduct, Stockton Delta Water Supply Project and the Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant in San Mateo were included, among others.

Two members of the public spoke up in favor of the project, thanking the board for moving forward with it.

"I think that now is the time to move forward with this technology," Pleasanton resident Jill Buck said. "I'm so tired of seeing our infrastructure — locally, statewide, and nationally — crumbling around us, and hearing the same tired excuse, that it's too expensive to do anything, when we all know that it will only get more expensive the longer we wait."

The other public proponent was Livermore Mayor John Marchand, a chemist who also served on Zone 7's board for 15 years. "I assure you, the risks of trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, haloacetonitriles, and the cyanotoxins, those risks are very real," he said. "Ozone represents the state-of-the-art treatment. Our children and their children deserve nothing less."

The Zone 7 board also talked 2018 water rates, voting to end the

temporary drought surcharge after it expires in December 2017 and to approve staff recommendations for both treated and untreated water rates.

Zone 7 sells water wholesale to local service providers, including the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Cal Water Livermore and the Dublin San Ramon Service District (DSRSD). Zone 7 rate increases are passed through to ratepayers.

According to Osborn Solitei, Zone 7's assistant general manager of finance, the base rate for treated water will increase from \$1.98 per 100 cubic feet (CCF) to \$2.04 per CCF, and the average retailer pass-through of Zone 7's fixed charge will go up from \$1.07 to \$1.12. However, without the surcharge, Solitei said, the overall sum of the treated water rate components will decrease from \$3.62/CCF to \$3.16/CCF.

The city of Pleasanton is still determining how the new rates will affect residents' water bills.

"The city is working on

constructing our rates adjustment based on last night's Zone 7 action," said Leonard Olive, assistant director of Pleasanton's operations services, in an email to the Pleasanton Weekly. "Allocating the 'fixed' component of their rate structure over our customer base requires some detailed consumption forecasting for the next year. We will likely have a close approximation within a week, with fine-tuned numbers by the end of the month."

The vote counts for canceling the drought surcharge and approving the treated water rates were 6-0, as vice-president Jim McGrail left the meeting early.

Following a heated exchange between untreated water customer and former board member David Lunn and board member Bill Stevens, the board also voted to approve increases in untreated water rates as well, which would go up from \$113 per acre-foot (AF) to \$129 per AF. Five voted in favor of the increases, with Palmer abstaining without elaboration. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton PD swears in two new officers

The Pleasanton Police Department welcomed its newest officers when Bay Area natives Austin Eckardt and Daniel Efting took their oaths of office last week.

Eckardt, a Livermore High School alum, and Efting, who grew up in Sunnyvale, will start patrolling the streets of Pleasanton as solo officers once they complete an approximately 16-week field training process. Both men are also now Tri-Valley residents.

Born in Tracy and raised in Livermore, Eckardt said he became interested in law enforcement after becoming good friends with several first responders at his local CrossFit gym.

He went on to graduate from the Southbay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium at the



Austin Eckardt



Daniel Efting

Evergreen College Campus, and he is currently working to complete a criminal justice degree at Las Positas College in Livermore.

In his off-duty time, Eckardt said he enjoys working out, bass fishing, and spending time with his wife, family and two dogs.

Efting comes to Pleasanton after working as a parking enforcement officer and community service officer in Sunnyvale, where he was raised.

He graduated from the The King's Academy High School before going on to earn undergraduate

and graduate degrees in justice studies from San Jose State University. Efting finished third in his class from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center earlier this month.

In his off time, Efting said he enjoys hiking, fishing, archery and collecting silver coins with his dad.

In other news

• A Village High School student was arrested after Pleasanton police allegedly found them in possession of a loaded handgun at the campus Monday morning.

No one at the continuation high school was hurt and no shots were fired as a result of the gun being on campus, which resulted in the unidentified student being taken into custody and booked at Alameda County Juvenile Hall, according to PPD Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker.

The situation unfolded after police got a call from Village officials around 11:15 a.m. Monday reporting a student might have a concealed handgun on campus, Revel-Whitaker said.

Pleasanton police officers arrived at the school, contacted the student and found they were in fact in possession of a loaded handgun, Revel-Whitaker said. The gun was not brandished toward anyone, and it is unclear why the student brought the weapon to school, she added.

The student was immediately arrested on suspicion of possessing a firearm on school grounds and later transported to juvenile hall, according to Revel-Whitaker. Police did not release any identifying details about the arrested student.

• PPD and Pleasanton Unified School District joined forces this week to encourage students to stay away from drugs as part of the annual Red Ribbon Week.

"Red Ribbon Week is a way to present a unified, positive and visible commitment to drug-free lifestyles," Officer Ken McNeill said in a statement.

"This annual event also commemorates the sacrifice of life lost through drug and alcohol addiction, the violence that accompanies drug use, and the bravery and commitment of law enforcement officers who deter it," McNeill added.

Locally, PUSD and PPD honored Red Ribbon Week by displaying red ribbons at schools, participating in classroom and assembly discussions, and having police officers take part in school activities that promote a drug-free lifestyle, according to McNeill.

• Officers shot a woman they say drove at them, striking two patrol cars, in Livermore Saturday night, sending her to the hospital, police said Sunday morning.

Around 11:51 p.m., an officer on routine patrol in the northwest part of town saw a vehicle deemed "suspicious" in the parking lot of a business in the 1000 block of Airway Boulevard, police said. A records check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen two days earlier.

Several officers arrived and ordered the vehicle's only occupant, a 26-year-old woman, out of the vehicle, police said. The woman ignored the commands and drove toward the officers, hitting two patrol cars, according to police.

Fearing for their safety, officers fired at the woman, police said. She was struck by the officers' fire, was given first aid and was taken to the hospital, police said. Her injuries were described as not being life-threatening. No officers were injured in the incident.

• Three current Alameda County sheriff's deputies and one former deputy pleaded not guilty last Friday

to charges that they mistreated inmates at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Sheriff's investigators alleged that the four deputies facilitated and allowed an inmate to throw bodily fluids, including feces and urine, onto other inmates housed in a maximum security unit at the jail.

The most serious charges are against Justin Linn, 23, of Tracy, who's charged with four counts of felony assault by a public officer, one count of dissuading a witness by force or threat and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice, and Erik McDermott, 27, of Concord, who's charged with two counts of assault and one count each of dissuading a witness and conspiracy.

Sarah Krause, 26, and former deputy Stephen Sarcos, 30, are each charged with a single count of assault for an incident in the fall of 2016.

At a brief hearing Friday, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Yolanda Northridge granted a defense motion to have Krause and Sarcos prosecuted separately from Linn and McDermott because Krause and Sarcos face lesser charges. All four defendants remain free on bail.

• Some inmates incarcerated at the Santa Rita Jail are among those in Alameda and Santa Clara county jails who last weekend restarted a hunger strike that previously lasted five days a year ago.

According to Silicon Valley Debug spokesman Jose Valle, the primary demands of Prisoners United is to get rid of what they call a meaningless and arbitrary inmate classification system and implement a behavioral system similar to what's instituted in the California Department of Corrections. They also want to get rid of indefinite solitary confinement, which Valle said is a product of the classification system. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service



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Oct. 22

Alcohol violation

■ 8:54 p.m. on the 1600 block of Orchard Way

Theft

■ 10:17 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
■ 2:21 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Oct. 21

Weapons violation

■ 9:15 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive

Theft

■ 9:10 a.m., 900 block of Sunset Creek Lane; theft from auto
■ 12:58 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
■ 3 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
■ 3:40 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
■ 5:59 p.m., 900 block of Sunset Creek Lane; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

■ 6:41 p.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

■ 1:54 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 12:08 p.m. at Dublin Canyon Road and Canyon Creek Circle

Vandalism

■ 9:09 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

Oct. 20

Alcohol violation

■ 3:47 p.m. on West Angela Street
■ 7:16 p.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

Missing person report

■ 6:24 p.m. on Foxswallow Road

DUI

■ 2:50 a.m. on the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 19

Assault/battery

■ 11:03 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Weapons violation

■ 10:22 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue

Theft

■ 7:17 a.m., 1800 block of Valley Avenue; shoplifting
■ 7:26 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
■ 7:32 p.m., 5600 block of San Antonio Street; theft from auto

Sex offense

■ 2:25 p.m. on First Street

Fraud

■ 1:34 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

■ 9:23 a.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

Oct. 18

Theft from auto

■ 10:04 a.m. on the 5700 block of Athenour Court
■ 10:05 a.m. on the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue
■ 10:50 a.m. on the 700 block of Bonita Avenue
■ 11:05 a.m. on the 700 block of Summit Creek Lane
■ 5:09 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
■ 5:55 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
■ 11:37 p.m. on the 300 block of Abbie Street

Shoplifting

■ 12:31 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
■ 1:37 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 10:08 p.m. on the 4800 block of Harrison Street

Drug violation

■ 8:03 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

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Survey shows we like Pleasanton

Here's more good news for Pleasanton as the city heads into another prosperous and productive new year. A new quality-of-life survey shows that those of us who live here, work here and go to Pleasanton schools are euphoric over our community, its resources, climate, location in the Bay Area and the economy.

The survey was prepared by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3), which specializes in public policy-oriented opinion research and conducts similar surveys throughout the state.

The city of Pleasanton has sponsored these surveys since 1995 to determine the public's view on a variety of issues, including facilities and services. FM3's survey was based on telephone interviews with some 600 randomly selected Pleasanton voters, including an oversampling of Latino and Asian voters, using questions and responses from previous surveys as a baseline.

Solid majorities of all major demographic and geographic subgroups indicated they like living here, although Latinos, renters, lower-income residents and younger residents were less enthusiastic than others. Only 39% of Latinos consider the quality of life here to be "excellent," compared to 72% of whites and 68% of Asian/Pacific Islanders.

Those surveyed also said the

local government needs to "pay more attention" to problems related to traffic congestion, growth and development. Of particular concern is traffic gridlock on the adjacent freeways and high housing costs that make it difficult for children of residents to live here as they join the workforce after completing their education.

"My commute has gone from 30 minutes to nearly an hour," one resident told surveyors. The price of housing was another concern. "My kids are grown, college-educated and make a lot of money, and still can't afford to live here," said another respondent.

These issues haven't changed much over the years, and, as home prices continue to rise, so-called "starter" homes are hard to find. With a one-bedroom apartment in Pleasanton now costing \$2,000 to \$2,500 a month, even rentals are out of reach for many college graduates starting their first jobs.

Still, overall, attitudes about Pleasanton remain overwhelmingly positive and have changed little since the surveys started, said FM3's Curt Below and Miranda Everitt.

"These surveys are helpful to us for overall public information and as a management tool for city government to see how well we are doing as a city," City Manager Nelson Fialho said. "They are not political. We don't ask how the

and student exchange programs each year as well as other events open to the public including a Cinco de Mayo celebration and a posada.

We would like to encourage everyone to support the following individuals, restaurants and businesses that make it possible to keep our program operating.

This year's Gold Donors were: Tony Macchiano and Lickity Spit, auctioneer Todd Utikal, Cattlemens Restaurant, Bill and Marlene Rebello, Gary and Mel Noland, Herb Ritter, Black Tie Transportation, Colleen Noble, Steve Noble, Mary Mendez, and Alice and Kent Pryor.

—Margo Tarver, PTSCA

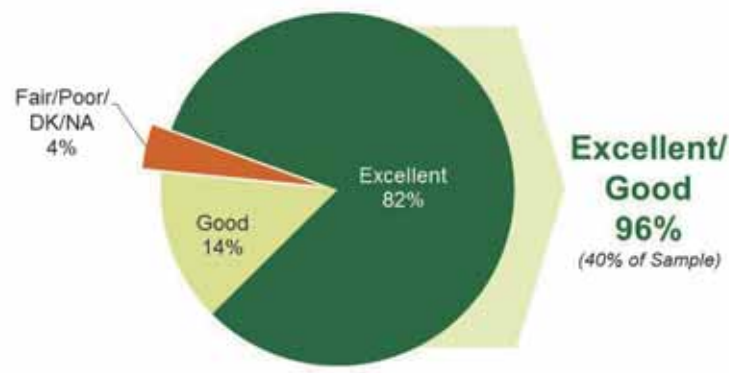
Thanks to all!

As it may take a village to raise a child, it takes a community to support a school foundation.

On behalf of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) board, we want to thank those who supported our successful fall gala, Night of the Stars, on Oct. 13 at

This is especially true of parents.

Pleasanton as a Good Place to Raise Children among those with Children at Home Under 19



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Pleasanton received many high marks in the community satisfaction survey, including 96% of parents with kids 18 and under rating the city as either an "excellent" or "good" place to raise children.

mayor or City Council are doing. They're really a reading of the pulse of Pleasanton."

The survey reported that 96% of those of us who live here feel that Pleasanton is an "excellent or good" place to live, 94% said this is a good place to raise their children and 98% feel this is a safe place to live.

The survey showed that 96% of residents rate the quality of life here as "excellent or good," a finding that compares favorably with

other California communities FM3 surveyed, including Orinda (also 96%), Carson (84%), Fremont (79%) and Oakland (73%).

City services deemed excellent or good and also stated as top priorities in the survey included water quality (94%), fire protection (93%), police protection (91%) and street repair and maintenance (87%).

The full survey can be viewed on the city's website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

done this without you. Please visit PPIE's Facebook page and our website at www.ppie.org to see great photos of the event. Thanks to all!

—Steve McCoy-Thompson
PPIE executive director

Support fire victims

I'm an Analy High School graduate. I grew up in Santa Rosa and have friends who live in the fire area. In fact, I used to live in the fire area. I feel as though I'm part of that community, and I want to help all of the people there as much as I can.

At the recommendation of a friend who is a former firefighter in Sonoma County and another friend in Santa Rosa who was twice evacuated, I'm sending a cash contribution to www.redwoodcu.org/NorthBayFireRelief.

There are many other sites available that are actively participating in relief efforts. Please pick one and join me in helping these people rebuild their lives.

—Cathy (Shadowens) Norman



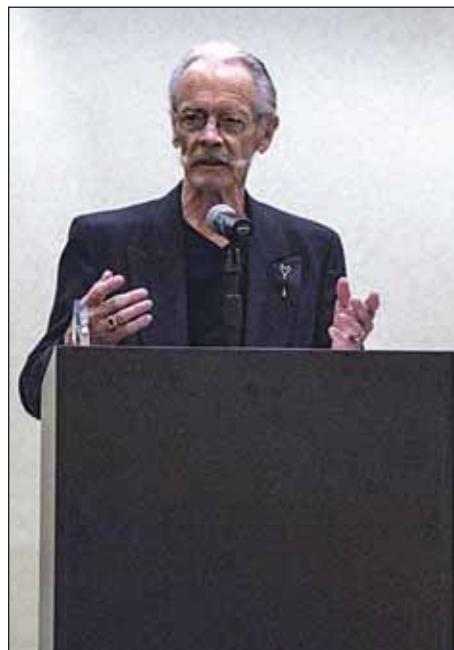
2017 TRI-VALLEY HEROES

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Arts and Culture



Gary Winter received the Arts and Culture award for his murals, unique artwork and inventions. “The mural on Strizzi’s is the view my great-grandfather had when he rode into town 165 years ago,” he said in his acceptance speech, taking pride in his deep Tri-Valley roots.

Winter is a fourth-generation Pleasantonian whose murals can be found throughout Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon. A self-proclaimed “free spirit,” Winter is an artist, designer and inventor responsible for creations like the Moon Scooter Paddleboard and the Zwirl spiral football and works of art that include building miniatures and pieces created from nails.

Winter has worked 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.

He recently created heart-shaped pins he hopes will help people heal from recent stressful events and to combat negativity and hate. His goal is to get a million heart pins out across the country to remind wearers to “think from the heart.”

Community Spirit

As the volunteer co-chairs of San Ramon 150, Alpert and Kenniston-Lee have spent countless volunteer hours creating the year-long celebration of San Ramon’s sesquicentennial.

Starting with fundraising, establishing partnerships and recruiting a large base of

Nine Tri-Valley residents have been recognized for their outstanding actions, achievements and strength of character as recipients of this year’s Tri-Valley Heroes awards, presented by Embarcadero Media’s East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

The awards were handed out during the sixth annual Tri-Valley Heroes ceremony Monday at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton.

Since 2012, the awards have singled out Tri-Valley residents and organizations who put in substantial effort improving their communities, the heroes all around us, said Gina Channell, East Bay Division president and publisher.

“We look around us every day and see heroes who deserve recognition,” Channell told the audience in the hotel banquet room Monday evening.

“Our staff decided to create a program to recognize those individuals, groups and organizations that stand out because of their actions, integrity and honor, whether that hero is someone who gives his life to save another, the young man with a debilitating condition who talks to young people about self-image and loving life, or the mother-daughter team that plants a garden to give fresh produce to the local food pantry,” she added.

Award recipients were nominated by community members, and recognitions were given across eight categories.

This year’s recipients were Gary Winter, Arts and Culture; Gary Alpert and Heidi Kenniston-Lee, Community Spirit; Bob Coomber, Courage; Jill Buck, Environmental Stewardship; Jasmine Steele, Innovation; Madeleine “Maddy” Wang, Rising Star; Barbara Proctor, Role Model; and Dolores Bengtson, Lifetime Achievement.

Award recipients expressed humble gratitude to be included in the Heroes group.

“Thank you for a great honor that really validates the importance of community spirit,” Kenniston-Lee said in her acceptance remarks. She and co-chair Alpert were honored for their work throwing the year-long celebration of San Ramon’s 150th anniversary.

About 125 family, friends and local dignitaries were on hand to support the award recipients.

Proctor, who turns 82 today, had a whole cheering section, some carrying signs

reading “Way to go GG!” (GG is short for “Gorgeous Granny,” a nickname given to her by second-graders she reads to as part of the Pleasanton Library’s Booklegger program.) The kids made a tunnel with their arms — soccer team style — for Proctor to walk through after accepting her award.

“Those of you who volunteer know the wonderful feeling you have when you give a small part of your day to brighten up someone else’s day,” Proctor said. “Volunteering is really a gift that you give yourself.”

Elected officials in attendance Monday included Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson, and Pleasanton council members Karla Brown, Jerry Pentin and Kathy Narum.

“It’s really wonderful to see our community helping one another,” Baker told the audience in remarks to kick off the presentation. “Tonight is great to sit around the table and visit and honor those who give us a little extra spark every day and help make our community better.”

The honorees received a crystal award from Embarcadero Media and certificates of recognition from Baker, Andersen, State Senator Steve Glazer and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

“I can only hope that in some small way, my advocacy for trails, parks and open space through my career and volunteer efforts, will have resulted in many people enriching their lives through natural world experiences, while contributing to support that world’s preservation,” Bengtson said in accepting the Lifetime Achievement award in recognition of her longtime dedication to parks and recreation in Pleasanton.

Channell closed the ceremony with a surprise for her co-presenter, Pleasanton Weekly Editor Emeritus Jeb Bing.

Starting next year, the Community Spirit Award will be renamed the Tri-Valley Heroes Jeb Bing Community Spirit Award in honor of Bing, the Weekly’s founding editor who retired from day-to-day duties earlier this year but remains involved with the news team and still spearheads the annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, which kicks off next month.

Each 2017 Tri-Valley Hero was chosen for their exemplary community contributions, including the following accomplishments:

other volunteers, Alpert and Kenniston-Lee coordinated and promoted the program that included a lecture series, a “birthday party” for residents with attractions for all ages, an exhibit about the history of San Ramon at the San Ramon Valley Museum and a multicultural event.

Each is also active in the community beyond San Ramon 150.

Kenniston-Lee serves on the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission, and has held leadership positions in a variety of city and school committees. Alpert is a commissioner on the San Ramon Planning Commission, vice president of the San Ramon Arts Foundation and a director for the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation.

Courage

When Coomber developed bone density problems in the early 1990s due to complications from juvenile diabetes, he found himself confined to a wheelchair. But this bump in the road proved to be no confine, and didn’t stop him from pursuing his lifelong love of hiking.

“Four-Wheel Bob” — as he is affectionately nicknamed — estimates that he has logged thousands of miles in his wheelchair, traversing everything from smooth park paths to rocky mountain passes throughout California.

Coomber was the first person in a wheelchair to reach the summits of Mount Diablo, Mission Peak and White Mountain, and he was the subject of a documentary titled “4 Wheel Bob” released earlier this year.

A member of the California Outdoors Hall of Fame and recipient of the George W. Bush President’s Council on Physical Fitness Community Leadership Award, he now leads “adventure” hikes for the East Bay Regional Park District, in addition to serving on the Livermore City Council.

Coomber was unable to attend Monday’s ceremony due to a City Council meeting, so his wife Gina accepted the award on his behalf.

Environmental Stewardship

Buck, a former Naval officer with experience in recycling programs, became concerned in the early 2000s about the amount of waste generated at her children’s schools and the use of unsafe pesticides near playgrounds in the community.

So she introduced an environmental education and stewardship program, Go



Jill Buck, founder of the Go Green Initiative that seeks to combat waste and unsafe pesticide at local schools, leads the crowd in reciting her mantra: "It's not enough to prepare our children for the future. We must prepare the future for our children." Heroes emcee Gina Channell (right) joins in on the recitation.

Green Initiative, to her daughter's Pleasanton school. The Go Green Initiative now reaches all 50 states and 73 countries, with more than 1.5 million students and teachers currently in registered Go Green schools.

Last year she introduced another program in Pleasanton schools: Local Leaders of the 21st Century Club, which pairs high-schoolers with community leaders to allow young people to increase their environmental consciousness and affect change through policy change and mindset.

Innovation

Steele, a senior at San Ramon Valley High School, created a smartphone app last year that could save a life.

"Allergy Blast" allows an individual to set up a profile with critical health, allergy and medication information that can be shared easily and quickly; Steele hopes it can be of use particularly for children, seniors and people with special needs.

The app was inspired by her own nut allergy and her mother's meticulous notification system — creating an information sheet, card or post-it note for every overnight or outing where she could come into contact with the allergen.

Allergy Blast, which took Steele six months to perfect, won the 2016 Congressional App Challenge for U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier's 11th Congressional District and went on to represent Contra Costa County in Washington, D.C.

Rising Star

Foothill High School sophomore Wang continues to look for ways to help the young, the elderly, the ill and the four-legged.

Inspired by her late cousin who died from a heart defect, Wang established the This Side Up Foundation to raise funds for Donor Network West, a San Ramon nonprofit



Second-graders who are read to by Barbara Proctor -- also known as "GG," short for "Gorgeous Granny" — make an arm tunnel for her to walk through after she receives the Role Model award.

that facilitates organ and tissue donations, through selling specially designed t-shirts and hosting CPR and first-aid classes.

She also plays piano at the Sunol Creek Memory Care Center, is a volunteer aid for elementary and middle school students at Spectrum of Science, and bakes dog treats to raise funds for Coppert's Dream Animal Rescue.

Role Model

Proctor touches the lives of people of all ages through her volunteer work.

She is a Booklegger for the Pleasanton Public Library, now visiting six to 12 classrooms per semester to promote independent reading among elementary and middle school-age children.

Proctor also provides child care for mothers at Tri-Valley Haven and Shepard's Gate women's shelters, and she is a dedicated Meals on Wheels driver, providing meals and companionship to local seniors, checking on their welfare and helping them to continue to participate in the community.

Lifetime Achievement

Bengtson has lived a life of public service for her entire life, in particular sharing her passion for the outdoors throughout her career and into 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.

After becoming the director of the city's parks and recreation program in 1979, Bengtson developed the policy of planning neighborhood parks within a half-mile of most residences as well as larger community parks to serve everyone. A literal "trail-blazer," she gained permission to open up nearby trails and continues to serve as a trail advocate and guide.

She is also an expert gardener with the Livermore-Amador Garden Club and serves on the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee. And for the past 10 years, she has served on the Kottinger Place Re-development Task Force and the board for Pleasanton Gardens, looking for ways to provide more affordable housing for those who wish to "age in place" in Pleasanton.

When she's not blazing trails and being a community advocate in the Tri-Valley, Bengtson has volunteered for six-week intervals at a preschool and orphanage in Tanzania.

This year's Tri-Valley Heroes program is sponsored by Robert Half, Monterey Private Wealth, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club, Harrington Art Partnership, San Ramon Arts Foundation, ChiroSports USA and Crown Trophy.

Profiles on each award recipient will run as a series in the Pleasanton Weekly and online at PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com beginning next week. ■



Dolores Bengtson received the Lifetime Achievement award for her decades of public service to the community, especially for spreading her passion for the outdoors throughout her career and into retirement.



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All about the art



**New book — ‘Pleasanton’s Public Art’
— full of information and anecdotes**

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Have you ever wondered about the sculpture of the little girl sprawled in front of the library, engrossed in her book?

Pleasanton has many works of public art, realistic and symbolic — and art benefactors Nancy and Gary Harrington have devoted the last three years to getting their stories down on paper. Their book, “Pleasanton’s Public Art,” is now completed and for sale at Museum on Main.

“It follows the public art chronologically. We even included pieces we couldn’t get information on,” Nancy said.

“Pleasanton’s Public Art” documents more than 70 works, including 23 brought to the area since 2006 through their Harrington Art Partnership.

When the Harringtons started leading

Saturday morning Art Walks in the downtown area six years ago, they began accumulating information to share with the eager participants.

“When we went for our walks, people would say, ‘Don’t you have this written down somewhere?’” Nancy recalled.

Some would tell the Harringtons they would like to return with relatives to view the art but couldn’t remember the stories. They also heard from people who wanted to learn more but could not walk far enough to join a tour.

Clearly, to the Harringtons, this information all needed to be in a book — and they were the ones to do it.

“We went to Jim DeMersman, director at the museum, and asked if he could do this for us,” Gary said. “We wanted the

cost to be nominal. We were not interested in any profit.”

The book has 116 pages and a spiral binding. It is available at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., for \$10.95.

“It’s not a polished book but it gives you a wealth of information and all of the stories and history — and that’s what we wanted to have happen,” Nancy said.

“A lot of people wanted us to get it professionally printed,” Gary said.

But they thought it was more important to make the book available at an affordable price.

When the Harringtons, 45-year residents of Pleasanton, began to purchase art for the city, they got to know city architect Mike Fulford, who has since died.

“He had all the histories — he knew them and he shared them. We look at them as ‘secret stories,’” Nancy said. “Like the colored tiles behind the Firehouse — they are a music score for nocturnes. There is no sign anywhere that tells you that.”

The book covers art on business sites that can be seen from the street, as well as the works owned and maintained by the city.

Nancy attempted to contact each artist as well as researching online and in person to get information, but some of the sculptures had no identification at all. In certain cases, buildings had been sold, leaving no records.

“I knew it was going to be a challenge, but I didn’t know it would be that much of a challenge,” Nancy said. “Tracking down information was difficult.”

“Like at Stoneridge,” she added. “In the shopping center, they have three pieces. You would think an artist would sign it, but these have no signatures, no nothing.”

Stoneridge actually donated two sculptures to the city that were commissioned for Sunvalley Shopping Center in Concord in 1967.

“Then Sunvalley mall decided they were

not using them so they were given to Stoneridge, which decided they were not going to use them, so they donated them to Pleasanton,” Nancy said.

The bronze pieces, installed at Centennial Park adjacent to the Senior Center, were made in Italy, crated and shipped to California. They are titled “Sing a Song of Sixpence” and “The Yak.”

“When I talked with the artist of those two (Joseph Anthony McDonnell), he said to me, ‘Do you mind if I ask you, how in the heck did my pieces get into Pleasanton?’” Nancy remembered with a laugh.

The Harringtons say they have received nothing but praise for the new book.

“Someone said it would make a great holiday gift,” Nancy said.

Now they are moving on to their next project, a collaboration with East Bay Regional Park District, which will be highlighted in an upcoming newsletter. Their other latest project was contributing matching funds to erect a life-size bronze statue of a World War II soldier at Pioneer Cemetery, which was dedicated last Veterans Day weekend.

But they believe their new book is important because it ensures that the stories behind Pleasanton’s art are not lost.

And the little girl reading? She was a gift to the city in 1989, donated in memory of Sarah Anne Lees (1962-1986). ■

Art walk

Nancy and Gary Harrington are leading their next downtown Art Walk, covering the south side of town, at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11. The walk-and-talk session will begin at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave., and last about two hours. These walks are in partnership with World Walk to Wellness.



ERIKA ALVERO

Nancy and Gary Harrington (shown above), the driving forces behind many public artworks throughout the city, have published a new book spotlighting those pieces. “Pleasanton’s Public Art” is now on sale at Museum on Main.

Thank you, Charlie Brown and Linus

Grown family enjoys Halloween special in a new way

By **CINDY DEAGEN**

Last Oct. 31, I finally succeeded in convincing the two of our three grownup kids who were around and my husband to sit down with me and watch “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” — just for old times’ sake. If our eldest had been here, instead of working on his Ph.D. in New York, I’m sure he would have joined us as well.

I’ve loved all of the “Peanuts” holiday specials since I was a child. At that time, a person could only watch each special once per year, during the coinciding holiday and on a television set with no remote control. Yes, we had to get up off the couch, or floor, and manually change the channel and volume by turning knobs on the television set. And we were considered lucky if we were able to watch it in color.

Back to the present: We all gathered in on comfy sofas, each with his or her own stash from the Halloween candy bowl, and inserted the DVD to watch this special on our HD flat-screen television with three remote controls.

Anticipating the usual “this is boring” comment from the kids and an occasional snore from my husband, I was pleasantly surprised — no, I was pleasantly shocked — to find that not only did they enjoy the special, their guffaws and insightful comments made this viewing the most fun I’ve ever experienced.

Charles Schulz was a genius. He

was able to create a timeless animated story with the potential to connect with each individual across generations. During the opening scene when the “Peanuts” gang were running toward the pumpkin patch in their costumes, terrified by the spooky sounds and flying ghosts and goblins, my 24-year-old daughter quipped, “OK, that was weird. Were they all high?”

Fast forward to the scene where Lucy is trying to talk Charlie Brown into kicking the football. She’s promising this year will be different and she will not pull the football out from under him. When he finally consents, after being provided a written document testifying to the promise of her statement, he agrees to the task, only to find the football swooped away at the last second.

Poor Charlie Brown — didn’t he see the document wasn’t notarized? My family was in stitches.

And how many of us have given up wonderful opportunities on account of “love?” Swoop into the pumpkin patch to find the kids making fun of Linus and Sally choosing to wait there for the Great Pumpkin instead of trick-or-treating and attending Violet’s Halloween party. My daughter was so proud of Sally, “standing up for her man” in front of everyone, even though he got the deserved third degree once the crowd left.

During the Halloween party scene, you wouldn’t believe the looks that came my way when Lucy

became indignant because Snoopy’s lips touched hers while bobbing for apples.

My fear of kissing our dogs abruptly disappeared years ago, when an emergency doctor told us, while successfully removing a piece of human tooth out of our eldest son’s forehead as a result of a waterslide accident, that a dog’s bite is actually cleaner than a human bite. Apparently, even now, the kids have not bought into this statement — they were completely supportive of Lucy’s dramatic display of disgust.

And I truly appreciated Linus’ faith, however misguided, and his continued hope that the Great Pumpkin wouldn’t let him down. This child-like faith is most likely what keeps us going in life, and it’s probably what finally convinced my husband and kids to watch this special with me.

Maybe, like Linus, they hoped and clung to their own child-like faith it would be fun. And this time Linus and the Great Pumpkin didn’t let them down. It was, well, great. We all enjoyed watching, each of us with a new and different perspective.

Thank you, Mr. Schulz, and thank you, Linus. ■

— *Cindy Deagen has lived in Pleasanton for 17 years and currently enjoys working as a private tutor and helping individuals with dyslexia or other challenges with written language, whom she says inspire her daily.*

Valley Concert Chorale announces 2017-18 offerings

Sing-it-yourself ‘Messiah’ launches ‘Season of Roses’

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

The Valley Concert Chorale has announced its 2017-18 concert season, entitled “A Season of Roses.” This year’s offerings include three concert sets and the annual holiday traditional sing-it-yourself “Messiah.”

The first performance will be the “Messiah” at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. Tickets are \$10.

The season continues with “A Midwinter Rose,” at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, and at 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at Lynnwood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton.

This concert will feature Bob Chilcott’s “There’s a Rose in the Middle of Winter,” based on medieval folk-song tradition; Jackson Berkey’s original arrangements of traditional carols; John Joubert’s arrangements of “Torches, There is No Rose,” and the exuberant “Welcome Yule,” a whimsical arrangement of “12 Days of Christmas”; and, as always, audience carol sing-a-longs with the chorus.

Next is “The Eternal Rose: A Requiem for the Living,” at 7:30 p.m. March 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The performance will feature Morten Lauridsen’s beloved and moving “Lux Aeterna” and the

“Requiem” by young American composer Daniel Elder, accompanied by organ and oboe. Additional selections include Ola Gjeilo’s mystical setting of “O Magnum Mysterium” and “Ubi Caritas,” and Paul Mealor’s triumphant “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing.”

The season concludes with “A Rose for Love: Songs of Love and Gypsies,” at 3 p.m. May 20 at Asbury United Methodist Church.

This is a benefit for the chorale, which includes tea, coffee and cakes in an informal setting while listening to Johannes Brahms “Liebeslieder Waltzes,” a collection of 18 songs of love, and his “Gypsy Songs” depicting the carefree life of these wandering souls.

For fun, the performance will include the infamous P.D.Q. Bach’s witty and entertaining “Liebeslieder Polkas.” This Bach is a fictitious composer invented by musical satirist Peter Schickele, who wrote the choral piece and piano accompaniment for five hands.

Tickets for the December and March concerts are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. High school and college students are \$10, and children are free. Tickets for the May benefit are \$45.

Advance tickets may be ordered at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling 866-4003. ■



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“Luna Mexicana” is a family-friendly celebration of the Mexican Day of the Dead. Tonight’s performance features dancers with vivid costumes and a mix of folkloric and modern Mexican music.

Día de los Muertos performance

Oakland Ballet to visit Amador Theater

Tonight the Pleasanton Unified School District will welcome back the Oakland Ballet Company to the Amador Theater at 6:30 p.m. to perform Graham Lustig’s “Luna Mexicana,” a family-friendly celebration of the Mexican Day of the Dead.

The performance features a cast of five female and five male dancers, with festive choreography, vivid costumes, striking makeup and a mix of folkloric and modern Mexican music. It is based on traditional Mexican Día de los Muertos celebrations, where

the living honor the spirits of the dead with offerings of food, music and dance.

“Luna Mexicana” tells the story of a young woman whose departed loved ones joyously dance back to life in the form of teetering skeletons, skirt-swishing girls, a high flying “deer dancer” and a rickety bride and groom duet.

The first half of the evening, before “Luna Mexicana,” will feature Mexican contemporary and folkloric dance and music curated

by Lustig. Performers are to include the school district’s Mariachi Estrella del Pueblo and Ballet Folklórico México Danza.

Festivities begin in front of the theater at 6 p.m. with face painting and vendors selling Day of the Dead refreshments, such as the sweet pan de muerto, tamales and horchata. Audience members of all ages are encouraged to attend in Day of the Dead costume.

Tickets for the performance are \$15-\$25.

During the day, performances of “Luna Mexicana” are scheduled for students. ■

— *Dolores Fox Ciardelli*



‘Art as a Spiritual Metaphor’

Six Bay Area artists address the spiritual in art, using mythology, mandalas, Biblical narrative, and calligraphy in their diverse expressions, at an exhibit from Nov. 1 to Dec. 16 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. A free opening reception will be held from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, for the artists: Salma Arastu, Johanna Baruch, Pauletta Chanco, Pam Fingado, Wendy Robushi and SeongMi Seol (whose “True Desire” is shown here).

TAKE US ALONG



49er faithful: David and Margaret Meyer celebrated last New Year's weekend at the San Francisco 49ers game at Levi's Stadium. They are faithful fans who braved the cold, with pregame field-access passes and amazing 50-yard line seats.



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Jackson scores six TDs for Falcons in blowout win over Wildcats

Plus girls volleyball, boys water polo, adult tennis updates

The Foothill Falcons varsity football team moved to 5-3 with a 48-0 win over Dougherty Valley last week.

The star of the game had to be Foothill's Jake Jackson, who scored five touchdowns in the first eight minutes of the game and added one in the second quarter to round out the incredible game.

Jackson scored on an interception return on the second play of the game to start the avalanche. He added a touchdown run on Foothill's first offensive series and came right back with a 46-yard fumble return for touchdown No. 3.

He closed out the barrage in the first quarter with a touchdown reception followed by another touchdown run — all done with four minutes still to play in the opening period.

Jackson then notched his second touchdown reception in the second quarter to finish his six-TD night.

Foothill has a game at home tonight against Livermore before closing the regular season by hosting crosstown rival Amador Valley on Nov. 3.

The Dons did their part to set up the big game at the end of the season, beating Livermore 24-0 last week. The Dons, now 6-3 overall, have their bye this week, giving them extra time to prepare for the regular season finale at Foothill.

Volleyball

The Foothill girls volleyball team, looking to get to the post-season on a roll, took a step in the right direction, winning a pair of East Bay Athletic League games last week.

The Falcons opened the week with a 25-22, 27-25, 25-17 win over San Ramon Valley.

Leading the way for Foothill was Andreea Paduraru (15 kills, six service points and five digs), Emily Haskell (13 service points, 10 kills, seven aces) and Haley Roundtree (15 kills, two blocks).

Two days later, the Falcons defeated Dublin in four sets: 22-25, 25-12, 25-22, 28-26.

Against the Gaels, Foothill got big play from Paduraru (19 kills,



Jake Jackson runs for one of his six touchdowns in Foothill's win over Dougherty Valley last week.

KARI DUKLETH

13 digs, nine service points), Haskell (16 digs, 12 kills and 11 service points), Amaya Wilson (22 digs, 12 service points) and Ishana Ram (40 assists, six service points).

Water polo

It was a week of mixed results for the Foothill boys' water polo team, as the Falcons dropped a non-league contest to Las Lomas and then knocked off Granada in an EBAL match last week.

The Falcons played well early against Las Lomas and trailed only 6-5 at halftime, but the gap ballooned in the second half en route to a 17-8 defeat.

Matthew Dotson stood out with four goals, and Nathan Williams provided leadership throughout with two goals (an assist and a steal). Also scoring were Dylan Pottgieser with a goal (two assists, three steals) and Kyle Walsh with a goal. In goal, senior Harrison Carter was very good with 10 saves and a steal.

Foothill then beat Granada 13-9 to close out the week.

Dotson led the way (six goals, one assist, two steals), while Drake Southern (five goals, one assist, two steals) also played well. Ryan Weiglein (two goals, one assist, one steal) and Williams (four

assists) provided strong support.

Carter had six saves and a steal in the cage, while junior Jacob Hvidt played the whole second half, making two saves and getting a steal.

Adult tennis

Playing out of the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, the women's 8.0 combination team will represent Northern California at the United States Tennis Association's 2017 National Championship in Orlando, Fla., this upcoming weekend.

Captained by Teresa King, the team is comprised of women from the East Bay area, including eight Pleasanton residents: Karen Bender, Sandra Benson, Karen Greene, Margret Gruen, Julie Lowe, Doreen O'Kelly, Mary O'Neill and Denise Shawver. They finished the regular season with nine wins and one loss.

After breezing through playoffs, they lost their first match at sectionals before rallying to win their next four matches and earn a spot in Orlando. ■

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

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Parade

TRI-VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY 301 Main Street. The 21st Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5. Grand Marshall is retired Army Brigadier General Jerry Griffin, M.D.. Post-parade speaker is Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Garrison Command Sergeant Major, Blaine Huston. The Veterans Day event gives special recognition to Army Specialist Jameson L. Linskog, a medic from Pleasanton, who was killed in action in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Parade will begin at 1 p.m. in front of Veterans Memorial building, 301 Main Street and continues four blocks north to St. Mary Street.

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Festivals & Fairs

HALLOWEEN BREW CRAWL Pleasanton Downtown, 603 Main St. Stroll through beautiful Downtown Pleasanton on Oct. 28 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and sip on

craft brews, ciders and mead while enjoying tasty bites along the way at over 30 downtown locations. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes. Tickets on sale now online and also available for cash or check at Beer Baron, 336 St. Mary Street. A list of participating breweries and additional ticketing details at PleasantonDowntown.net.

HARVEST PARTY Free admission, bring money for food. Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Rd. <http://www.harvestvalley.org>. Bounce houses, petting zoo, face painting, puppet show, children's choir, games, food trucks, sweet concessions, Rita's ice cream. 484-2482. Oct. 27, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PUMPKIN PATCH Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., through Oct. 31, Mon - Fri. 10 am-9 pm; Sat - Sun 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Contact email: wedewit@yahoo.com. Contact phone: 907-299-1111 Free Admission. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. <http://www.facebook.com/events/1824990317813165>

Health & Wellness

YOUTH HEART SCREENING Ballistic United Soccer has arranged for ATS HeartCheck to bring their youth heart screening services to Pleasanton. This valuable screening includes an EKG and echocardiogram (heart ultrasound) to help diagnose hidden conditions. Test reviewed by UCSF cardiologist \$149. Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Amador Recreational Center, 4455 Black Ave. <http://http://www.athletictestingsolutions.com>.

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Family

BABIES AND BUMPS Free parenting and pregnancy event. Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m. Outpatient Center, 5860 Owens Drive.

Meet some Tri-Valley pediatricians and local community experts for a casual meet/greet and educational event. Variety of topics related to pregnancy, birth, child safety. Infant car seat safety, infant choking rescue demo, overview of Family Birthing Center at San Ramon Reg. Med Ctr. Call/click to register johnmuirhealth.com/classes. 941-7900 option 1.

Film

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St, Livermore. "Hocus Pocus" movie night Saturday Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. after the Kidz Town Halloween Hay Day. Movie will start at 7 p.m.. Location will be the plaza in front of Bankhead Theater at First Street and McLeod. Bring chairs and blankets, all ages invited.

Seniors

SENIOR MENS SOCIAL CLUB Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge, travel, photography, etc. We meet for lunch the first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Carl Churilo at 967-8177 or trivalleysir@gmail.com. Go to branch34.sirinc2.org. San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Road, San Ramon. <http://branch34.sirinc2.org>

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Community Groups

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PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY We meet every Friday for lunch 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main Street. Learn more about us online at: <http://www.pnr-rotary.org>. Public Relations Contact: Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email: stacey@denalidatasystems.com or call 519-0669.

PLEASANTON DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN TASK FORCE MEETING

City of Pleasanton Downtown Specific Plan update. The City of Pleasanton is in the process of updating the Downtown Specific Plan. We invite you to learn more about the update process and participate in a conversation that will help shape downtown Pleasanton. A Community Meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. For more information, visit www.PtownDowntown.org. Questions, contact Shweta Bonn, Senior Planner, at 931-5611 or via email at sbonn@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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

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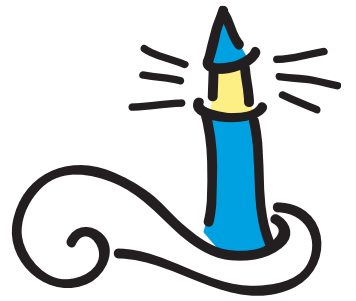
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Tri-Valley Conservancy's 10th annual "Jeans and Jewels: A Night in Old Havana" fundraiser is taking place at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery next Friday (Nov. 3), aiming to help preserve parks, vineyards, trails, farms, ranches and orchards in the area. Tickets are \$150; learn more or purchase at TriValleyConservancy.org or by calling 449-8706. Showen enjoying last year's "Jeans and Jewels" were (left to right) Connie Campbell, Donna Garrison, Marie Leslie, Barrie O'Donnell, Lynn Barsnik Stickney and Lisa Lagorio.

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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.)

JOAN'S ON MAIN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 535452

The following person(s) doing business as: JOAN'S ON MAIN, 616A MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA, 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JOANI LeCLAIRE, 4169 AMBERWOOD CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by JOANI LeCLAIRE, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein AUGUST 1, 2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on SEPTEMBER 15, 2017. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: JOANI LeCLAIRE, OWNER (Pleasanton Weekly, OCTOBER 13, 20, 27 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2017)

GG's Caring Companion Service FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 535817

The following person doing business as: GG's Caring Companion Service, 3899 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Barbara Proctor, 3899 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Barbara Proctor, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein September 25, 2017. Signature of Registrant, Barbara Proctor, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 25, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 20, 27, November 3 and 10, 2017.)

VAANHU FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 536818

The following person doing business as: VAANHU, 4843 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 Oct. 19, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Ethel Matshiya-Law, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 19, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2017.)

Expedia Cruise Ship Centers FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 536526

The following person doing business as: Expedia Cruise Ship Centers, 4811 Hopyard Road, Suite G-6, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Joe Lu, 4452 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Joe Lu, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 12, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Joe Lu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2017.)

Opstrak Consulting FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 535949

The following person doing business as: Opstrak Consulting, 1117 Lund Ranch Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marcia R. Alstott, 1117 Lund Ranch Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Marcia Alstott, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein September 27, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Marcia R. Alstott, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 27, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2017.)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER

ESTATE OF: Barbara Skobielew aka Barbara Skobielew.

Case No.: RP17878885

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Barbara Skobielew, also known as Barbara Skobielew, A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Gregory Podkowinski in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that: Gregory Podkowinski be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 22, 2017 at 9:31 a.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Esther K. Su, Ren Law Offices, 20480 Pacifica Drive, Suite E-1, Cupertino, CA 95014, (408)-380-4535. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 10, 2017.)

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Aug. 30-31)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$943,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,000,000
Average sales reported: \$1,423,300

Dublin (Aug. 30-31)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$640,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,300,000
Average sales reported: \$853,667

Livermore (Aug. 30-31)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$430,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,000,000
Average sales reported: \$899,071

San Ramon (Sept. 25-28)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$385,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,740,000
Average sales reported: \$1,012,575

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 30-31 for Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

Pleasanton

7423 Aster Court Weiher Trust to B. Bhatnagar for \$943,000

1304 Brookline Loop M. & K. Vacca to Gunampally Trust for \$1,160,000

1901 Brooktree Way P. Fadum to E. & C. Milovic for \$1,140,000

2431 Crestline Road B. & K. Bromley to D. Eldridge for \$1,405,000

3596 Pimlico Drive M. & J. Auer to V. & H. Lum for \$1,060,000

6900 Riddell Street C. & J. Leone to S. & N. Jayanthi for \$1,725,000

664 Rowell Lane Wheeler Trust to S. Tikkiysetty for \$1,250,000

3987 Salvador Court D. & S. Sanders to M. & J. Harris for \$1,350,000

2667 Torrey Court M. Tantra to V. Javli for \$1,200,000

3725 West Ruby Hill Drive R. & L. Dhawan to H. Hou for \$3,000,000

Dublin

3332 Araldi Lane D. Puthalath to S. Gill for \$868,000

7981 Bellina Street Cummings Trust to G. Han for \$700,000

6962 Doreen Court K. Angel to L. Loi for \$762,000

3616 Finnian Way K. Young to K. Thompson for \$640,000

4293 Fitzwilliam Street V. Wong to C. Wang for \$654,500

7280 Kenwood Road Taylor Morrison of California to R. & C. Hearn for \$1,125,500

170 Midlands Court Lennar Homes to R. Palaniappan for \$811,000

4172 Midlands Court Lennar Homes to H. & S. Italia for \$822,000

7679 Ridgeline Drive A. Bradshaw to E. & R. Brazzo for \$1,300,000

Livermore

2342 7th Street Manning Trust to D. & E. Prusso for \$725,000

2466 Ancona Circle P. & L. Rocereto to S. Pratihari for \$1,369,000

1848 De Vaca Way Pogue Trust to M. Pedraza for \$545,000

726 Estates Street Ferea Trust to M. & H. Fanucchi for \$625,000

3009 Lusitana Drive T. Hodgens to T. Nixon for \$1,450,000

7393 Mines Road Corbett Trust to M. & J. Phelps for \$2,000,000

841 Mohawk Drive J. & L. Varges to D. Rands for \$650,000

476 North K Street L. Adams to D. & J. Ashley for \$559,000

325 North N Street E. George to D. George for \$600,000

6316 Owl Way L. & B. Pedroche to M. Kumarappan for \$887,000

1843 Paseo Laguna Seco Clement Holdings to M. Lopes for \$430,000

474 Rose Street L. Bijl to T. & A. Nelson for \$672,000

675 Sonoma Court H. Wingard to S. & E. Maier for \$625,000

5053 Tesla Road G. & D. Robledo to J. & A. Dahlheim for \$1,450,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Antioch

4 BEDROOMS

5046 Ranch Hollow Way **\$500,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Stephanie Zhou 963-1468

Brentwood

4 BEDROOMS

2707 Rancho Canada Drive **\$650,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Stephanie Zhou 963-1468

Castro Valley

3 BEDROOMS

9150 Crow Canyon **\$1,399,000**
 Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

Fremont

4 BEDROOMS

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

Livermore

6 BEDROOMS

1164 Lexington Way **\$1,325,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 463-9500

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

4622 Mason Street **\$900,000**
 Sun 1-3 The Flashberger Group 463-0436

6857 Siesta Court **\$800,000**
 Sun 1-3 The Flashberger Group 463-0436

4 BEDROOMS

3687 Ashwood Drive **\$925,000**
 Sun 1-4 Karen Kohne 980-1012

3133 Devereux Court **\$1,850,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Joan Sakyo 989-4123

1035 Sycamore Creek Way **\$1,938,889**
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

5 BEDROOMS

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

3720 Raboli Street **\$2,499,000**
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

6 BEDROOMS

4129 Grant Court **\$2,249,988**
 Sat 1-4:30 Bimla Sabhlok 408-807-6492

San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS

2499 Paddock Drive **\$1,269,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Stephany Jenkins 989-3318

5 BEDROOMS

5655 Bruce Drive **\$2,999,888**
 Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto/Debra Allen 251-2536

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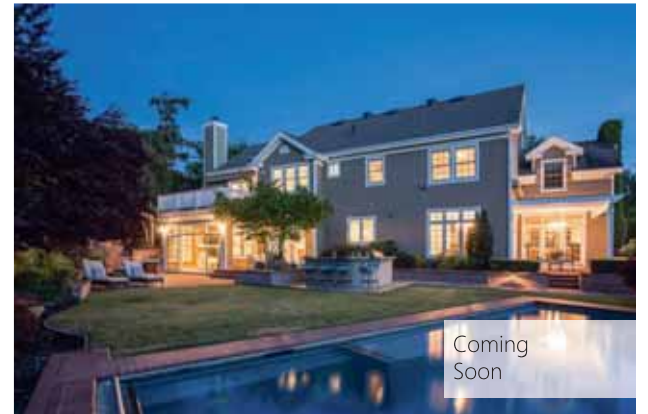
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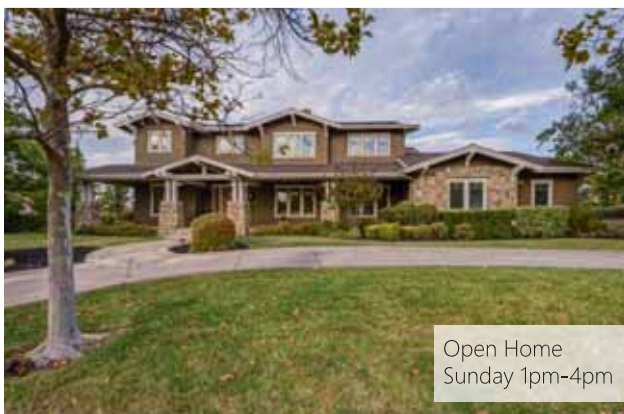
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