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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

580/680 interchange changed valley forever

Fifty years ago this fall, the key freeway link for the Tri-Valley was completed when Interstate 680 opened between Pleasanton and Mission San Jose.

The I-680/I-580 interchange opened with its original cloverleaf configuration in December 1965, but it wasn't until 1967 that the final stretch opened to traffic. That was back in the day of Gov. Jerry Brown's dad, Gov. Pat Brown, who was a driving force in building California (the State Water Project, the freeway system and the state higher education plan all were during his tenure).

In those times, Caltrans built freeways instead of spending gobs of money on environmental and other reports.

The I-680 link from Solano County to the South Bay, like other portions of the outer ring around the Bay (I-280), were completed well before there was demand.

For decades, until Silicon Valley exploded with job growth, it was an easy commute from the valley. The late San Ramon Mayor and City Attorney, By Athan, lived in San Ramon throughout his 25-year career as county counsel for Santa Clara County. It was about a 30-minute drive from his home to his downtown San Jose office.

It's hard to imagine that today, but remember how empty I-680 was in the early 2000s after the dot-com bubble burst or in 2009-2010 after the Great Recession? Earlier this summer, Blue Oaks Church administrator Joe Hartley shared how he could tell the state of the economy by how long it took him to commute from his Pleasanton home to his office in Menlo Park at Sun Microsystems where the Facebook headquarters are today.

In the days prior to I-680, Foothill Road was Highway 21, the main route from Walnut Creek to San Jose. Tractor-trailer rigs, hauling aggregate, would take Foothill south to the now pedestrian-only Verona Bridge where they would cross over to Sunol Boulevard and head for Niles Canyon.

Growing up living on Foothill Road when it carried major truck traffic, it could be an adventure to safely make a left turn into our driveway with trucks bearing down at a much higher speed limit than the 45 mph that exists today.

Longtime residents also will remember Highway 50, the Lincoln Highway, that was replaced by I-580.

The highway was two lanes in each direction with a large median and no overcrossings. You crossed into the median and then merged into traffic.

In an article for the Livermore Heritage Guild, Jason Bezis wrote, "... it was arguably the Tri-Valley's watershed event of the 20th century. The 580/680 junction shifted in the axis of regional economic activity from the 19th century railroad corridor nodes (downtown Livermore and Pleasanton) to the new freeways. Retail activity in Livermore, for example, has taken a half-century to catch up."

The freeway intersection was a key factor in the Taubman Company's decision to build Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton and was a critical factor in locating Hacienda Business Park (co-developed by Joe Callahan of Callahan Properties and the Prudential Insurance Company). Before those decisions, Volkswagen had located a distribution center in Pleasanton that is now ClubSport.

The freeway access and the Alameda County's interest in sales tax revenue from retailers also sparked the big-box shopping centers in the heart of Dublin. When the city incorporated in 1982, sales tax revenues were \$235 million (\$17,400 per capita) compared to \$194 million in Pleasanton (\$5,500 per capita) and \$170 million in Livermore (\$3,500 per capita). It took Livermore until 1994 to pass Dublin in total sales tax, while Livermore eclipsed Pleasanton in 2013 for the first time since the mall opened.

Today, the freeways are both a blessing and a curse. They have driven freeway-oriented retail development and major car dealerships in all three cities. In a couple of years, Pleasanton will have its own Costco along I-680 on Johnson Drive. Dublin is still studying an IKEA store proposed for I-580 at Hacienda Drive.

I-580 is the commerce corridor handling a huge number of 18-wheelers hauling containers from the Port of Oakland, as well as tractor-trailer rigs delivering products from San Joaquin County warehouses to retail locations throughout the Bay Area. With the lack of affordable housing or homes in general, it has steadily grown as the commuter gateway to the Bay Area.

Sadly, there's no silver bullet out there for reducing congestion, although an alternative way to move containers inland would be a major improvement. ■

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

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

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

Senior Housing Options
February 8, 2018 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

Susan Tamaoki, a Certified Senior Advisor, describes some local options for senior housing and offers some tips on to how to pay for it.

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

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

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

If you had to describe yourself in a single word, what would that word be?



Debra Lambert
Public affairs director

Vibrant. I'm enthusiastic and intense and colorful when it comes to everything I do. Kind of like the sun. People gravitate toward me because of those qualities. It's just how I'm wired and I wouldn't want things any other way.



David McCartney
Accountant

Planful. I am very oriented to making all aspects of my life planned, and I implement those plans by setting long-term goals for myself that I act on every single day.



Margaret Sapper
Architect/interior designer

Achiever. I am very goal-oriented. It sometimes takes me a long time to accomplish my goals because I am so very easily distracted. But in time, I always get to where I need to be, and the results are always something I can be proud of and something that other people find very pleasing and admire.



Isabel Adams
Professional organizer

Organized. I love that about myself and how I can use that quality to help others get rid of all of the excess clutter in their lives, and to focus and hone in on the things that really matter.



Maddy Carmoda
Pet sitter

Peaceful. There is so much turbulence and tumult in the world we live in. I refuse to let any of that get me down, and am therefore a source of peace, calmness and tranquility for my friends and family. People seek me out for that reason, and of course I feel really good about that.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Human services needs

The Pleasanton Human Services Commission is looking for public input on a range of vital services in the community as part of a new workshop series designed to engage residents and local service agencies on vital topics for the community.

Held as part of updating the city's Human Services Needs Assessment Strategic Plan, the five-workshop series began this week and will run through January, covering five special interest areas: homelessness, senior services, behavioral health, transportation services and access, and domestic violence and child abuse.

"We hope to engage the public and local social service agencies by giving them a platform to communicate what they believe we need in our community relative to human services," city community services manager Jay Ingram said. "We also want to identify local service gaps and challenges in our ongoing effort to collaborate more effectively."

WWI experience

Museum on Main is hosting "A Discussion with ... Historian Col. Fred Rutledge" at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the museum, 603 Main St.

Col. Fred Rutledge is a member of the California Military Heritage Command and is on the California World War One Centennial Committee. He will be sharing his presentation, "The Doughboy Experience: Americans in the Great War," which aims to honor those men and women who served by providing a glimpse into what they went through 100 years ago.

Rutledge will discuss the lead-up to America's declaration of war against Germany in April 1917, the mobilization of military force, the battles in France, and the return of troops in 1919. He will also dedicate some of his discussion to exploring the impact California and the Bay Area had on World War I.

The program is free, but pre-registration is required and seats are limited. Call 462-2766.

Religion Chat

Interfaith Interconnect's monthly Religion Chat is set for next Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton.

This month's topic will be: "What behaviors will get you thrown out of your religion? How has it changed through the years?" Sharing their religions' perspectives on the prompt will be speakers Jim Ghilardi, who will present the Catholic point-of-view, and Jon Hart of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore. ■

Commission likes early plans for Sunflower Hill housing complex

Also: Mapping southeast hills under Measure PP, reconstructing KFC on Santa Rita

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Planning Commission gave an initial endorsement last week to a proposal for a new residential community for adults with special needs just outside downtown.

Local nonprofit Sunflower Hill seeks to construct a two-story apartment building with 31 units, along with a 5,000-square-foot community center, a central courtyard and other amenities, on a vacant 1.64-acre property adjacent to a new neighborhood planned for

the Irby Ranch site where Stanley Boulevard turns into First Street.

"This is a terrific project, and it is entirely exciting for Pleasanton. And the basis of what is being proposed gives us great confidence that this is going to turn out to be the project we all want," Commissioner David Nagler said Oct. 25 at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

Sunflower Hill officials are working with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates to bring the affordable housing project in Pleasanton to fruition, hoping to address the

need for more housing in town for people with special needs.

The initial project design created by the Dahlin Group, a Pleasanton-based architect firm, was presented at a public workshop last week to allow the Planning Commission and residents a chance to provide early feedback about the project.

The main apartment building is two stories, U-shaped around an interior courtyard, with one studio unit, 22 one-bedroom units and eight two-bedroom units — giving the complex 39 beds in all. An onsite

property manager will live in one of the two-bedroom apartments, and the studio will be occupied by a Sunflower Hill staff member as needed to provide support at the complex.

A single-story community center is proposed across from the apartment building, complete with a multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, fitness room, craft room and administrative offices.

The proposal also calls for a spa lounge area, bocce court, multi-use

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

Pleasanton motorcycle police led last year's Veterans Day parade followed by the colorguard of parade sponsors American Legion Post 237 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298.

Marching on Main

Annual Veterans Day parade, ceremony will recognize service of medics

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

More than 100 organizations led by Pleasanton motorcycle police will parade down Main Street beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday for the 21st year in honor of Veterans Day the following week.

"It is not on Veterans Day weekend because we like to leave that date open for people," Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6298 Quartermaster Larry Brumm said, noting that some folks like to attend other ceremonies and parades in the area as well.

After the parade, everyone is invited to gather at the Veterans Memorial Building for a ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m.

As Brumm looked over the parade lineup last week, he mentioned the howitzers and helicopter from Camp Parks and

explained that one military band is permitted per parade. Bands from several Tri-Valley high schools will take part.

The parade will have colorguards from every branch of the service as well as the Alameda Sheriff's Mounted Posse. The Sheriff's Office will also lead a riderless horse.

VFW posts and other veterans groups and support organizations will take part, including California Gold Star Families, Blue Star Moms and Sentinels of Freedom, for more than 100 entries in all. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Prince Charles Pipe Band will march, as well as Pleasanton's own Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps.

This year's Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony will

honor all veterans but is especially recognizing medics in the military.

"We try to think of something every year," Brumm said. "It was the Vietnam veterans last year."

The parade grand marshal is retired Army Brigadier Gen. Jerry Griffin, who served as a medic and later became a doctor and commanded a combat support hospital. He received a Bronze Star with a "V" device for acts of valor in combat.

After the parade, the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building will give special recognition to Army Spec. Jameson L. Lindskog, a medic from Pleasanton, who was killed in action in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Lindskog

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Council to talk JDEDZ proposal

Outlines rules for developing sites eyed by Costco, hotels, more

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council is set to get its first public look at the city's final Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) proposal next week.

The plan, which was endorsed by the Planning Commission last month, outlines rules for how redevelopment could occur on roughly 40 acres of land on Johnson Drive near the I-580/I-680 interchange where city leaders hope to create Pleasanton's newest commercial center, expected to be anchored by Costco, two hotels and new retail spots.

The proposal headed to council members on Tuesday recommends they certify environmental analysis of the site, amend the General Plan and rezone the site to allow new commercial uses there, and establish strict design guidelines that could help expedite city review of future projects in the marquee area.

The council is expected to conduct a first reading — or initial public review — of the JDEDZ proposal Tuesday night, providing feedback to staff before considering final approval at a meeting next month.

The JDEDZ seeks to breathe new life into largely underutilized property near the freeway interchange

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lawn, group outdoor seating and a convertible sport court.

The buildings consist of a farmhouse-type architecture inspired by the farm style historically associated with the old ranch site as well as designed to flow well with the architecture planned for the 87 houses in The Homestead at Irby Ranch development being built by Meritage Homes adjacent to the Sunflower Hill complex.

The two projects went hand in hand when the 87-house neighborhood was approved by the

Pleasanton City Council earlier this year, with city leaders lauding the Irby Ranch development proposal for setting aside a 1.64-acre portion of the property for the Sunflower Hill project, fronting what will be the future Nevada Street extension.

That land was technically dedicated to the city for affordable housing, but all parties envisioned the project as a Sunflower Hill development for adults with special needs — and the Pleasanton-based nonprofit signed an exclusive negotiating rights agreement with the city for the site.

And the commissioners largely praised Sunflower Hill's project designs thus far.

Most said they liked the building footprints, variety of amenities and how the Sunflower Hill project felt connected to the planned neighborhood, but they also urged the architect to infuse more creative (but not too costly) design elements onto the street-facing building exteriors to help maintain the neighborhood feel and avoid becoming too institutional-looking.

The Sunflower Hill project will return to the commission for final consideration at a yet-undetermined date. Commission chair Jack Balch recused himself from last week's discussion because his father owns a home 384 feet from the project site.

Sunflower Hill officials hope to have plans approved and funding in place in time to break ground by the end of next year.

In other business

- The commission endorsed a proposal from city staff attempting to map the city's so-called southeast hills — about 1,520 acres east of Happy Valley Road — in accordance with Measure PP, the 2008 initiative passed by Pleasanton voters to limit new development on hillsides.

The maps produced by city staff, still subject to final council approval, aim to indicate where development could and could not occur under

Measure PP's key provisions, which ban grading to construct new commercial structures or residential development of more than 10 homes on hillside slopes 25% or greater, or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline.

One problem for projects post-PP is the fact the initiative measure did not define certain terms such as ridgeline, slope or structure, according to city planning manager Adam Weinstein.

So, city officials' effort to map the southeast hills for high-slope and ridgeline areas also involves developing methodology for how the city intends to apply Measure PP provisions in all undeveloped hilly areas of Pleasanton.

Commissioner Nancy Allen lauded the final maps as "really outstanding."

"I thought you did a great job balancing the intent of PP, which is to protect hills while still allowing development at the lower levels," she said.

The southeast hills consist of four large, hilly properties with a history of livestock grazing along with limited development, lots of native vegetation and that serve as a wildlife corridor -- parcels known as the Lund Ranch II, Spotorno Property, Oak Grove Property and Foley Property.

Measure PP's hillside protection provisions were at the center of public debate over development of the Lund Ranch II site, a 43-home project whose fate was ultimately decided by city voters when they passed Measure K in June 2016, allowing the project to move forward.

In the wake of Lund Ranch II debate, the council added southeast hills mapping to its priority list to help settle some of these issues going forward. With housing already approved for Lund, the new mapping methodology covers only the other three properties.

The end result was three maps: one showing areas above/below 25% slope, one showing where areas have 100-foot vertical setback from ridgelines, and the final map combining the two to where development could occur under Measure PP.

A vast majority of the mapped area shows land protected from commercial development or projects of 11 or more homes. The land marked as developable under PP provisions would still need to adhere to state environmental law and other state and local regulations, Weinstein noted.

- The commission approved a proposal to tear down and rebuild the KFC restaurant on Santa Rita Road in the Valley Plaza Shopping Center, just north of the Valley Avenue intersection.

In creating a building with a more modern KFC-brand appearance, the redesigned site will retain similar building orientation, drive-thru location and parking lot layout, but it will remove outdoor seating and give the restaurant almost 350 square feet more space.

- Commissioners wrapped up by saying goodbye to Weinstein, who was working his final Planning Commission meeting for the city. ■

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Total Wine & More comes to Rose Pavilion

Wine and beer retailer celebrates arrival with grand-opening weekend

BY ERIKA ALVERO

A new Total Wine & More shop officially opened in Pleasanton last week, kicking off its arrival with a grand-opening weekend.

The new retail store is located at 4225 Rosewood Drive, previously home to a seasonal Spirit Halloween store and before that a CVS Pharmacy, and across the street from the new Trader Joe's.

Total Wine & More has been expanding into the Tri-Valley recently, opening a store in San Ramon at the end of August.

The grand-opening weekend in Pleasanton lasted from last Thursday (Oct. 26) through Sunday. Community members were able to enjoy a variety of activities, from tastings and live music to complimentary gifts.

"We're off to a great start, excited to be in the city of Pleasanton, and looking forward to this weekend," the store's manager Robert Beltran said Oct. 26. About 50 customers were lined up outside the Rosewood store at its 9 a.m. opening, he noted.

Ten percent of all weekend wine sales were donated to Pleasanton's Museum on Main, coming out to just over \$12,000 for the museum.



ERIKA ALVERO

Pleasanton's new Total Wine & More opened last week in the Rose Pavilion, across from the new Trader Joe's location.

"Donating a percentage of wine sales enables us to give more to the local community, which is always our goal," said Edward Cooper, the retailers' vice president for public affairs and community relations.

Jim DeMersman, the museum's executive director, expressed appreciation about the partnership.

"Our organization is dedicated to connecting the past to the future by preserving, clarifying and disseminating information about our history in the Tri-Valley area," DeMersman said.

"We are fortunate to enjoy robust support from our local community, and we are delighted to welcome Total Wine & More as our newest partner in sharing our region's rich history with the people of Alameda County."

Total Wine & More is the country's largest independent retailer of fine wine, beer and spirits, and, Cooper said, the new store will generate additional retail sales tax for Pleasanton, along with offering a selection of over 8,000 wines, 3,000 spirits and 2,500 beers. ■

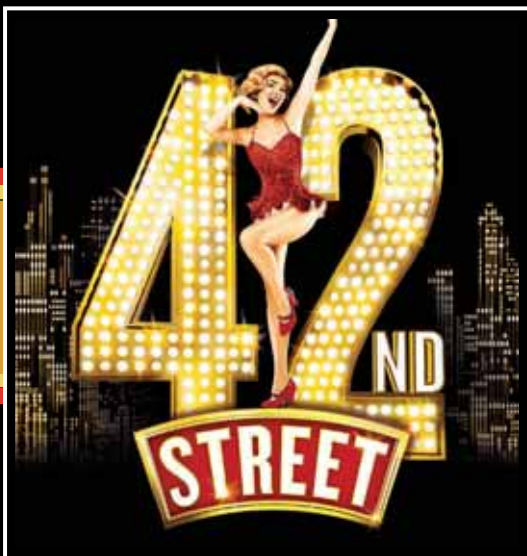


ELLEN HOLMGREN

Band showcase

Residents and visitors lined downtown Pleasanton streets Saturday morning to watch a parade of 35 middle and high school bands as part of the 43rd annual Foothill Band Review, with the host band shown here. The daylong event kicked off at 8 a.m. with the concert competition at Amador Valley High, followed by the parade at 9 a.m. The field show competition took place at Foothill that afternoon and evening, with the school's marching band and colorguard closing out performances.

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Tri-Valley teens named regional finalists for STEM competition

Foundation set to award \$500,000 in scholarships

By JULIA BROWN

Two Tri-Valley teens have been named to this year's class of regional finalists for the Siemens Competition, a national contest in math, science and technology.

Amador Valley High student Kevin Gao and Dougherty Valley High student Alexander Wang are among 101 finalists competing for

\$500,000 in scholarship money from the Siemens Foundation, whose mission is to further workforce development and education initiatives in math, engineering, science and technology.

"Congratulations to the regional finalists on their accomplishments and best of luck to them in the next phase of the

competition," Siemens Foundation CEO David Etwiler said in a statement.

Each year since 1999, students across the country have submitted individual and team research projects as part of the competition, vying for scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000. All regional finalists receive at least

\$1,000 in scholarship money, according to the foundation.

Finalists will compete in one of six regional competitions virtually hosted over three consecutive weekends in November. Winners of the regional events will advance to the National Finals, which will be held Dec. 4-5 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

That night the two top prizes of \$100,000 will be handed out. The second place winner will receive \$50,000 and all other finalists \$25,000 each in scholarship money. ■

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Party for the Pooches

The fourth annual Party for the Pooches, a fundraiser for Valley Humane Society, drew nearly 200 guests to the home of Gina Piper and Shawn Farrell earlier this fall. The backyard gala raised more than \$26,000 to support the nonprofit's mission of providing programs and care for companion animals in the Tri-Valley. The evening featured auctions and raffles, wood-fired pizza and live music (plus an appearance by Cruella de Vil), with 100% of proceeds going to Valley Humane.

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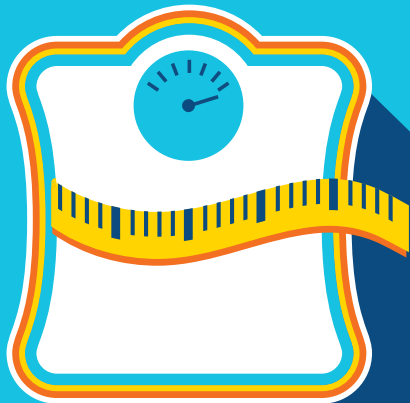
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County names new Health Care Services director

Chawla joins agency from San Francisco Department of Public Health

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced last week that Colleen Chawla was unanimously appointed as director of the county's Health Care Services Agency.

Chawla, who is currently the deputy director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, was selected after a nationwide recruitment process. She will start her new role in Alameda County on Dec. 18.

"We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Colleen Chawla as our new Health Care Services Agency director," said Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors president and chair of the Health Committee. "As a seasoned public sector executive, Colleen has direct experience overseeing the full continuum of safety net health care services including two hospitals, and a commitment to deliver high quality culturally responsive

services to our communities."

In Chawla's current position, she oversees a department with an annual budget of \$2.1 billion and more than 8,000 employees. She joined the San Francisco Department of Public Health in 1999 and has held the position of deputy director since 2011, with a break in between serving from 2005 to 2010 as the director of state government relations for two publicly traded biotechnology companies.

Before coming to San Francisco, Chawla worked for seven years with the AIDS Project Los Angeles.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in public administration/health services administration from the University of San Francisco. She lives with her husband in Oakland.

"We congratulate Colleen on her appointment and look forward to her joining the County's



ALAMEDA COUNTY
Colleen Chawla will be the new Health Care Services Agency director.

strong executive leadership team," County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi said in a statement. "We also extend our sincere gratitude to Rebecca Gebhart for serving as the HCSA interim director for almost two years and continuing to assist through the transition." ■

Stoneridge appoints new mall manager

Osip is Air Force veteran with 15 years experience in retail industry

By JULIA BROWN

Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton has hired a new general manager.

Damien Osip was named to the role after most recently working as general manager for a shopping center in San Diego, according to a statement from mall officials. He replaces Mike Short, who moved out of state after serving 11 years in the position.

"I am thrilled to lead an exceptional team at Stoneridge Shopping Center that ensures we are the premier lifestyle destination in the Tri-Valley and greater east Bay Area for shopping, dining and entertainment," Osip stated. "As we head into the bustling holiday shopping season, I look forward to building relationships with the local community, our retailers and partners."

Stoneridge officials said Osip's leadership "will foster operational excellence while his entrepreneurial minded approach to business supports a culture of innovation and creativity."

As Stoneridge general manager, Osip is responsible for local leasing, building operations, tenant



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Damien Osip, new general manager of Stoneridge Shopping Center.

relations, security and marketing for the Simon Property Group-owned shopping center that is home to 165 stores and restaurants.

He has 15 years of experience in the retail industry. Osip also served with the United States Air Force for six years.

Osip has a bachelor's degree in political science from University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in organization management from University of Phoenix. ■



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posthumously received a Silver Star for his actions.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band under the direction of Bob Williams will perform patriotic music before and during the ceremony.

The post-parade speaker is Command Sgt. Maj. Blaine J. Huston from Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

The local event is organized and hosted by American Legion Post 237, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, and the Maj. Gen. William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

The parade begins in front of the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., and continues north to St. Mary Street. The grandstand will be in front of the Museum on Main.

"We should have good weather, and fall is in the air," Brumm said. ■

Veterans Day event @ LPC

Las Positas College will hold its 11th annual event to honor Veterans Day beginning at 11 a.m. next Thursday (Nov. 9) outside the Veterans Resource Center with a Presentation of Colors and a barbecue lunch, free for veterans. Guest speaker will be retired Senior Chief U.S. Navy SEAL Thom Shea, author of "Unbreakable: A Navy SEAL's Way of Life," at 1 p.m. in Las Positas College room 2420; and at 7 pm. at Veterans Memorial Hall in Pleasanton.

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that includes a nearly 20-acre chunk left vacant — except for leftover building rubble — after Clorox closed its research center there.

The proposal details rules for how redevelopment could occur in the 40-acre area, consisting of 12 parcels at 7106 to 7315 Johnson Drive and 7035 and 7080 Commerce Circle currently with a mix of land-uses. Some of the land is vacant while other areas are in use now.

Through the JDEDZ framework, Pleasanton planners look to spur a thriving retail and commercial hub that capitalizes on the near-freeway location, creates opportunities for new businesses to broaden Pleasanton's economic base and tax revenue, and streamlines the development review process in that area, according to city staff.

Safeguards are included for those operating in the JDEDZ area now, such as FedEx, AT&T, Black Tie Transportation and Valley Bible Church. Existing land-uses would be permitted to continue as is, protected by grandfathering provisions.

But for the vacant land, as well as redevelopment of occupied parcels, city officials propose changing the General Plan designations and zoning districts to allow for a wider range of new commercial uses in the JDEDZ.

With the rezoning would come specific rules developers must follow for site design, covering topics such as vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, landscaping, architectural standards, lighting, signage, parking, drainage, and outdoor equipment and storage.

It is because the JDEDZ package details those design guidelines upfront that city officials support allowing many retail operations, including a potential Costco, to need only staff-level permit approval, rather than consideration during a commission meeting.

The JDEDZ package also includes certification of a final supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) and final approval of a financing agreement with Costco to pay for road improvements needed to accommodate new development in the area, a deal that includes a 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement with Costco to cover a portion of the costs.

The council's open-session meeting is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m. Tuesday inside the council chamber at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Mayor Jerry Thorne is not expected to take part in the discussion, as he has recused himself from all JDEDZ-related matters after it was revealed he owned Costco stock in a retirement fund earlier in the JDEDZ consideration process. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Helping others: A group of Foothill High School students and parent chaperones traveled to Peru last summer to volunteer with MedLife, a organization committed to improving the overall health and welfare of people living in poor communities in Ecuador, Peru, Nicaragua and Tanzania. Here, the Pleasanton group posed with the Weekly at Machu Picchu.

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Nancy Anne Silva

December 18, 1943 – October 27, 2017

Nancy Silva died peacefully at the age of 73 in Pleasanton, CA surrounded by her children and siblings. She was born and raised in Chicago, IL before graduating from Holy Names College (CA) with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology which she used as an exceptional probation officer for Alameda County. There she met and married her soulmate of 35 years, Ron Silva, and raised four children with whom she took great pride. She could always be found supporting them, her five grandchildren and (soon-to-be) great-grandchild, traveling to graduations, weddings, holidays and other family events because it was her joy - a trait she passed on to many others.



Other passions included church, social justice, bocci ball, travel and viticulture after having single-handedly saved the Livermore Valley Sauvignon Blanc industry in 2015. Since 2006, she volunteered and eventually led the grief ministry for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, helping hundreds of survivors deal with the death of a loved one.

She is survived by her siblings Kathe (Walter Nelson), Terry (Todd Mitchell), Barbara (Greg Ebstein); children Steven (Jan Silva), Chris, Melissa and Brian (Jonathan Warnock); five grandchildren Kelsey (Derek Kirkland), Breanna (Bradley Scott), Libby, Daniel and Becca; and numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, mother and father (Kay & Fred Damlos) and brother (Jack Damlos).

A visitation will be held Sunday, November 12 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton from 2 - 6 p.m. with a celebration of life at 5 p.m. where the family requests visitors bring photos to add to a memorial wall. A funeral mass will be held Monday, November 13 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton at 10 a.m. with a reception to follow at the church hall. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Nancy's name to either Doctors Without Borders (<https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org>) or Lung Cancer Alliance (<http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/donate>).

PAID OBITUARY

Bill J. James

January 31, 1933 – October 11, 2017

Bill passed away peacefully at his home in Livermore with his daughter and caregivers by his side. He was 84 years old.

Bill was born in McAlester, Oklahoma to Lillie Cable and Arthur James. Seeking a better life, the family moved to California in the late 1930's settling in the Southern San Joaquin Valley to work in the orchards and vineyards. As a child of the Great Depression and the youngest of ten children, Bill's early life of adversity and poverty would shape him for the rest of his life. Although times were difficult, Bill was fortunate to have had several individuals that had a profound impact on his personal and professional life. These individuals provided guidance, compassion and mentorship setting Bill on a path to success.

Upon returning home from service in the Air Force, Bill enrolled at College of the Sequoias. From there, Bill went on to pursue his degree in education at Fresno State University where he received his Bachelors and Masters degrees as well as his teaching and counseling credentials. It was in Fresno that Bill met the love of his life Cathy, on a blind date at the PalmOlive restaurant. In the early 60's Bill and Cathy moved to Santa Paula where Bill was a teacher and coach. In 1961 Cathy gave birth to daughter Lori and son Michael was born in 1962. The family of four moved to the Simi Valley where Bill was the founding principal of Royal High School. During this time, Bill completed his PhD in Education at the University of Southern California. In 1972 the family moved to Westlake Village where Bill served as Assistant Superintendent for the Las Virgenes Unified School District. Then in 1978 the family moved to Paso Robles where Bill accepted his first role as Superintendent of Schools.

Bill's final move in education was to Pleasanton where he served as Superintendent of Schools from 1985-1998. In his 13 years in that role, he has been credited with many major accomplishments including the unification of the Pleasanton school districts and the passage of 2 major school bonds, but for Bill, mentoring those he worked with was his greatest passion. Bill had the innate ability to recognize talent in those who worked with him and to help those individuals develop and succeed in their own careers.

Even with his busy schedule, Bill was an involved and active member of the community serving in The Chamber of Commerce, Pleasanton Rotary Club, Tri-Valley Business Council, SIRS, and many more. His free time activities included golf, playing poker, gardening, reading and spending time at his cabin in Arnold. Most of all, Bill was happiest when surrounded by his family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Cathy of 56 years and is survived by his daughter Lori James Rice of Pleasanton, son Michael James of Modesto and grandchildren Catie and Kevin Rice. The family will be forever grateful to Bill's angels Harmony and Roberta and to his devoted caretaker Nikki, all who treated Bill with respect, love and compassion.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Sunday, November 5th from 3-5pm in the Palm Pavilion located just inside the main gate of the Alameda County Fairgrounds. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Valley Humane Society: ValleyHumane.org.



POLICE BULLETIN

Man arrested after being seen at Village

A 21-year-old former Pleasanton Unified School District student with outstanding warrants was arrested on Monday after running from police after being spotted on the Village High School campus that morning, school and police officials said Tuesday.

The situation began around 10:55 a.m. Monday when a Village staff member called police to report an unauthorized man on school grounds. School staff recognized the man as Livermore resident Trevhon Golden, a former PUSD student who wasn't allowed on campus, school and police officials said.

Officers responded to Village and found the 21-year-old at the back of the school, according to Sgt. Chris Niederhaus, who alleged Golden immediately ran away from the officers.

Golden had two outstanding arrest warrants, for felony burglary and misdemeanor battery charges, the sergeant added.

Officers followed Golden toward a home at the corner of Abbie and Whiting streets, and Pleasanton police K-9 Falco found him hiding in the backyard, where he was arrested without incident, Niederhaus said.

It is unclear why Golden went to

the Village campus Monday, as he declined to answer officers' questions after his arrest, according to Lt. Kurt Schlehuber.

Pleasanton police initially reported Tuesday that a brief lockdown occurred at Village and the adjacent STEAM Preschool, but school and city officials released a joint statement Tuesday night clarifying that in fact no lockdown occurred.

In other news

• Pleasanton police arrested a man last week for allegedly taking items from two unsecured vehicles parked in a neighborhood just south of Stoneridge Shopping Center.

The 31-year-old from San Francisco was booked into jail on suspicion of possessing stolen property and burglary tools, according to Pleasanton police. His name was withheld in accordance with the Weekly's new policy on naming arrestees before prosecutors file formal charges.

The situation unfolded around 11:35 p.m. Oct. 22 when a Stonedale Drive resident called police to report a strange man looking into parked cars and trying to open the vehicles, police said. The caller gave police a description of the man and his direction of travel.

Officers arrived on scene within minutes, searched the area and found the 31-year-old man walking along the sidewalk on Chestnut Way, police said.

Officers allegedly found him in

possession of property stolen from two unsecured vehicles parked on Stonedale Drive and Chestnut Way. He also had burglary tools, including a window punch, police said.

• PPD and Stoneridge Shopping Center are teaming up to offer a "Coffee with a Cop" event at the mall later this month.

The informal event will give residents a chance to interact with officers, learn safety information and share a cup of coffee in a casual atmosphere.

It is set to run from 10 a.m. to noon Nov 18. in the mall's Grand Court near the Apple Store.

• Testimony continued this week in the second-degree murder trial of Mexican national Jose Ines Garcia Zarate for the shooting death of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle on San Francisco's Pier 14 more than two years ago.

The San Francisco jury heard testimony from U.S. Bureau of Land Management Ranger John Woychowski, whose stolen gun was used to fire the fatal shot July 1, 2015.

Jurors on Monday heard testimony from retired police Inspector Jim Evans who said the bullet that struck Steinle ricocheted off the ground first but appeared to have traveled in a straight line from where Garcia Zarate was sitting to where she stood. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

Oct. 29

Theft

- 12:45 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- 2:20 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:17 p.m., 1300 block of Brookline Loop; auto theft
- 7 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Trespass/prowling

- 11:03 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 2:50 a.m. on the 4600 block of Herrin Way

Oct. 28

Arson

- 9:23 p.m. on the 3300 block of Dennis Drive

Domestic battery

- 7:39 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road at Embarcadero Court

Vandalism

- 6:30 p.m. on the 1600 block of Ramblewood Way

Theft

- 3:09 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:18 p.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle
- 8:12 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Oct. 27

Theft

- 8:25 a.m., 3500 block of Kings Canyon Court; theft from auto
- 6:34 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 8:10 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

James E. Haynes

July 24, 1939 – March 3, 2017

James E. Haynes, Aged 77 passed away at Pomerado Hospital in San Diego, CA surrounded by loved ones on March 3rd, 2017.

Jim was born in Anniston, Alabama to Johnny and Mary Haynes on July 24th, 1939. After spending 4 years in the Navy Jim landed in the East Bay and had been a Real Estate Broker in California for the past 45 years. Jim considered Pleasanton his hometown for the past 30 years and touched many lives while selling commercial and residential real estate in the area. Jim Haynes was known for successfully turning complicated transactions into purchases for business owners, investors and homeowners.

He truly loved his family and had a sharp mind to the end of his life- his special interests included world news and politics- Jim was the President of the Young Republicans in college.. Jim had a great sense of humor and style. He is survived by his daughter Teresa Haynes and his step father Charlie Hester.

Celebration of Life is being held Monday, November 13th at 10am at: Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore 348 N canyon Parkway. Livermore, CA 94550 Family Venue Room Reception immediately following at: Berkshire Hathaway 1983 Second Street Livermore, CA 94550 Please RSVP to Teresa Haynes: 858-682-5846 Please bring your favorite memory of my dad to share!



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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

What we need is more gun control

Gun ownership is a right in this country. A few recent incidents close to home prompt us to remind gun owners about the responsibility that comes with this right.

It started a couple weeks ago when a 13-year-old student at Willow Oaks Elementary School in Menlo Park was arrested when police found the student off-campus in possession of an unloaded, concealed gun — which the student admitted taking to school. A 14-year-old was arrested last week on suspicion of bringing a firearm to Milpitas High School; the handgun wasn't loaded but the magazine in his backpack was, police said.

And last week here in Pleasanton, a Village High School student was arrested after Pleasanton police allegedly found them in possession of a loaded handgun at the campus Oct. 23. The following day, an 8-year-old reportedly took his father's loaded gun — a stolen gun, according to police — to Twin Creeks Elementary School in San Ramon.

We are all fortunate that these incidents didn't have more tragic outcomes, and kudos to the people who were aware enough to report the gun presence to authorities. As it is, three teenagers and one father were arrested, and four communities were once again reminded how fleeting the idea of safety can be.

In California, keeping or leaving a loaded firearm in a place where a child under 18 can find it is a crime. More importantly, this negligence can be deadly.

According to a June report in the American Journal of Pediatrics, firearms are the second leading cause of death for children age 1 to 17 in the U.S., only behind auto accidents. Nineteen children are seriously injured or killed by firearms every day.

Gov. Jerry Brown last month signed a bill authored by local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker focusing on firearms warnings. In addition to a specific warning being given to all people who take a firearms safety certificate exam in California, the new law will require firearms packaging to include a warning that reads, "Warning. Firearms must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users... 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."

But it is not just children who find unsecured guns.

In the case that's grabbed national headlines more so because of the defendant's immigration status and prior convictions, Pleasanton native Kate Steinle was shot and killed in 2015 in San Francisco with a gun that had been stolen from a U.S. Bureau of Land Management ranger's SUV, a backup duty weapon the federal agent said he stored in a backpack under the front seat.

The gun taken to the San Ramon elementary school by a third-grader is alleged to be stolen, which, if accurate, means someone at some point found that gun unsecured.

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley launched an awareness campaign last week focused on gun violence and the safe storage of firearms with the message "Save a Life! Lock Up Your Guns."

With gun ownership on the rise, making all gun owners aware of this very good advice is more important than ever. The number of background checks to purchase a firearm increased by 10% between 2015 and 2016, according to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. According to a 2016 Gallup poll, there are guns in approximately 40% of U.S. households.

We commend our elected officials for increasing awareness of the necessity of safe storage of firearms and the unfortunate consequences, legal and otherwise, for non-compliance.

However, we aren't lobbying for more laws, restrictions or regulations. We are simply asking gun owners for more responsibility, accountability and common sense.

Stolen guns are being used in crimes. Children are taking loaded guns to school.

Here's a little elementary math: A curious child or thief plus an irresponsible gun owner equals potentially deadly consequences.

Moral of the story for owners of firearms: Practice gun control — take control of your guns. ■

LETTERS

It won't be quite the same

Dear Editor,

The annual Veterans Parade down Main Street in Pleasanton on Sunday will be without the familiar voice of Jeb Bing, calling out the names of the participants from the Reviewing Stand.

With his retirement fully in place (well, he says he's retired), a new

voice will rise above the crowd and announce the coming attraction this year. We'll be missing that familiar face and voice for the first time in a long, long time.

Jeb has assured us he will be close by though, so be on the lookout for him on parade day and extend a friendly smile, handshake and "thank you" for his service to our parade in years past.

—Dave Caldwell, VFW Post 6298

—Bill Danko, American Legion Post 237



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

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

- **PUBLIC HEARING:** P14-0852 and PUD-105, City of Pleasanton - Consider certification of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR); and approval of applications on 12 parcels at 7106 through 7315 Johnson Drive and 7035 and 7080 Commerce Circle, comprising approximately 40 acres known as the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) for: (1) General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation of the project site from Business Park (Industrial/Commercial and Office) and General and Limited Industrial to Retail/Highway/Service Commercial; Business and Professional Offices; (2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning to rezone the project site from Planned Unit Development-General and Light Industrial (PUD-G&LI) District, Planned Unit Development-Industrial/Commercial-Office (PUD-I/C-O) District, and General Industrial (I-G-40,000) District to PUD-C District; and the City's intent to adopt a JDEDZ Transportation Fee

Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- P17-0634/0635, CalBay Development, LLC: Applications for Conditional Use Permit and Design Review to refurbish an existing building and operate an approximately 3,040-square-foot drive-through coffee shop with related site improvements at 5900 Owens Drive
- P17-0904, Stoneridge Properties, LLC (Simon Property Group): Application to amend the Stoneridge Shopping Center Development Agreement, governing an approximately 362,790-square-foot expansion, for an additional five years. The Stoneridge Shopping Center is located at 1008-1700 Stoneridge Mall Road
- P17-0903, IZO Update: Joint meeting with the Housing and Planning Commissions to discuss policies related to Universal Design and accessibility and to consider an amendment to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (IZO) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to promote City goals and policies related to affordable housing

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of FY 2016/17 Civic Arts Grants – Final Performance Reports
- Approve funding criteria for FY 2018/19 Community Grant Program – Civic Arts Category
- Review proposed design for "Project Paint Box"
- Review and discuss Ignite Event

Youth Commission

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation from Student Inter-School Action Council
- Approve Revised Commission Meeting Schedule for School Year 2017 - 2018
- Approve the addition of two (2) Commissioners to Public Policy Subcommittee

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Continued discussion of Community Farm Master Plan
- Continued discussion of proposed rules and regulations for Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery
- Park projects quarterly report
- Parks maintenance quarterly report

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Meals on Wheels volunteer Jim Fields (right) hands local senior Russell Snyder the meal Fields just delivered.

Meals on Wheels

Vital program brings nutritious food, social interaction to homebound Pleasanton seniors

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MIKE SEDLAK

Tucked away in dozens of Pleasanton neighborhoods are neatly kept homes where older men and women live but seldom leave. Confined to their properties for any number of reasons, these homebound — and often overlooked — residents cannot travel to restaurants or grocery stores to buy even the minimal amount of food they need to remain healthy.

So for many, their main connection to the community is a daily visit by dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers who bring a hot meal and cold drink to their front doors.

As people age, maintaining a healthy, independent lifestyle can become more and more of a challenge. Simple errands and chores like driving, taking out the trash, grocery shopping and the ability to prepare food are impacted by aging.

For homebound seniors, food preparation is made even more difficult if they live alone, lack financial resources, or don't have family members or a social network to reach out to. Those impacted by food insecurity are at greater health risk.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year, 76% of the seniors who received Meals on Wheels in Pleasanton were 75 years or older and lived on less than \$900 per month, a far cry from the prosperity often associated with Pleasanton.

There are 246,000 residents age 65 and older in Alameda County, according to the county's Area Agency on Aging. Half of these seniors are living below the Elder Economic Security Standard Index for basic living expenses.

To help those seniors in need, a crew of over 40 volunteers meets at the Pleasanton Senior Center Monday through Friday, 52 weeks a year. On their assigned days, these Spectrum Community Services volunteers load up hot meals and cold drinks into red and blue coolers before setting out to deliver meals to 60 to 75 homebound Pleasanton residents.

Meals on Wheels is a lifeline that allows vulnerable seniors to continue thriving in their homes. The volunteers not only bring nutritious, life-sustaining meals to clients, but they provide meaningful social interaction and ensure the residents are safe. And for many of these seniors, their delivery driver may be the only person they meet with all day.

For more information on Meals on Wheels or to become a local volunteer, contact program coordinator Rachel Carpender at 931-5385 or carpender@spectrumcs.org. ■

Editor's note: A professional photographer who freelances for the Pleasanton Weekly, Mike Sedlak also serves as an alternate member on the Pleasanton Human Services Commission.



Above: Ross Hoblitzell greeted Meals on Wheels delivery driver Sandra Ryan at the door when Ryan arrived to drop off his healthy meal. **Left:** Longtime Stanford-ValleyCare employee Hugo Prieto begins the daily food preparation for over 500 meals to be delivered and served through Meals on Wheels.





Left: Jean Samuels meets Sandy and Steven Benson at the door. Jean always raves about the hugs she gets from Sandy. **Above:** Volunteers gather at a Spectrum Community Services delivery van in advance of meal distribution. **Right:** Sandra Ryan gets ready to drop off the next meal on her route.



Above left: Jean Samuels (center) shows her collection of refrigerator magnets, which she has received from dozens of Meals on Wheels volunteers over the years, to her delivery drivers that day, Steven and Sandy Benson. **Above:** The Bensons grab meals and drinks from storage in their trunk. The volunteers will call clients who don't answer the door to make sure they are safe and in good health. **Left:** Samuels embraces Sandy Benson after her meal is dropped off for the day. **Right:** Robbie Devencenzi and Veronica Prieto load and wrap meals in the production line.



BOB COOMBER *Blazing a trail*



By Julia Brown

Bob Coomber does not think of himself as courageous. The 30-year Livermore resident and recently elected City Council member considers the way he goes about his life “just me being me.”

But to the panel of judges, the 62-year-old was a clear choice for recipient of the 2017 Tri-Valley Heroes Courage Award, which singles out one resident each year “for an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity.”

A Piedmont native, Coomber grew up an avid hiker who often went on family trips to Tilden Regional Park.

He also had juvenile diabetes that was unknowingly causing bone density issues. In 1989, Coomber was walking on a beach at Lake Almanor when, as he puts it, “my left leg just kind of blew up.”

Coomber rehabbed from the injury, but the day doctors gave him the green light to start using a cane he broke both ankles just from bearing weight.

He went through seven breaks overall. By the early 1990s, Coomber was in a wheelchair and faced with figuring out how to adapt.

“It was tough, (but) it was manageable,” Coomber recalled

of the transition. “And what made it manageable was my willingness to just get up into the chair and do it.”

“Once you got started, it’s almost like the possibilities were endless — there’s so much you found you could do that you presumed you couldn’t do, and then it was, ‘What’s the next thing to do?’” he added.

One of the things Coomber found he could still do was hike.

He recalls training at a hill in Hayward once a week, wheeling himself up as far as he could before turning around. Then he would head back to the gym and repeat the exercise until, after seven weeks, he made it to the top.

“Once I realized I could do that, all the shackles were off,” Coomber said. “Every step I took forward, metaphorically, I learned more about what I could do and I wasn’t fixated at all about what I couldn’t do.”

As a result, Coomber kept moving forward. He became the first person in a wheelchair to reach the summits of Mission Peak, Mount Diablo and White Mountain — California’s third-highest peak at 14,252 feet.

The latter hike took Coomber three days, an excursion that involved climbing over shoebox-sized rocks and navigating switchbacks. He says it was an experience that “pretty much cemented the idea that I could do anything I wanted.”

“There was no feeling like being on top of a 14,000-footer after three days on the trail,” he said. “That was the crowning achievement to this point.”

Now Coomber has his sights set on a new summit: He wants to become the first wheelchair hiker to cross the 11,485-foot Kearsarge Pass in the Sierra Nevada.

Coomber’s first two attempts to cross the mountain pass — which were thwarted by a malfunctioning insulin pump and threat of an infection — were documented by Bay Area filmmaker Tal Skloot and turned into a film titled “4 Wheel Bob,” which debuted last year.

Coomber is hoping to make it back for a third try this summer. In the meantime, he’s thinking about his annual wintertime 68-mile round trip from Pleasanton to Concord and back on the Iron Horse Regional Trail, as well as other excursions of significance.

Throughout the year, Coomber meets with veterans and seniors with limited mobility and takes them out to local parks and trails. Recently he accompanied a group that was mostly in wheelchairs on a hike at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline.

“Here’s a bunch of folks who rarely get a chance to exercise that way, but once they did it, they all recognized they could do it,” he said. “I saw a couple (since) and they asked about the next time we’re going to go out. That’s such a cool thing to hear.”



JULIA BROWN

Bob Coomber has logged thousands of miles hiking throughout the Tri-Valley and California in his wheelchair.



4 WHEEL BOB FILM

Bay Area filmmaker Tal Skloot made a documentary about Coomber’s attempts to cross the Kearsarge Pass titled “4 Wheel Bob.”

The biggest reward Coomber gets from hiking, he said, is realizing, “if I’m willing to push and stay in shape, I can still do the things I love doing.”

“14,000 feet couldn’t stop me, so we don’t know what will,” he said. ■

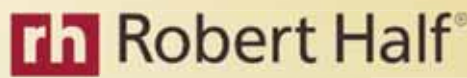
Hero FYI

- ▲ Bob Coomber lives in Livermore with his wife Gina. Bob also has a daughter named Amanda who lives in Cotati.
- ▲ Sycamore Grove Park, Del Valle Regional Park and the Sunol Regional Wilderness are among his favorite local places to hike.
- ▲ Inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame in 2007 and recognized by the George W. Bush administration in 2008 with a President’s Council on Physical Fitness Community Leadership Award.
- ▲ Elected to the Livermore City Council for the first time in November.
- ▲ The documentary “4 Wheel Bob” has been shown at theaters and festivals throughout the Bay Area and Europe. It will next be playing Nov. 17-23 at the Oslo Theater in Monterey. Visit 4wheelbobfilm.com.



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GARY WINTER Acknowledge your heart



By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Gary Winter has his work in more Pleasanton homes than any other artist. He is the creator of the town's miniatures — landmark buildings, businesses and homes, and the beloved Main Street arch.

Perhaps just as importantly, Winter brings his energy downtown every day, where he finds inspiration on ways to convey his message: Acknowledge your heart.

His mother and his father taught him to think from his heart, said Winter, 70, who was the oldest of four.

"My mother used to always say, 'Gary, if you want to be a good artisan, pay attention to your heartfelt thought,'" Winter said. "That's where intuition and inspiration comes from. Not your mind, your heart."

His father inadvertently introduced him to nail art when he was 6 or 7 years old.

"My dad was always in the garage and would show me how to use hand tools," Winter remembered. "One day I was bugging him, I guess, so he picked up a small bag of nails, plopped it in front of me with a hammer and pointed to some pieces of wood. He said, 'Go over there and use your imagination.' I did a little tiny oak tree, about 6 or 7 inches square."

Winter went on to create nail art that is now on display in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, and in Ripley's Believe It Or Not! museum in Florida, among others.

He and his brothers were always creative. After their dad challenged them to find a use for a printing press' enormous discarded tubes that had held rolls of paper, they developed a line of tubular furniture. They made drum chairs for children, circle shelves and side tables for beds.

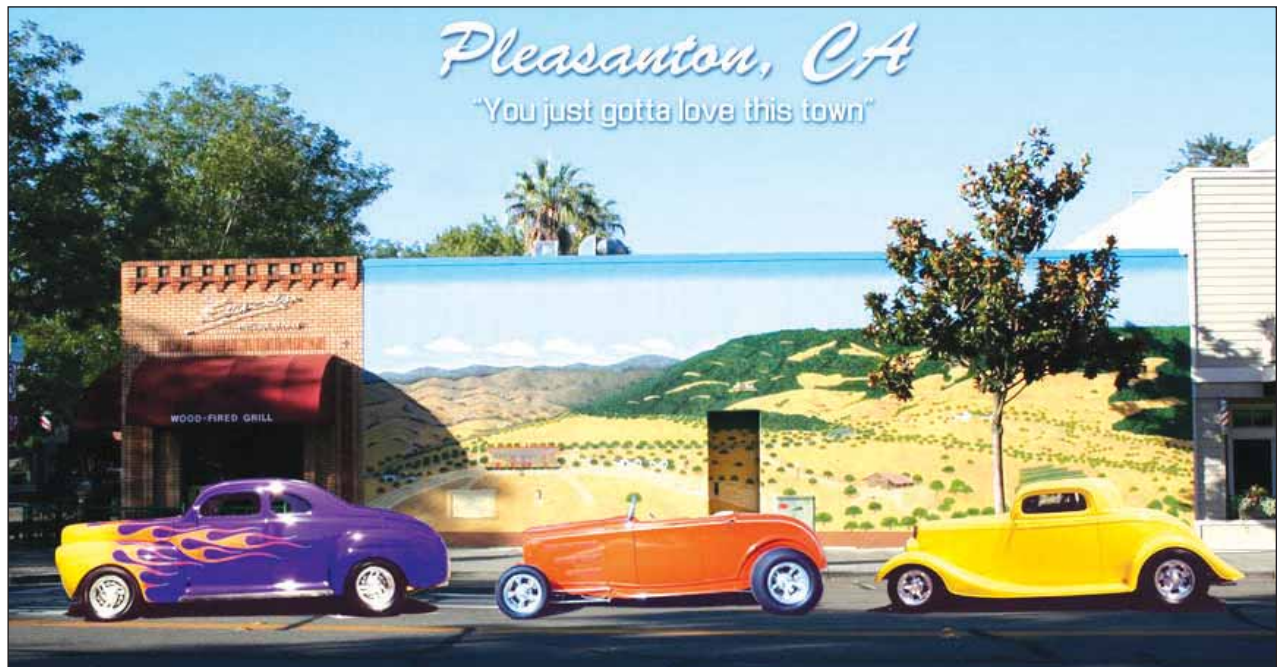
"Water beds had just come out and I made a 'wave' headboard," Winter said. "It was my favorite design."

They branched out into display systems, which they sold to Lord & Taylor, Neiman Marcus, Macy's, Sears and JC Penney.

As a young man, Winter worked on the family ranch and considered himself a cowboy until he wandered into Pleasanton one day and began to envision the first caricature map of the city, with playful drawings marking shops and landmarks.

Hero FYI

- ▲ In high school, Gary Winter worked at his uncle's haberdashery in Fremont. He began on the register but soon was creating window displays.
- ▲ Winter joined the Navy right after high school and was stationed in Hawaii and Guam.
- ▲ Winter has been meditating for more than 45 years after attending a workshop by Werner Erhard, creator of EST. He advises: "Stop for a second, acknowledge your heart, take a deep breath and look around you and appreciate everything."
- ▲ His son just got married, and his daughter is expecting his first grandchild in March.
- ▲ Ask Winter how he is and he always responds, "Super duper!"
- ▲ See more Gary Winter creations at www.garyawinter.com.



COURTESY OF GARY WINTER

Photograph shows downtown mural by Gary Winter that reflects his love of Pleasanton, which he traces back 100 years to when his great-grandfather rode into town on horseback.

"I had seen caricature maps done before but mostly on the East Coast," Winter said.

He attended Chamber of Commerce meetings to promote the maps and was introduced: "This is Gary Winter. He's an artist." He decided it was a fit.

Winter worked with his brother Ben for four years to perfect the ridges of the Zwirl football to make it ergonomic and aerodynamic. Around this time, Blackhawk was being developed and Winter moved with his young family into the 10,000-square-foot Blackhawk ranch house, where he was caretaker — plus had an entire wing for his art studio.

"We lived out there for seven years, it was incredible," he said.

For the last few years, Winter has been making stick figures from 2-by-4s. He brings favorites to Saturday Farmers Markets where he sets up on Main Street and Angela. Sometimes he gets stick figure commissions.

"It's neat, I meet so many people and hear all their stories," he said.

It was Christmastime in the late '90s when Winter got the idea to create Kolln Hardware in miniature. This has led to more than 120 little buildings, with their precise likenesses laminated onto pieces of wood that he cuts out.

"I have 800 collectors — some have every building I did on Main Street," Winter said. "Some people started having me do their homes."

The arch was always a best seller and one day Winter was inspired to put it onto little magnets, a collectible more people could afford. He sold hundreds.

"Then one day I was taking my walk down Main Street, and I looked at the arch and thought, 'That is the heart of Pleasanton,'" he recalled.

He designed tiny red hearts on sticks to add to the arches. He also began to make little gold pins with hearts to distribute as an antidote to the current negativity in the world.

Winter credits meditation, which he began in his 20s,

'That's where intuition and inspiration comes from. Not your mind, your heart.'

Gary Winter,
Pleasanton artist



FILE PHOTO

Winter displays one of the antique square nails found during renovations at Kolln Hardware, nails he used to create an image of the iconic Pleasanton building.



COURTESY OF GARY WINTER

Winter's first Pleasanton miniature was the Kolln Building on Main Street.

for staying calm and centered.

"Our minds are so distracted and programmed — throw the dragons out, imagine a better way, a better day," he said. "Acknowledge your heart." ■

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Falcons, Dons ready for gridiron showdown

It is time for the football game the players will remember for years to come as Amador Valley makes the trip across town to take on Foothill tonight in their East Bay Athletic League finale.

Both teams enter the game with 6-3 overall records, and barring an unforeseen colossal mistake by the North Coast Section — then again this is NCS, capable of anything — both will head to the section playoffs the following week.

It promises, as always, to be an entertaining game and one that should be packed around the field at Foothill.

There are similarities throughout the season between the teams' wins and losses. Both lost to San Ramon Valley and De La Salle by similar scores. Both hammered Dublin, Livermore and Dougherty Valley by comfortable margins.

Both beat Granada in somewhat close games, with Amador winning 22-19 and Foothill winning 24-13.

And there were some differences.

The Falcons beat Cal 14-0, while the Dons suffered a 27-7 loss. Foothill blasted Monte Vista 42-14, while Amador fought for a 21-13 win over the Mustangs. (The Falcons' other loss came out of league against San Leandro in Week 1.)

Amador had a bye last week, giving the Dons two weeks to prepare for the Falcons. Foothill basically

had a bye, rolling out to a 51-0 lead at the half before finishing out Livermore 58-14.

Foothill coach Matt Sweeney knows this week will be a good ballgame from start to finish.

"They are a very good team," Sweeney said of the Dons. "They play very hard and are very active on defense. We are expecting a dog fight."

Amador coach Danny Jones, who like Sweeney has played in the rivalry as well as coached in it, knows the lasting importance of the game.

"I tell our guys, 'In 25 years, this is the game you will remember,'" Jones said.

Jones also knows what his team faces this week.

"They are explosive," Jones said. "We have had similar seasons. This is going to be a hard fought 48 minutes."

Girls water polo

The Foothill girls water polo team finished the regular season strong, winning six of their last nine games, including wins over EBAL opponents Granada and Amador.

Foothill's Senior Night took place on Oct. 16 when the Falcons hosted and defeated Granada 15-5 with the three senior captains leading the charge. Emily McElroy had a

standout game with five goals, five assists and two steals.

Lauren Dennen had two goals, three assists and three saves, and Madison Weiglein rounded out the captain trio surge with two goals, four assists and two steals. Goals were also scored by senior Meghan Hogue (two) and sophomore Monica Ureno (three). Sophomore Kaylee Dillon had a season high five saves in the goal.

The Falcons next dropped a tight, non-league game against opponent Las Lomas. The game was tied 6-6 at the half, but the Falcons lost 11-10 when junior Maddie Bolt's long shot attempt to tie the game at the buzzer fell short by just a few inches.

Goals were scored by five Foothill players: McElroy (four), senior Erin Schafer (two), Dennen (two), and one apiece by Bolt and Weiglein. Sophomore goalie Sam Ramirez was key in the defensive effort with six saves, and Weiglein contributed three of the team's eight steals.

The regular season ended with a 6-4 win over Amador. With the score tied at 2-2 and one second remaining in the first half, McElroy passed the ball to Weiglein who scored from half court to secure a 3-2 lead at the half. The Falcons controlled the second half by the same margin.

Goals were scored by Weiglein (three), McElroy (two) and Schafer (one), with the key defensive effort coming from goalie Ramirez who had nine saves and two steals.

Boys water polo

The Foothill boys water polo team ended their regular season with an 8-6 win over crosstown rival Amador and a berth in the NCS playoffs.

Standouts for Foothill were seniors Dylan Pottgieser with two goals and one assist; Matthew Dotson with two goals, one assist and one steal; Drake Southern with one goal, two assists and two steals; and Harrison Carter in goal with four saves.

This was a good team win in support of the seniors, with additional scoring and strong defense coming from juniors Nathan Williams (one goal, one assist, two steals), Dylan Weiglein (one goal, one assist, one steal), Brendan Cassidy (one goal, one steal) and Ryan Weiglein (two steals). ■

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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Health & Wellness

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COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF WORKSHOP St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Grief Workshop Schedule - Coping with the Holidays, Thursday Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m., Speaker: Father Padraig Greene. Mass of Remembrance, Monday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Father Paul D. Minnihan will preside.

Teens

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7

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Community Groups

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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.)

Blueprint Transactions FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 537060

The following person doing business as: Blueprint Transactions, 911 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Liana Madnick, 911 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Oct. 23, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Liana Madnick, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 23, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, 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.)

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PET OF THE WEEK



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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Romar De Claro 784-3068

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11473 Winding Trail Lane \$695,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Suzanne Bieser 699-3884

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4194 Gibraltar Drive \$1,235,988
 Sat/Sun 11-4 Nancy Sutorius 367-7414

Livermore

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401 Kensington Common \$599,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

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5625 Arlene Way \$998,000
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Joseph Gomez 510-714-6370

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Karla Brown 200-1909

3 BEDROOMS
4553 Fisher Court \$795,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tom Montano 989-4106

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4 BEDROOMS
839 Bonde Court \$1,198,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea Rozran 858-4198

1757 Greenwood Road \$1,079,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

3405 Stacey Way \$1,085,000
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1035 Sycamore Creek Way \$1,938,889
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 846-6500

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 Fri 10-1/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 9800273/519-8226

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San Ramon

1 BEDROOMS
8975 Alcosta Boulevard #114 \$340,000
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2499 Paddock Drive \$1,249,999
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 1 -12.

Pleasanton

3016 Badger Drive Saintamour-Mcleod Trust to E. Valentin for \$875,000

5577 Baldwin Way J. Burkes to S. Balakrishnan for \$712,000

5638 Belleza Drive R. & K. Kaiser to D. & P. Khandelwal for \$680,000

6871 Calle Altamira J. Shih to L. & A. Olebe for \$1,298,000

4875 Canary Drive R. & V. Price to Y. Yang for \$1,115,000

5062 Carducci Drive Z. Yang to N. & K. Marwah for \$1,135,000

650 Concord Place M. Palmer to D. Engin for \$530,000

5872 Corte Mente Mayer Trust to B. Yang for \$1,700,000

7932 Doral Court M. & T. Crownover to R. & M. Sethi for \$1,865,000

3253 East Ruby Hill Drive G. & S. Bose to Hari & Shweta Trust for \$2,605,000

4560 Eull Court L. & J. Yarbrough to B. Brunel for \$1,069,000

3244 Flemington Court C. Grassinger to R. Sadanand for \$1,150,000

2306 Gloria Court B. & D. Graver to S. Khare for \$1,875,000

3117 Joanne Circle D. & C. Usedom to H. Pan for \$1,318,000

2693 Maria Street H. Xia to J. Mallari for \$1,030,000

3405 Norton Way #7 Portela Trust to D. & M. Turner for \$430,000

648 Palomino Drive C. & Y. Han to K. Ghosh for \$800,000

3356 Rosada Court C. Gonzales to S. Narayan for \$665,000

4057 San Giorgio Court H. Xiang to S. Madhavan for \$680,000

2240 Segundo Court #3 R. Wang to Neppalli Trust for \$450,000

7980 Spyglass Court Liebert Trust to L. Fang for \$1,250,000

7482 Stonedale Drive Shockley Trust to M. & J. Lee for \$798,000

3323 Touriga Drive G. Brown to Haskell Trust for \$1,170,000

Dublin

3649 Aviano Way D. & J. Samra to A. Pasaoa for \$925,000

4784 Boxwood Way A. Goyal to R. & P. Sivaraman for \$971,000

7490 Brighton Drive R. Harrison to P. Arora for \$980,000

7564 Calle Verde Road Coughlin Trust to J. Freethy for \$769,500

4331 Clarinbridge Circle K. & Y. Jacobs to S. Vojjala for \$641,000

5501 De Marcus Boulevard #523 S. & L. Mok to S. & K. Jang for \$575,000

2811 East Sugar Hill Terrace JP Morgan Chase Bank to Bay Area Property Associates for \$1,650,000

5310 Hazel Tine Lane N. & S. Manocha to A. Rabi for \$1,430,000

7579 Honey Court R. Mohondro to V. & S. Kalidindi for \$865,000

7905 Jade Circle Bryson Trust to D. Fung for \$1,048,000

4278 Jordan Ranch Drive M. Choi to S. Dabade for \$1,340,000

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WEST PLEASANTON

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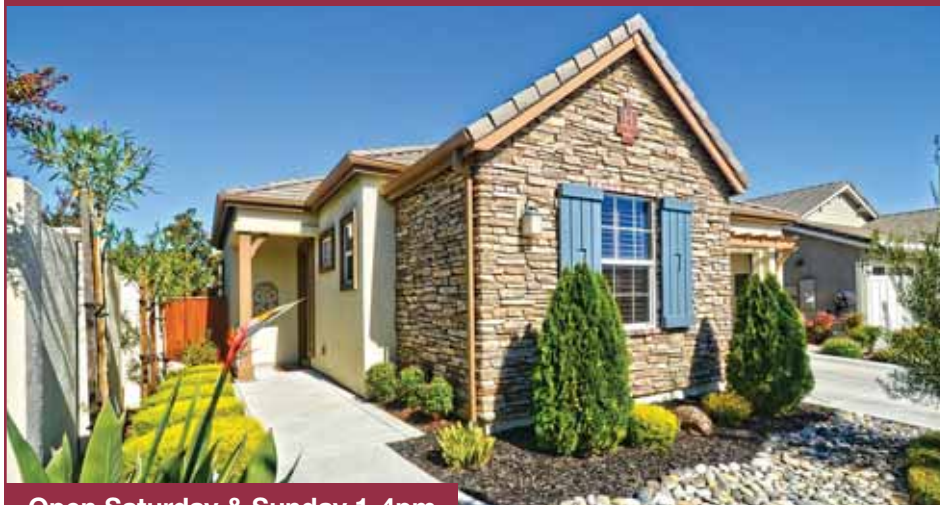
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Location, Location, Location! Don't Miss This Three Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home with approximately 1302 Square Feet. Located in Quiet Mature neighborhood that's Close to Everything! Premium Nearly One Quarter Acre Lot (10,005 Square Feet). New Paint & Carpets, Updated Kitchen, Large Rear Yard & Covered Patio Central Heat & Air Conditioning. For a Private Showing, Contact-The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information and Photos, go to www.235croyden.com

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A: Abu I appreciate the question. With 8 offers, you only have a 12.5% chance of getting your offer accepted just based on the number of offers. The fact of the matter is that a seller can accept any offer, regardless of price or terms. It is at the seller's sole discretion. They can accept an offer lower in price than yours, or can accept an offer with loan contingencies over an all cash offer, or with a longer close than you are offering. It is up to the seller. There is no law that requires the seller to accept the highest offer. There is no law that requires the seller to give you a counter offer.

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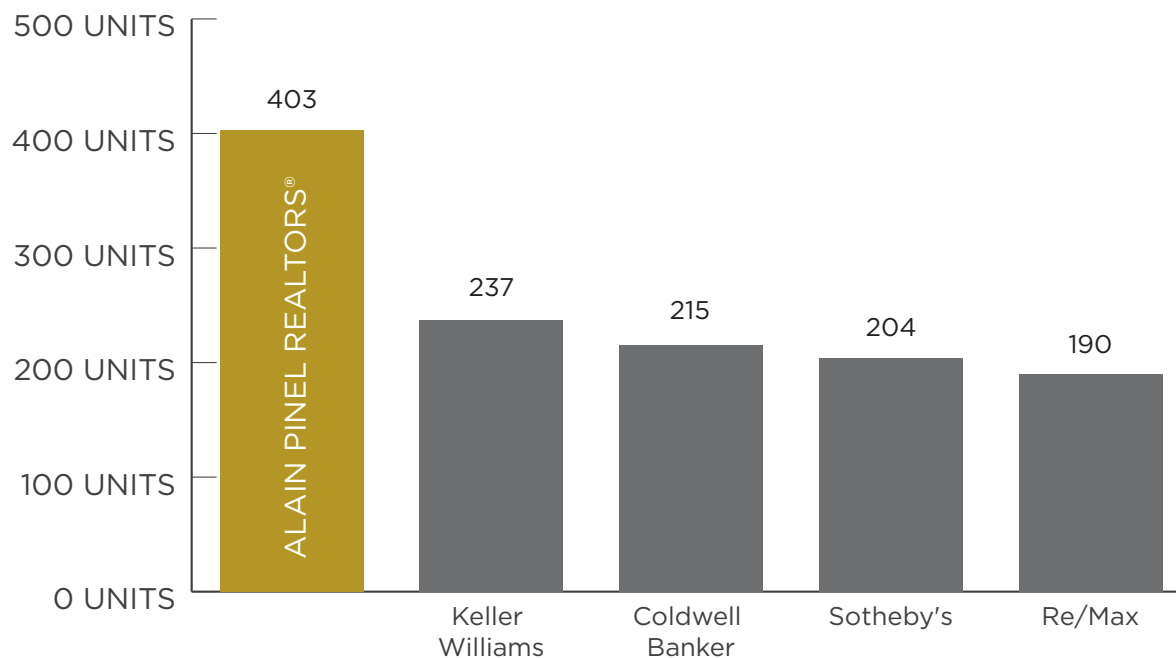
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