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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

Holiday Fund donations help 14,000 gain health care



Dr. Upama Barua assists a patient at Axis Community Health.

Axis Community Health — the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured — is one of 12 nonprofit organizations that will benefit from contributions to the Weekly's 2017 Holiday Fund.

"We are proud to be selected as a recipient of the Holiday Fund again this year, and we look forward to being able to provide more medical visits for low income Tri-Valley families who would otherwise have no access to health care," said Sue Compton, chief executive of Axis.

Axis, serving the Tri-Valley since 1972, aids more than 14,000 residents from five sites in Pleasanton and Livermore. Services include primary medical care for all ages, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and a WIC nutrition program.

"Holiday Fund support is a vital part of Axis' budget," Compton said. "We rely on this contribution to maximize our resources and increase the number of available medical visits for our community's most vulnerable residents."

Support from this year's Holiday Fund will cover medical costs for children needing care. More than 20% of Axis patients are children under the age of 18. Most often, families depending on Axis for care are the "working poor," meaning an income less than \$48,500 a year for a family of four.

The need for affordable, quality medical and mental health services has been growing rapidly in the Tri-Valley over the past decade. In response, Axis opened a new clinic in 2016 that doubles its service capacity.

Located at 5925 W. Las

Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton, the site is already operating at full capacity. Axis' staff of 165 includes physicians, nurse practitioners, mental health professionals and a large team of support staff. Axis is also the Tri-Valley's free Certified Enrollment Center, where certified enrollment staff assist anyone in the community with signing up for Covered California or Medi-Cal.

As a nonprofit health center, Axis provides access to health care for all members of the community. It also contracts with Alameda County to provide services and receives support from the U.S. Bureau of Primary Health Care.

Public support, however, falls short in covering the cost of services. Last year Axis provided over 2,000 uncompensated medical visits.

"Community support is critical to Axis' ability to continue to provide health care services for all Tri-Valley residents," said Compton.

This year, contributions to the Holiday Fund will be split between two tiers among 12 recipients.

In Tier 1, recipients will share equally in 50% of total 2017 Holiday Fund receipts: Axis Community Health, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and Valley-Care Charitable Foundation.

Tier 2 recipients will share equally in 50% of total 2017 Holiday Fund receipts. They are Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, REACH for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Sunflower Hill and Tri-Valley YMCA.

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Tal Sendrovitz, owner of Tal's Patisserie in Danville, feels it's her cultural responsibility to sell jelly-filled fried doughnuts called sufganiyot, a treat found on every street corner in her native Israel during Hanukkah. Photo by Erika Alvero. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is on your mind at this moment?



Scott Sears

Video productions teacher

Oh, gosh. I'm thinking about so many different things right now. That my kid is in surgery. That it's Monday. Winning fantasy football. This latte that I'm drinking. That the holiday season is in full swing, and that I really need a nap.



Joe Signorotti

Roofing

I'm thinking about the beer and pizza I'm about to eat. It will pretty much cancel out the tough workout I just completed, but I'm so hungry, and tomorrow the slate will be fresh and clean.



Grace Ose

High school student

I have a lot on my mind right now, for sure. The newness of this change in season, a new, more positive mindset, a fresh start, seeing family and getting ready to better myself for the year ahead.



Dominic Signorotti

Attorney

My friend Grant Chestnut's epic 40th birthday party this past weekend. And I'm not just thinking about it. I'm actually still feeling it.



Gwen Davis

Software sales

My mind is buzzing with all I have to do to get ready for the holidays. I need a tree. I need to decorate. I need to send cards. I need to buy gifts. I need to make calls. I feel so fortunate that my son is visiting from Massachusetts and will be able to keep me company and help me out as I do all of these things.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Child care initiative

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley is hosting a public information session on Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Senior Center for residents to learn more about the county's initiative to improve child care and early education, as well as support for providers.

The Board of Supervisors is looking at whether to place a local sales tax measure on the ballot next June to address problems with early education in the county.

County officials said issues include that affordable child care is out of reach, children in homeless families can't get access, early educators live in poverty, access to care is limited and thousands of children arrive to schools not ready for kindergarten.

If placed on the ballot and approved by voters, funding from the sales tax measure would be dedicated to addressing those problems and more, county officials said. The amount of the sales tax hasn't been determined.

The Pleasanton meeting, set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, is the last of eight listening tour stops the county has hosted since October to inform residents about the proposal and hear feedback from communities. For more information, visit acgov.org/ece/crisis.

Chamber awards

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 55th annual Community Service Awards, set to be handed out in March.

Community members can nominate deserving businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals for five awards: Business Philanthropy, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Service, Distinguished Individual Service and Green Business.

Anyone can submit nominations for the awards.

Nominations are due by Jan. 19. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, visit www.pleasanton.org or email susie@pleasanton.org.

Merry musical mayhem

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," family musical theater performed by local youths, opens tonight at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

The hilarious family holiday classic unfolds the tale of a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant who must cast the Herdman kids, possibly the most creatively mischievous bunch in history.

The show, presented by Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theater, runs through Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; plus matinees at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets at www.firehousearts.org. ■

City Council finalizes rezoning plan for proposed Costco site

Referendum proponents have until next week to collect signatures for pending petition

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday completed the process of creating a new economic development zone near the I-580/I-680 interchange that city leaders hope will become home to Pleasanton's newest commercial center anchored by Costco, two hotels and other businesses.

With their 4-0 vote, council members formally adopted an ordinance approving a planned unit development (PUD) rezoning of the 40-acre site, a plan that includes

strict design guidelines that could help expedite city review of future projects in the marquee area.

The final approval step occurred with little fanfare — for a proposal at the center of a ballot initiative in 2016 and currently the target of another referendum petition seeking to overturn earlier council approvals of the project.

About a dozen residents were in attendance, including Costco representatives, but no one spoke to the council on the proposal Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

Council members didn't even talk about it, approving the ordinance without discussion as part of the vote on their consent calendar — with Mayor Jerry Thorne abstaining.

The council members gave initial support to the rezoning plan for the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) last month, introducing the new ordinance and scheduling it for a second reading and final approval this week.

Their 4-0 vote Nov. 7 also included final approval of the JDEDZ environmental impact report, a

General Plan amendment to allow new commercial uses at the site and a resolution declaring their intent to adopt a JDEDZ transportation fee some time down the line.

With the rezoning ordinance now adopted, city planning staff could begin accepting applications from JDEDZ developers early next month, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

That is, unless former City Councilman Matt Sullivan and his citizens

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ERIKA ALVERO

The cafeteria at San Ramon's California High School was completely full by the start of Congressman Eric Swalwell's town hall, the bulk of which consisted of a question-and-answer session with residents.

Full house for Swalwell

Congressman talks tax bill, guns, national security at town hall

By ERIKA ALVERO

It was a packed house in the cafeteria at San Ramon's California High School last Saturday morning, where local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) held his last town hall of the year.

At the meeting, Swalwell touched on a variety of issues, from the recently approved tax bill to immigration to the numerous sexual misconduct allegations coming out in politics and the media.

Most of the town hall, which lasted about an hour and a half and was attended by more than 200 residents of the 15th Congressional District, was dedicated to a question-and-answer session, though Swalwell opened by talking about national security issues, gun legislation and the recently approved tax bill, which he adamantly opposed.

"If you're going to lower (the corporate tax rate), there should be a guarantee that profits are shared with the workers," he said. "And that's not in this bill at all."

He criticized the removal of certain deductions, including the mortgage interest deduction, which hits hard in the Bay Area.

"As a kid growing up here, I lived in 11 different homes, I went to nine different schools before I graduated high school ... I remember when I was 14 years old, my parents bought their first house, it was because of the mortgage interest deduction," he said. "That was a big part of being able to buy a home in Dublin, was because of that deduction."

He added that tax reform was needed, but that the bill passed Friday night was not the solution.

"I believe that we need tax

reform," he said. "I think it should be more simplified. But I think it should help working families ... It shouldn't be a way to just allow the people at the very top who are already doing well in this economy, to do better."

On the national security front, Swalwell focused on North Korea, criticizing the President Donald Trump for "undermining the secretary of state ... engaging in name-calling" in a situation that has "gotten very dangerously out of control."

He pointed out that 38,000 U.S. troops and their families were stationed in South Korea, potentially in harm's way.

"These are challenging times, and cool, reasonable minds and

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Jury acquits Steinle defendant

Mexican man not guilty of killing, convicted on gun charge

It's been just over a week now since a six-man, six-woman jury in San Francisco found Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, the 45-year-old homeless

Mexican citizen charged in the 2015 fatal shooting of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle, not guilty of murder and assault with a deadly weapon after a four-week trial and six days of deliberation.

He was convicted of one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The verdict Nov. 30 has drawn strong reaction from those involved with the case, as well as politicians and federal officials.

Pleasanton's Congressman Eric Swalwell, a former Alameda County prosecutor, said in a statement that he disagrees with the acquittal.

"I respect our justice system, but I disagree with the verdict," said the Dublin Democrat who knew the Steinle family growing up. "I pray for Kate's family and I hope that when her name is



Kate Steinle

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Four selected as Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship recipients

Students to be recognized at luncheon in May

By JULIA BROWN

Four Pleasanton high school seniors have been chosen as recipients of the 2017 Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship.

Amador Valley High School students Abbie Cooper and Nicole Zhang, along with Foothill High's Kathryn Ann Lee and Rachel Mundaden, were picked from 26 applicants by the Community of Character Collaborative.

The scholarship was created to honor the memory of Juanita Haugen, former school board president and founder of the collaborative who died of cancer in 2007.

Applicants were required to explain how their actions have reflected any or all of the six characteristics adopted by PUSD, the city of Pleasanton and other local entities — honesty, compassion, integrity, responsibility, respect and self-discipline.

Amador senior Cooper said her parents taught her the values of selflessness, thoughtfulness and hard work.

Born with a club foot, dance lessons served as a way Cooper could improve her physical condition as well as learn the value of self-confidence and hard work.

"These challenges taught her a strong work ethic and allowed her to empathize with others who face their own personal challenges," a statement from the collaborative reads.

Cooper has served as an Outdoor Education camp counselor and senior class vice president, planning events for Amador such as the senior picnic and Senior Ball. She has volunteered at Open Heart Kitchen, organized volunteers for Rooms of Hope, which raises money for terminally ill children, and served as captain of a dance team that raised over \$25,000 for Dancers Against Cancer.

Fellow classmate Zhang plays soccer for Amador and the Pleasanton RAGE. After a seventh-grade classmate fell on the track and was hurt, Zhang organized events to raise \$30,000 for a new track.

She is the co-founder and



Abbie Cooper



Nicole Zhang



Kathryn Ann Lee



Rachel Mundaden

president of the Student Inter-Schools Action Council, a student board member for the school board, chairperson of the school site council, and PUSD student representative on the Local Control and Accountability Committee.

Zhang also co-founded the Wheelchair Ambassador program, working with the Wheelchair Foundation to organize wheelchair basketball games and fundraisers. A piano player, she has also organized musical performances for nursing home patients and donated hair to children with medical hair loss.

Lee, a Foothill senior, began volunteering at the Taylor Family Foundation in sixth grade, accepting larger roles as she got older including organizing the training for over 200 volunteers for a fundraiser.

"She learned compassion through working with these children, who lived each day with severe disabilities and health conditions," the collaborative stated.

Lee has also volunteered at a number of events for Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, Foster a Dream and other organizations. She plays soccer for Foothill's varsity team and the Pleasanton RAGE.

Rachel Mundaden has volunteered at soup kitchens and founded an annual backpack and school supply drive for needy families.

Mundaden also founded the Girls Who Code club at Foothill to empower girls interested in the STEM field and has taught coding at the Donlon Elementary Kids Club and Chinatown YMCA in San Francisco.

She received the Girl Scout Gold

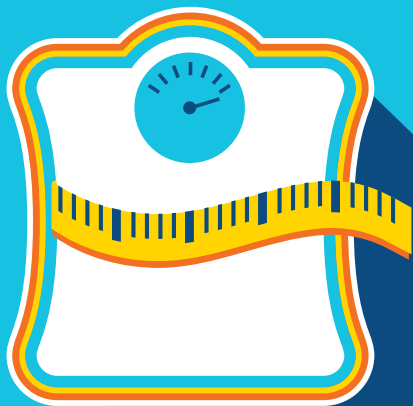
Award by conducting an Earth Day event at Donlon, where 300 students learned about climate change, recycling and other environmental issues.

Mundaden is the youth representative on the city of Pleasanton's energy and environment committee, plays lacrosse for Foothill's varsity team and is first chair viola in the school orchestra.

A Village High senior will also be announced as a scholarship winner at the school's commencement ceremony.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at the collaborative's annual luncheon in May.

For more information on the Community of Character Collaborative, including how to donate, visit www.communityofcharacter.org. ■



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Museum announces speaker series lineup for 2018

Public invited to spend time with 'famous guests'

Candy Campbell is set to perform as Florence Nightingale during the Museum on Main's Ed Kinney Speaker Series in March.



MUSEUM ON MAIN

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main tickets are on sale to the general public for the 2018 Ed Kinney Speaker Series, "An Afternoon or Evening with ..."

"We have an exciting lineup for the 2018, including Chautauqua actors portraying famous historical individuals such as suffragette

Susan B. Anthony, WWI American Gen. John J. Pershing, American patriot and inventor Benjamin Franklin, escape artist Harry Houdini, civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, and many more," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's education director, who coordinates the speaker series.

"Actors bring historical characters out of the book — or Wikipedia page — and on to the stage providing the audience with a monologue as a historical character and then answering the audiences' questions as the character," she added.

The performances have been increasingly popular since the museum began the speaker series eight years ago. Last year, more than 3,744 people attended.

"We often hear that this is the hottest ticket in town and the most affordable, so it was no surprise when last year all 10 of our shows sold out within one week of tickets going on sale," Schaefer said.

With demand so high, matinees have been added for eight performances at the Firehouse Arts Center, for an "Afternoon with..." show at 2 p.m. followed by an "Evening with..." at 7 p.m.

In the months of March and July, the performances will be held at

the larger Amador Theater where 550 people can be accommodated for one 7 p.m. "Evening with..."

Schaefer urged people to buy their tickets early. This year tickets were sold in advance to members of Museum on Main although general tickets sales began Dec. 1, and tickets were still available for the matinees and performances at the Amador Theater.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., and at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$10, seniors 65 and older, and students; and \$7, members.

Purchase tickets at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours, or by phoning the museum at 462-2766.

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- Sept. 25, 2 p.m.
(7 p.m. sold out)
Benjamin Franklin
- Oct. 16, 2 p.m.
(7 p.m. sold out)
Harry Houdini



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Amador Valley sophomore Rohan Gupta interviews venture capitalist Tim Draper during an event at the school Nov. 30.

Venture capitalist Tim Draper speaks at Amador

Silicon Valley billionaire hosted by school's investment club

By JULIA BROWN

Amador Valley High School recently hosted billionaire Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tim Draper at an event created by the school's investment club.

Draper, who is known as the founder of the venture capital firm DFJ and entrepreneurship program Draper University, spoke on a number of subjects ranging from viral marketing and Bitcoin to future innovation opportunities at the Nov. 30 event.

"I think that we in Pleasanton are very fortunate to be living in Silicon Valley, possibly the most innovative place on Earth," Amador sophomore Rohan Gupta, outreach officer for the school's investment club and the main event organizer, said in a statement.

"We as high-schoolers at Amador are lucky that Mr. Draper, who is one of the most respected and

reputed venture capitalists in Silicon Valley, decided to come and educate us about how to thrive in that innovative environment," Gupta added.

Draper gave the students advice on investing and also spoke about life lessons learned through business.

"In my opinion, his best advice was never to give up and be OK with failure," Amador sophomore Kevin Andrews said.

Amador economics and history teacher Delise Anderson kicked off the event with opening remarks on the importance of knowing how to make smart financial decisions. City Councilwoman Karla Brown gave the introduction to Draper.

Draper stated that he was "very impressed" with the school and investment club.

"The students were engaged, and they stayed after school to hear me," he said. ■

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spoken it is to remember what she contributed to our community, and not a way of advancing anyone's political agenda."

President Donald Trump, who as a candidate cited the death of "beautiful Kate" as justification for a crackdown on immigration, deplored the not guilty verdict on social media last week.

Trump tweeted, "A disgraceful verdict in the Kate Steinle case! No wonder the people of our Country are so angry with Illegal Immigration."

The president followed that tweet up with two others, seizing the occasion to promote the wall he has long proposed between Mexico and the U.S.

Garcia Zarate, who has prior criminal convictions for drug charges and returning to the country after deportation, had been released from jail in San Francisco several months earlier without notification to federal immigration authorities.

When this fact became known, the case became part of a highly politicized national debate over Sanctuary City policies.

Such policies, which are used by hundreds of cities and counties nationwide, deliberately restrict communication and cooperation between local law enforcement and immigration authorities in an effort to encourage immigrants to

report crimes and maintain communication with local police.

In a statement following the verdict, San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi called Steinle's death "a horrible tragedy."

"That tragedy was compounded when it was used as political fodder for then-candidate Donald Trump's anti-immigration agenda," stated Adachi, whose office represented Garcia Zarate. "The facts of this case were largely uncontroversial: a gun was found on the pier and it accidentally discharged, ricocheting from a distance of 80 feet."

Alex Bastian, a spokesman for the district attorney's office, said the verdict was not what prosecutors had hoped for, but that they would respect the jurors' decision.

"This really is about the Steinle family," Bastian said. "They've shown incredible resolve during this whole process."

The Steinle family was not in the courtroom Nov. 30, but attended on some other days. A local family member of Garcia Zarate attended court on some days but was not present for the verdict either.

Steinle, a 32-year-old Pleasanton native and San Francisco resident, was walking on Pier 14 with her father and a family friend around 6:30 p.m. on July 1, 2015 when she was struck in the back by a single bullet that had ricocheted off the pier before it hit her.

Prosecutor Diana Garcia had argued the shooting was a deliberate act, while defense attorneys Matt Gonzalez and Francisco Ugarte described it as an accident, occurring after Garcia Zarate picked up

a gun he found on the pier.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon this week defended the work of his prosecutors and their decision in closing arguments to ask jurors to consider a first-degree murder verdict rather than focus on second-degree murder or involuntary manslaughter that many felt was warranted.

"We felt that we had evidence of a murder case," Gascon said. "If we had a similar case presented to us today we would proceed very much the same way that we did in this case."

"If there was any failure in the preparation or presentation of this case, the responsibility is mine and mine alone," Gascon said, praising the work of prosecutor Garcia and her team.

Inside the courtroom, Garcia Zarate's status as an undocumented immigrant played little role in the trial, which focused on whether he intended to pull the trigger and whether an accidental shooting was in fact possible.

Garcia Zarate is presently in custody at the San Francisco County Jail, according to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, and has been kept in custody since his arrest shortly after the shooting.

Garcia Zarate will be sentenced to either 16 months in prison, two years or three years on the gun possession charge, depending on the ruling of Judge James Feng. A sentencing hearing has been set for next Thursday.

Federal authorities announced late Tuesday new federal gun and immigration charges were filed against Garcia Zarate. ■

—Bay City News Service

Senior Support shines spotlight on alcohol abuse

Program offers free outpatient treatment for older adults

By JEREMY WALSH

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley officials are urging local seniors struggling with alcohol-use disorders to seek help this holiday season.

Robert Taylor, executive director of the nonprofit based at the Pleasanton Senior Center, noted that alcohol abuse among senior citizens is on the rise in the U.S., citing a recent National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism study that found the number of adults over age 65 who engaged in high-risk drinking increased 65% between 2002 and 2013.

To help address the issue, Taylor recently reminded the community that Senior Support offers free outpatient treatment programs for adults over age 60, living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Sunol.

"As we age, maintaining mental and physical health often presents unexpected challenges. Access to programs with caring, professional

staff makes a very positive difference in the lives of Tri-Valley seniors and their families," substance-use disorder counselor Michele Moore said.

The Pleasanton nonprofit provides therapeutic assistance to older adults battling alcohol or drug addictions with programs that connect the seniors with counselors for in-home individual sessions or on-site group therapy, Taylor noted.

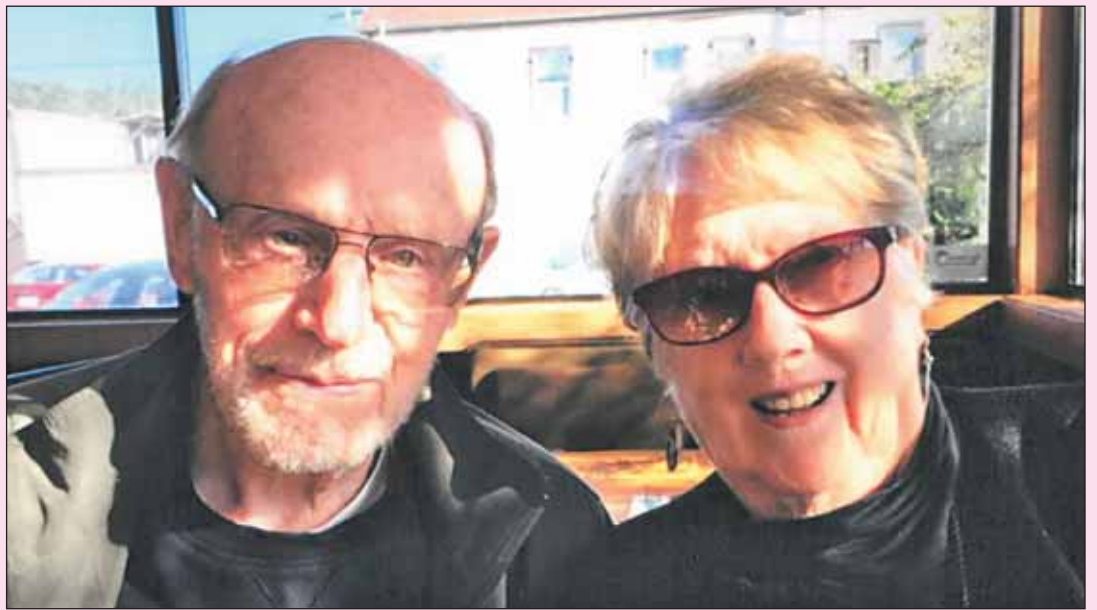
"Clients have self-reported that our programs reduced their sense of isolation while increasing feelings of independence. They became agents of change in their own recovery process," Moore added.

It's especially important for older adults to seek help because the health risks due to alcohol abuse worsen with age, according to Taylor.

Emergency room visits due to alcohol-related falls among seniors have increased in recent years, and alcohol use can interact badly with many medications as well as increase the risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer, he added.

According to Taylor, leading causes of alcohol abuse among seniors can include financial anxiety, unanticipated loss of security, mental illness caused by social isolation and increased social acceptance of alcohol misuse. The winter holidays can sometimes exacerbate these triggers.

For more information on Senior Support's alcohol- or substance-use disorder treatment or to support these ongoing programs, visit www.ssptv.org or call 931-5379. The Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. ■



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Jessups celebrating 65 years

Longtime Pleasanton residents Bill and Marilyn Jessup are marking their 65th wedding anniversary this Saturday. The couple, who have made their home in town for the past 52 years, have two children (son Scott and daughter Tracey), two grandsons and one great-grandson. Members of Castlewood Country Club for more than five decades, the Jessups said they actually dated there some years before, when it was known as the old Hearst dude ranch.

SWALWELL

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showing American leadership, by working with our allies, is the best way to do that," he said.

Swalwell's comments on gun legislation came in part from his post as a member of the Judiciary Committee. While he's not opposed to hunting for sport, he said more needs to be done to advance universal background checks, in light of the hundreds of mass shootings that have occurred since Sandy Hook.

"Unfortunately, there was legislation on Wednesday that would expand who could carry a concealed weapon in the United States," he said.

The legislation, he said, would allow someone from a state like Idaho, which has very little in terms of background checks, to have a concealed weapon in California, which requires applicants undergo a rigorous psychological exam and thorough background check, obtain an insurance policy and complete a weapons safety course.

"Now all of the limitations that we've put to protect our community in California will mean nothing to somebody who wants to bring their firearm into our communities," Swalwell said.

After his 20-minute opening, Swalwell began taking attendees' questions, which ran the gamut of topics and issues, from the national to the local to even the personal.

One of the first questions focused on the recent cases of sexual misconduct that have arisen, and what should be taught to boys and young men.

"What I fear is that only people of noteworthy status are going to be held to account and that in different offices across America, that harassers are going to get away with it," he said.

In Congress, "Me Too" legislation had been proposed, he said, which would require transparency in sexual misconduct settlements. Transparency is important, Swalwell said, but would necessitate delicacy, in order to protect victims from having their names revealed.

On a national scale, he said, it comes back to having more diverse leaders, both in terms of gender and race. "I firmly believe that the environments we work in, reflect who is at the leadership table," he said.

When asked for an update on health care legislation, Swalwell voiced his support for a single payer system, though not free health care.

He took a parallel stance when asked about high levels of student loan debt nationwide. "I don't like free college," he said. "To me, the way I was raised, nothing is free, you have to work your way through college."

He pointed, though, to his initiative, College Promise, which stipulates that if you are a student in

work study through college and serve a year afterward in a national service, "you should come out with a debt-free education."

Swalwell was asked about the ongoing Russia investigation, particularly as a member of the House Intelligence Committee. He pointed to the recent progress coming out of the Robert Mueller investigation.

"What I would like for our own House Intelligence Committee investigation, is that we be (not only) as serious and determined as Bob Mueller and his team, but as serious and determined as the Russians were when they undermined our democracy," he said.

Right now, he said, he's been a proponent for the House investigation for them to be able to subpoena witnesses and push for third party documents — currently, the witnesses who come forward are there voluntarily and usually don't bring requested documents.

"Right now, the Republican-led investigation is essentially a take-them-at-their-word investigation," he said.

Before the town hall meeting began, members of the groups Indivisible East Bay and Alameda4Impeachment held a rally outside the Cal High cafeteria, urging Swalwell to support articles of impeachment being filed against Trump.

"His position in the Judiciary Committee, that would be the first place that it starts up," said Andy Cyr, from Indivisible East Bay. "He has a special role being also on the Intelligence Committee. So not only does he see all the evidence as part of the House investigation, and to Russian meddling in the election, but he also has a role, being on the Judiciary Committee, in starting the articles of impeachment." ■

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coalition, Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth, are successful with their signature-gathering for a referendum petition to overturn the council's JDEDZ approvals from last month.

Sullivan and his group have criticized the city's road infrastructure financing agreement with Costco, city officials' transparency during the public review process and the validity of the JDEDZ's environmental analysis.

The coalition has until next Wednesday (Dec. 13) to collect signatures, 30 days after the city clerk certified the council's approval Nov. 7 of environmental impact report certification and General Plan amendment resolution. City clerk Karen Diaz said she attested those documents Nov. 13.

Signature gatherers would need names of 10% of registered Pleasanton voters — 4,374 valid signatures — for a successful referendum petition. If completed and the petition deemed valid, the council would either need to rescind its approvals or send the issue to a citywide vote.

It is unclear how many signatures the group had compiled as of Tuesday night. Sullivan, who served two terms on the council from 2004 to 2012, had not responded

to a request for a signature-count update.

If successful, the new petition would be Pleasanton's second ballot measure related to the JDEDZ and new Costco. An earlier citizen-sponsored initiative sought to limit retail stores in the JDEDZ to no more than 50,000 square feet, but it was defeated at the polls in November 2016, 63% to 37%.

The city-initiated JDEDZ proposal details rules for how redevelopment could occur at 12 parcels on Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle near the freeways' interchange, including a nearly 20-acre site left vacant when Clorox closed its research center there. Costco and a hotel developer have stated their intent to build on the former Clorox site now owned by Nearon Enterprises.

On the whole, some of the JDEDZ land is vacant while other areas are in use.

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.

The PUD-commercial zoning approved Tuesday comes with specific rules developers must follow for site design for redevelopment in the zone, covering topics such

A sweet gesture

Members of Girl Scouts Troop 30980 in Pleasanton recently joined kids across the country in donating excess Halloween candy in support of Operation Gratitude, which collected the sweets to include in care packages to U.S. service members deployed overseas and first responders at home. Along with the candy, the girls also sent handwritten notes of gratitude for care package recipients.



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as vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, landscaping, architectural standards, lighting, signage, parking, drainage, and outdoor equipment and storage.

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

Still pending is final council approval of a financing agreement with Costco to fund more than \$21 million in roadwork improvements needed to accommodate the new JDEDZ.

The council endorsed a proposed term sheet with the wholesale retail giant in September, which includes a 60-40 sales tax sharing deal with

Costco to cover a portion of the costs.

The final agreement was expected to head to the council Tuesday, but it instead will come forward at a yet-undetermined date closer to when Costco is ready to apply for permission to construct its third Tri-Valley warehouse store — and first in Pleasanton.

One portion of the financing deal would see Costco front the city \$6,785,000 in cash for the infrastructure work — just over a third of the overall design and construction pricetag — and the city repaying the money with 40% of the sales tax revenue generated by the Costco until the debt is repaid, with the balance subject to 1.5% annual interest.

Any other developer who builds on the JDEDZ in the future would

need to pay their proportional share of the infrastructure costs back to the city, and city officials plan to use those funds to pay down their debt to Costco. The council is expected to set the JDEDZ transportation fee early next year.

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

Sullivan has condemned this proposal as a "sweetheart deal" that amounts to millions in public subsidies to a multi-billion-dollar company, all to mitigate the impacts of Costco coming to Pleasanton that Costco should pay fully for. ■

Traveling artists

The Tri-Valley Traveling Artists Exhibit on display at the Livermore Civic Center Library Gallery through Dec. 30 includes Charlotte Severin's watercolors of Happy Isles Bridge in Yosemite and Noyo Harbor near Fort Bragg; Helene Roylance's painting of the Mendocino headlands; and photography by Justin Trent. Other artists displaying their paintings, photographs and jewelry created from travels to California sites are Bonnie Bartlett, Steve Barkkarie, Kathleen Elm, June Ferreri, Carole Hilton, Helene Hallett, Mary Jane Hassman, Robyn Leimer, Dorothy Maestas, Beverly Patterson, Carolyn Ramsey and Lorraine Wells. The public is invited to a free reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. For more information, call the library at 373-5500.



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TAKE US ALONG



Performing at Carnegie Hall: Pleasanton's Lynnewood United Methodist Church chancel choir was one of two groups to represent California during a 240-choir performance at Carnegie Hall in New York last month. Here, the group gets ready for their performance, with choir director Donna Kirch holding the Weekly.

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Far left: Nancy Lewis (third from left) enjoys sharing a Hanukkah-inspired meal with friends and family in her Pleasanton home. Above: Lewis and Jane Cameron, a fellow choir singer at local Congregation Beth Emek, prepare latkes in Lewis' kitchen. Left: For every night of Hanukkah, a new candle on the menorah is lit until all of the eight outer ones have a flame — the middle candle, called the "shamash" or "attendant," is used for the lighting.

The miracle of the oil

Hanukkah fare and the stories behind the food

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ERIKA ALVERO

At the heart of the Hanukkah holiday, perhaps, is oil. Oil that burned in the Temple in Jerusalem, after the Jewish rebels known as the Maccabees reclaimed it from the Greeks in ancient times. Oil that has come to symbolize for the Jewish people light in the midst of darkness, faith that endures in the face of adversity.

And it is oil that lives on in the foods commonly consumed over the eight days of the Hanukkah celebration, especially in the fried potato pancakes (better known as "latkes") and the fried "sufganiyot" doughnuts.

"They say the Maccabees found enough oil to light the menorah in the Temple for one night but it lasted for eight nights," said Rabbi Larry Milder, who has been at Pleasanton's Congregation Beth Emek at 3400 Nevada Court for five years, and served as a rabbi for 34 years in total. "In commemoration of that, the foods that are eaten on Hanukkah are foods fried in oil. And the oil reminds us of the miracle."

This year, Hanukkah will begin sunset Tuesday and end sundown Dec. 20. In the Tri-Valley, local Jewish families will soon be gearing up for the celebration, setting out their nine-candle menorahs — and stoking the frying pans.

Most importantly, says Nancy Lewis, a Pleasanton resident and member of Milder's congregation, it's a communal celebration.

"It's all about sharing!" said Lewis, who also is a regular contributor to the Pleasanton Weekly, putting together the Streetwise column with her daughter, Jenny Lyness.

Lewis prepares the Hanukkah meal in the exact style of her mother, who died in 2008.

"That keeps her with us," she said.

Culinary-wise, this means throwing a zucchini into the grated potato mixture before the latkes are molded and fried, a splash of green in what comes to look like "tuna

salad," Lewis jokes, after the potatoes, scalions, onions, shallots, eggs and flour are mixed together. (The potato grating is not for the faint of heart: "You're not really making latkes until you have blood on your knuckles," Lewis said.)

Tradition-wise, this means that when she lights her childhood menorah, she never wipes off the purple and blue wax drippings at the base — it's a reminder of Hanukkah's past, she says.

But that's just Lewis. There are no hard and fast rules for Hanukkah fare; some people make cauliflower latkes, some use a food processor in the latke-making process. Some like to bet on which of the eight candles of the menorah will go out first. Jane Cameron, Lewis' fellow choir singer at Beth Emek, makes sure to squeeze the latke mixture twice — once with her hands and once with a towel, to really shake out the surprising amount of water trapped inside the potatoes.

Regardless of individual cooking preferences, the roots of the latke — and other oily dishes of the holiday — can be traced back to the second century B.C.E. and the Hanukkah story.

The story, said Rabbi Milder, is recorded in the Talmud, the comprehensive collection of rabbinic writings. According to the Talmud, the holy Temple in Jerusalem had been captured by the Syrian Greeks, who, seeking to impose their own religion on the Land of Israel, had defiled the Jews' place of worship. Greek idols had been placed around the temple, and the sacred oil, blessed and sealed, was destroyed.

"It was a religious persecution rather than a genocide or a killing," said Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, director of Chabad of the Tri-Valley, a Pleasanton synagogue at 3370 Hopyard Road.

But a small group of Jewish rebels, known as the Maccabees, fought the Syrian Greeks and recaptured the Temple, re-establishing

their own independence. That part of the story is historical, Milder said. The legend is associated with the oil.

According to the Talmud, the Maccabees found only enough pure oil — oil which had not been defiled by the Greeks — to last for one night.

"The lamp burned for eight nights," Milder said. "The rabbis in the Talmud said it was a miracle that represents the victory of the Maccabees, the victory of the few over the many, the victory of a handful of people who have faith over a tyrant who sought to destroy the nation of Israel. And the first tyrant to ever try to wipe out Judaism entirely."

He noted that the rabbis who authored the Talmud were writing in the sixth century of the Common Era, at a time when the Jews had long lost their independence and country. Their message in the writings, he said, focused on the story as a symbol of faith and hope, rather than as a military victory.

"For the Maccabees, it was real political independence," Milder said. "For the rabbis, it was something more spiritual."

The story gives the holiday its name as well: "Hanukkah" — or "Chanukah" or "Hannukah"; "I don't think you can get it wrong," joked Rabbi Resnick — is the Hebrew word for "dedication" or "consecration." The entire celebration is about the Jewish people "re-dedicating" the Temple in Jerusalem, Resnick said.

The legend of the oil, then, is honored by the consumption of foods fried in oil. But just as Hanukkah fare and traditions shift from household to household, they vary too on a global scale, from country to country. And they've evolved, and continue to evolve with increased cultural exchanges.

Take the latke, for instance.

Before there were potato pancakes — actually, before the potato had even arrived in Europe — Jews in medieval Italy ate fried cheese pancakes, Milder said. The cheese has

its roots in another story: a widow named Judith who defeated the Syrian Greek General Holofernes by feeding him salty cheese and wine. After he got drunk and fell asleep, she killed him, according to the Book of Judith.

Olive oil was readily available in Italy, but not so accessible to Eastern European Jews, Milder said, who used chicken or duck fat in its stead. Fried cheese pancakes posed a problem for them, though — frying cheese in animal fat defies kosher rules that prohibit mixing meat and dairy products.

"So they had to use something else," Milder said. "And by the late Middle Ages, potatoes had arrived in Europe, and were very popular. And that provided a good substitute for the cheese. So they lost the symbolism of the cheese, but they retained the symbolism of something fried. And it's Eastern Europe that gives us the potato latke, which Americans associate with Hanukkah, because most American Jews have their roots in Eastern European Jewish communities."

Latkes may be a Hanukkah standard here, but in Israel, said Tal Sendrovitz, a transplant who owns a bakery in Danville at 304 Sycamore Valley Road, it's all about the sufganiyot — fried doughnuts with jelly inside.

"If you walk in Israel during Hanukkah, first of all you smell all the frying, because all bakeries and all the markets and all the grocery stores, they all fry sufganiyot," she said. "That's what you do."

Sendrovitz moved to the United States 30 years ago, and opened Tal's Patisserie five years ago. Baking and entertaining were always her passion, and she missed the "bakery culture" of her homeland.

"People stop and drink coffee or tea in ceramics with something good next to it, like a tasty baked good," she said. "There's no culture like that here. It's very European, very Israeli. I was trying to create what I was craving."

At Tal's Patisserie, she sells a mix of



5 nutritionist-approved tips for better holiday baking



'Tis the season for sweet and savory treats. The holidays bring loads of goodies, but the problem is these temptations can put a big strain on your nutrition goals.

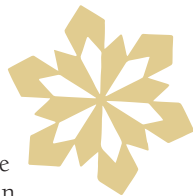
If you're whipping up some tasty holiday dishes this season, you don't have to choose between your health and favorite indulgences. Transform any recipe into a healthier version simply by following these smart tricks from registered dietitian Dawn Jackson Blatner.

Flour: Swap 25% of the white flour for specialty flours such as almond or oat flour. Since specialty flours do not act the same in baking as white flour, you can't do a full 100% swap, but even just a little will provide more nutrition.

Butter: Try swapping 25% of the butter in a recipe with something else creamy such as pureed white beans, mashed banana, pumpkin puree, Greek yogurt, mashed avocado or nut butter. It shouldn't affect the recipe results and cuts down on fat and calories.

Eggs: Not all eggs are created equal.

Make healthier versions of old favorite recipes



Eggland's Best eggs have double the omega-3s than ordinary eggs, an "essential" fatty acid that's important for maintaining good health. Since the body cannot make them on its own, you must eat them. Omega-3s also lead to a better baking recipe, as they improve emulsifying qualities.

Sugar: Decrease the sugar in recipes by 25% and add nothing in its place. Recipes will turn out just fine if you pull back some of the sugar, even if you aren't swapping in something else.

Half-batch: You want Grandma's famous cookies, but you don't need four dozen tempting you for weeks on end. Instead, make a half batch by halving all ingredients in the recipe. Then you can enjoy the food memories without having too much lingering around.

Want some holiday baking inspiration that uses these smart baking tips? Whip up some cute and scrumptious Coconut Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars (recipe shown) and make your entire crew happy. ■

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Coconut Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars

Prep time: 20 min
Cook time: 20 min
Yield: 25 cookies

Ingredients for cookie bars:

- 2 Eggland's Best Eggs (large)
- 1 (14 ounces) bag sweetened coconut flakes, plus more for topping
- 2 cups dark chocolate chips
- 2 cups almond milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon Himalayan pink salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 cup dark brown sugar, packed



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Coconut Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars are made following smart baking tips from a dietician.

Ingredients for glaze:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 6 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 13-by-9 baking sheet with aluminum foil.

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the coconut flakes and chocolate chips. Add in the almond milk, vanilla extract, flour, salt, melted butter, brown sugar and eggs, and beat until combined. Pour batter into the prepared baking sheet and bake for 30-35 minutes or until the bars begin turning golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 5 minutes.

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, heavy cream and vanilla until smooth. Gently spread over the cooling bars. Top with toasted coconut and allow to cool completely before eating.

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Throw a holiday party like a professional

Think big and rent items for a fun event

As much as holidays are about tradition, many people have an insatiable drive to outdo the festivities of years past and make this holiday season the most memorable yet.

How can you outshine yourself this holiday season? The answer is simple: Think big. Don't be confined to the party supplies you have around your house; stretch out and rent equipment like professional party planners use.

Here are some ideas to jump-start your holiday party planning.

1. Serve your food the right way. Preparing a holiday meal is a labor of love, but even for small gatherings, it can be a real challenge to make sure that delicious food stays warm and is served at its optimal temperature. Renting chafing dishes for main courses and hors d'oeuvres can ensure that the temperature and flavor of your food stays just right and that those masterpieces you cook up taste better than ever.

2. Add smoke or bubbles. Whether you want to bring some cool smoke and fog effects to ring in the new year, renting a smoke machine can create a party atmosphere like none other. What about a snow-making machine?

3. Drink in style. To throw a truly stellar holiday party, there are some items you must have. Whether you are planning a

full-service bar, special holiday drinks, wine, beer or soft drinks, a bar makes beverages fun. If you don't have a built-in bar in your home or party venue, you're in luck. Why? Because you'll have more options to choose from when you decide to rent one. Whether it's an illuminated bar, modernist style or a classic stone-top design, renting a portable bar to fit your party is key.

4. Fountains of deliciousness. To really go all out, you need to think bigger. You need to plan as though you were throwing an A-list celebrity party. Renting a champagne or chocolate fountain is a sure way to do this. A perfect blend of luxury and deliciousness, a fountain will leave guests talking about that tumbling tower of liquid chocolate or bubbling champagne for years to come.

5. Focus on the details. For many holiday get-togethers, it's all about having the right plates and serving ware. For a reasonable price, you can easily rent fine china and exquisite glassware that will wow your guests. Best of all, you won't have to spend a fortune on items you only use a couple of times a year!

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Simple ways to savor the season

Keep from getting too crazy-busy amid the holiday cheer

The season of tinsel, mistletoe, roasts, bake-offs, parties and countless shopping trips is upon us. It's a wonderful time of year to revive old traditions and start new ones, but amid all the planning, preparation and spreading of that holiday cheer, sometimes life can get a little crazed. Make things easy on yourself and savor the season with these helpful holiday tips and food inspirations.

Playing host? Get out of that kitchen.

If your menu includes dishes with more than 10 ingredients and desserts with names you can't even pronounce, skip it. You'll be so busy prepping and keeping an eye on things in the kitchen you won't be able to enjoy your guests. Rather, stick to a menu that's both delicious and simple to make. Nothing is easier — or more tempting — than sauced hot honey glazed meatballs and grape chili sauced meatballs, new from Farm Rich. Bake, toss and serve.

"Cocktail meatballs have been one of my simple entertaining secret weapons for years," said Elizabeth Heiskell, TODAY Show Food contributor.

What can I bring?

Wine is wonderful but so are prosciutto wrapped mozzarella sticks. Four ingredients — mozzarella sticks, basil, prosciutto and marinara — 20 minutes, and you'll be on your way. Consider packaging in a festive container to add a touch more holiday cheer to the table. Find other recipe ideas for what to bring to a holiday party and all of life's many occasions in Heiskell's new cookbook, "What Can I Bring?"



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A few festive touches and done

There can be a lot of pressure to make things look perfect, including an impeccably clean home and elaborate holiday decor.

This year, let simplicity be your guide — and never turn down a little help. Focus on what's important and don't go crazy.

Let the turkey be the star with a beautiful serving tray. Decorate your front door with a simple wreath or big silver bells with a festive ribbon tied to the doorknob. Keep the table centerpiece simple and seasonal by mixing clementines or oranges and peppermint balls in a large glass container or grouping of three.

Have some fun with edible crafts

You may have thought a lot about how to decorate your table or tree, but how about decorating the plate with a holiday meatball pizza tree, which the kids can help assemble? All you need are your favorite pizza toppings, store-bought pizza dough, cornmeal, marinara sauce and 10 Farm Rich meatballs. Here's how to make it:

Divide the 1-pound ball of dough into 11 pieces, rolling each one into a small, flat circle. On a cornmeal-dusted parchment-lined baking sheet, arrange each of the 11 circles into the shape of a holiday tree. Spread marinara over the "tree" and add a frozen meatball to each piece (except for on the bottom). Top with mozzarella balls and other pizza toppings. A yellow bell pepper makes a great star. Place in oven that's been preheated to 375 degrees and cook for 20 to 25 minutes. The pizza tree, served with marinara for dipping, is easy to pull apart and fun to eat, even for adults. ■

—Brandpoint

HANUKKAH

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her favorite baked goods — from Eastern European-style crepes to Middle Eastern bourekas, stuffed pastries with phyllo dough on the outside — an eclectic, multi-cultural collection that is in a sense reflective of contemporary Israeli cuisine.

Sendrovitz usually doesn't serve fried foods, but around this time of year, she

makes sufganiyot. They're not your typical "American doughnut" with a hole in the center, she said, but rather a ball of dough with jelly filling — though fancy sufganiyots may be filled with dulce de leche or Nutella. But she grew up with the jelly, she said.

"I felt an obligation to my Jewish culture here," she said. "Because there's no place around here where you can actually buy sufganiyot...I don't think the Jewish people that were brought up here feel the void so much,

but anybody that came from Israel, anybody that has a strong connection to Israel, does feel the void. Because I know I felt it."

Both Rabbis Milder and Resnick agree that food is essential to tradition and religion.

"Food has a way of bringing people together," Resnick said. There should not be, he says, "a dichotomy of the spiritual and the material," but rather, he says, we should use food and the "world gifts that God has given

us" to make the holidays meaningful.

"Judaism is a civilization," Milder said. "It's a whole lifestyle. And a lifestyle includes rituals but also culture, tradition, folklore, and food of course is something that both brings us together in families to celebrate our holidays. And also gives us reasons for re-telling stories. You serve latkes — everybody knows the story of Hanukkah, because the latkes are a vehicle for re-telling the story." ■



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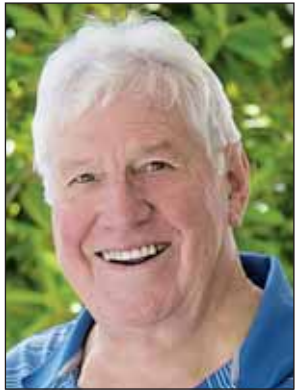
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Arlie "Skip" Husbands Resident of Pleasanton

June 29, 1941 – November 25, 2017

Skip passed away peacefully surrounded by immediate family. Born in Ventura, CA, Skip graduated from Huntington Park H.S., where he played football and made the All Los Angeles H.S. Football Team in 1959. He went on to play football at Utah State University where he graduated with a Master's degree in Physical Education. Skip was the Offensive Line Coach at Arizona Western J.C. and USC, where the Trojans won two National Championships and played in four Rose Bowls. He then went on to coach in the NFL for the Tampa Bay Bucs. After retiring from football, he owned his own company selling playground equipment.



Skip is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Norma; daughters Shelly Husbands (Matt Mendenhall) and Stacey Husbands; grandsons Maxwell Husbands and Mitchell Smith. He is also survived by his brothers Bob, Rick and Jim.

Skip enjoyed barbequing with family and friends, watching his grandsons play various sports, golfing, hunting and fishing. He also loved planting his garden and sharing tomatoes with friends. His grandsons held a very special place in his heart. Skip was often seen with friends enjoying downtown Pleasanton. His loving and outgoing spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Utah State University in his honor. Friends and family will be invited to a Celebration of Life, tentatively scheduled for January.

PAID OBITUARY

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Second passenger dies from injuries in Stanley Boulevard crash

A second victim died last week from injuries she sustained in a suspected drunk-driving crash on Stanley Boulevard outside Pleasanton in unincorporated Alameda County the day before Thanksgiving.

Livermore resident Alexis Garcia, 25, suffered major injuries when a blue Kia that was carrying five people crashed on westbound Stanley Boulevard just west of Isabel Avenue/Highway 84 at about 11:45 p.m. on Nov. 22. She succumbed to her injuries one week later, on Nov. 29, according to Alameda County coroner's officials.

Village High School student Violet Campbell was also killed in the crash, after she was partially ejected from the car, according to California Highway Patrol spokesman Officer Tyler Hahn. The 16-year-old Pleasanton girl died at the scene of the crash.

Two more passengers — men ages 18 and 22 — were taken to the hospital with minor and moderate injuries, respectively.

Authorities allege that Lauren Davis, 26, of Livermore, was driving the Kia when it veered off the roadway, flipped several times and ended up north of Stanley Boulevard.

Davis was arrested on suspicion

of second-degree murder and felony drunk driving for the crash but was released from custody last week because the Alameda County District Attorney's Office wants the CHP to continue investigating the crash before considering filing charges against her.

When Davis was in custody, Alameda County sheriff's jail records listed her occupation as being a driver for UPS.

Hahn said the additional investigation that must be conducted into the fatal crash involves getting a toxicology report on Davis, getting witness statements and reviewing footage from surveillance cameras in the area.

A fundraising account for Garcia's family had raised \$13,880 of its \$50,000 goal as of Tuesday afternoon. A fundraising effort for Campbell's family had raised about \$12,000 toward its \$15,000 goal by the same time.

In other business

- A Berkeley man was arrested early Sunday morning at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station on suspicion of battery on a BART train operator, police said.

At 12:19 a.m. police were called by someone who said a train operator was allegedly pushed by a 20-year-old man who allegedly would not get off the train.

Police said the train operator was not injured.

The man was also arrested on suspicion of public intoxication.

Police issued an order that prevents him from riding BART for a while and took him to the county jail.

The man's name is withheld in accordance with the Weekly's policy on identifying arrestees before prosecutors file formal charges.

- Last Saturday marked the 34th anniversary of the day Fremont teen Kellie Jean Poppleton was found dead in Sunol, and Alameda County Sheriff's Office investigators put out a renewed call for information to help them solve the cold-case homicide.

Poppleton, a student at Conrad Noll School in Fremont, was last seen on the corner of Darwin Drive and Fremont Boulevard, sheriff's officials said in their "Cold Case" post on social media. Her body was discovered on the side of Kilkare Road in Sunol on Dec. 2, 1983.

Witnesses reported seeing a black Pontiac Trans Am near the scene prior to the teen's body being found, investigators said.

The case has remained unsolved since. Anyone with pertinent information about Poppleton's death can contact the sheriff's Cold Case Homicide Unit at 510-667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 510-667-3622. Reference case No. 83-13639.

The sheriff's office often acknowledges cold-case homicide anniversaries through posts on social media, along with the message, "Our victims are never forgotten." ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Dec. 3

Domestic battery

- 11:03 p.m. on Courtney Avenue

Auto theft

- 1:12 p.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

Dec. 2

Missing person

- 5:32 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Shoplifting

- 3:02 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:57 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 3:18 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

- 10:06 a.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Dec. 1

Domestic battery

- 8:05 p.m. on Andrews Drive

Theft

- 10:55 a.m., 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from auto

- 2:42 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

- 4:33 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:38 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 7:44 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Embezzlement

- 10:15 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 7:29 p.m. on the 4300 block of Krause Street

Alcohol violation

- 9:41 a.m. at Denker and Inglewood drives

- 3:07 p.m. on the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

Nov. 30

Fraud

- 11:18 a.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 1:57 p.m. on the 5500 block of Blackbird Drive

Theft

- 10 a.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 12:10 p.m., 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 4:32 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Sex offense

- 11:55 a.m. on Saginaw Circle

Nov. 29

Theft

- 5:53 a.m., 6800 block of Adobe Court; theft from auto

- 7:24 a.m., 4800 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; theft from auto

- 9:17 a.m., 2000 block of Raven Road; theft from auto

- 3:22 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

Drug violation

- 12:22 p.m. on the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 10:08 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Nov. 28

Fraud

- 2:58 p.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 3:16 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

- 3:37 p.m. on the 3500 block of Arbor Court

- 4 p.m. on the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court

- 5:31 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

- 5:36 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:41 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 5:55 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 5:59 p.m. on the 5700 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 6:33 p.m. on the 5700 block of Belleza Drive

Theft

- 3:02 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 3:26 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

Nov. 27

Vandalism

- 8:16 a.m. on the 100 block of Ray Street

- 12:46 p.m. on the 4100 block of Dorman Road

- 9:10 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 9:49 a.m., 4700 block of Corwin Court; theft from auto

- 12:11 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 3:01 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

ATTENTION USERS OF CALAVERAS ROAD

The Closure of Calaveras Road to thru traffic between Milpitas and Sunol has been extended to September 30, 2018.

The nine month extension is due to heavy winter rains and damage to a section of the road in this area that prevented hauling trucks from entering the site.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Steinle verdict: Let's channel our frustration

"Justice was rendered, but it was not served."

—Jim Steinle, Kate Steinle's father, told the San Francisco Chronicle after the verdict

The acquittal last week of the person charged with killing Kate Steinle left many in Kate's hometown of Pleasanton feeling betrayed by the justice system and outraged.

Attorneys for Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, a 45-year-old Mexican national and convicted felon in the U.S. illegally, convinced the jury that Garcia Zarate picked up a gun he found and it accidentally fired, with the bullet ricocheting before killing 32-year-old Steinle on Pier 14 in San Francisco in July 2015.

Garcia Zarate was able to enter the U.S. illegally six times, and was set to be deported when Steinle was killed.

However, San Francisco's "Sanctuary City" policy allowed Garcia Zarate to remain here — homeless and not contributing to society in a positive manner — when he was released from San Francisco jail custody that April after a drug charge was dismissed, without federal immigration officials being told. San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee continues to defend the policy.

The Nov. 30 verdict, though, was shocking and set off a firestorm of comments of disbelief, shock and outrage through the media outlets covering the story,

including the Pleasanton Weekly.

Most understand the technicalities that led to Garcia Zarate not being found guilty of first-degree murder or even second-degree murder, specifically prosecutors' failure to prove intent to fire the gun at Steinle or toward the pier crowd. However, it is difficult to understand how Garcia Zarate, who was holding the gun that shot the bullet that killed Kate, was found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon defended the work of his prosecutors on the Steinle case, including the decision by prosecutors in closing arguments to ask jurors to consider a first-degree murder verdict rather than the second-degree or manslaughter charges.

"If there was any failure in the preparation or presentation of this case, the responsibility is mine and mine alone," Gascon told reporters this week. We'll find out next election whether Gascon is held accountable for those prosecutorial miscalculations.

Adding insult to injury, the Public Defender's Office announced Monday it will appeal the only charge Garcia Zarate was found guilty of — being a felon in possession of a firearm.

It is understandable that lax border control and blatant disregard for federal immigration policies

make us angry. If Garcia Zarate hadn't been on that pier, would Kate have died in her father's arms that day? Doubtful.

It is also understandable that the verdict provokes anger because the acquittal feels like more of a political power play than justice. If Garcia Zarate was a legal immigrant or U.S. citizen, would this case have become such a hot-button issue? Doubtful.

But Kate's death has been exploited for political means since that horrible day in 2015.

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), who represents the 15th congressional district that includes Pleasanton, knew Kate growing up and remains in contact with her family.

"I respect our justice system, but I disagree with the verdict," Swalwell, a former Alameda County prosecutor, told the Weekly. "I pray for Kate's family and I hope that when her name is spoken it is to remember what she contributed to our community, and not a way of advancing anyone's political agenda."

In the wake of the shooting, "Kate's Law" was drafted to toughen punishment for criminal offenders who re-enter the U.S. illegally.

Swalwell was one of two-dozen Democrats who voted in favor of the Republican-sponsored bill June 29, and it has passed the House of Representatives. Yet it

languishes in the Senate.

At the time, Swalwell said, "(Kate's) heinous murder was a tragedy and we still grieve today, wishing she was still with us. Sadly, we can't bring Kate back, but lawmakers can work to try and better protect our communities from criminals hurting people. This bill is not perfect ... but it does improve our ability to punish individuals who repeatedly break the law and to deter those who may do so."

We stand with Congressman Swalwell on needing to enhance punishment of criminal offenders who illegally enter the U.S. over and over with seemingly no consequences.

We also look forward to following the Steinle family's pending lawsuit against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. It was an agency-issued firearm that fired the bullet that killed Steinle, after it was stolen when a ranger lackadaisically stored his backup duty weapon in a backpack stuffed under the front seat of his SUV parked on The Embarcadero.

Let's channel our frustration and anger about the Steinle case by encouraging officials to finally pass "Kate's Law" as well as other commonsense legislation, to make the Bay Area safer for everyone. ■

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

LETTERS

Let the voters decide

Dear Editor,

Your editorial last week against the Costco petition left out some important info:

1. The initiative process is essential in modern politics to help offset: (a) lack of real representation (e.g. no Democrats on the five-member City Council), and (b) the powerful moneyed forces behind almost every development project.

2. Initiatives have stopped some pretty awful projects in the Pleasanton area (e.g. Pleasanton Ridge massive residential development, defeated 4:1 by the voters. I was on the citizen Ridge Committee and saw how the city and lobbyists were able to manipulate the process, ignoring citizen concerns).

3. You barely mentioned the environmental consequences (increased traffic, air pollution, etc.) of excessive development of the JDEDZ, especially given plans for

IKEA on the north/Dublin side of I-580. Will modestly paid Costco employees buy Pleasanton homes or will they commute from the Central Valley; why not encourage tech companies to build on that location?

4. The previous initiative was confusing to many voters; they didn't know whether a "yes" vote meant yes or no for Costco.

5. The cost of voting on the initiative, whether it is \$150,000 or \$250,000, is minimal compared to the long-term impacts of the massive Costco project (including one of the largest fossil fuel/gas stations in California; what happened to plans to make Pleasanton the 'Greenest City' in the state?)

6. Matt Sullivan should be congratulated on his unpaid efforts to hold the city accountable on projects that have a huge impact on Pleasanton citizens.

Let the voters decide.

—George Reid

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission
 Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- **P17-0820, Priya and Vikas Bajaj/Brilliant Minds:** Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a tutoring facility with a maximum of 93 students and 6 staff on site at 2733 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 101
- **PUD-125, Carpenter's Training Center:** Application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan to demolish an existing, approximately 68,000-square-foot building and construct an approximately 87,000-square-foot two-story Carpenter's Training Center (CTC) building and outdoor training and storage yard with associated site improvements, as well as a future office building located at 2350 Santa Rita Road

Youth Commission
 Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
 Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Rd.

- Discussion of the Community Education Series Transition to High School presentation
- Review FY 2017/18 Community Grant Midterm Reports

Library Commission
 Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
 Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

- Discussion regarding Tulancingo Meeting Room modifications

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PLEASANTON PREPS

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Amador girls soccer notches three wins in first week

Also: Tournament success for Amador boys basketball, Foothill cheer

The Amador Valley girls varsity soccer team opened the season with three wins last week.

The Dons started the streak with a 6-0 win over American, with Kate Shriber scoring a pair of goals. Sydney DeVor, Abby Fried, Molly Murphy and Maile Smith rounded out the scoring with a goal each.

In the second game of the week, the Dons beat Deer Valley 2-0. Both goals came in the second half, with DeVor starting the scoring and Nicole Zhang adding the second goal.

The successful opening week came to an end with a 5-0 thumping of Mission San Jose. Keara Greenan had a pair of goals, and Smith, Allie Jones and Kate Reedy scored one each.

Foothill girls soccer

Foothill opened the season beating Mt. Eden 3-0.

The Falcons dominated play from start to finish, limiting Mt. Eden to no shots on goal while generating 13 shots — seven on frame.

Sarah Mirr and Kira Broacha led the attack tallying a goal and assist each as the Falcons put consistent pressure on Mt. Eden throughout the match. Taylor Noval completed the scoring with an unassisted goal from distance midway through the second half.

The defense was solid against minimal pressure during this match and will need to remain strong when the Falcons move into league play.

Foothill boys soccer

The Foothill boys varsity soccer team opened its 2017-18 season at home with a 3-0 win over James Logan last week.

Foothill dominated the first half of the Nov. 29 tilt and opened the scoring early when Josh Shields rifled a long shot into the top corner. Shields scored again by drilling a loose ball over the onrushing keeper from close range.

Sophomore Davis Wollesen pounced on a defensive miscue in the second half and quickly put a high shot over the keeper's head.

Senior Foothill goalkeeper Owen Camp preserved the shutout with an outstanding eight-save night,

stopping three breakaways and saving three other shots including a James Logan penalty kick.

Then, last Saturday at Falcon Stadium, Foothill dominated Heritage in another 3-0 win.

Foothill's midfield — Sergio Fleta, Josh Prieto and Kamran Matin — along with defenders Braeden Maas, Brandon Chen, Josue Neria and Armando Ramirez controlled play and limited the Heritage offense to three off-target shots and a pair of corner kicks.

Maas headed in a corner kick from Matin, and Shields intercepted a back-pass and slotted it past the keeper. Foothill's third goal came when Maas drove a 50-yard free kick to the far corner of the goal box, hitting Shields on full sprint who stretched his foot out and volleyed a rocket past the keeper.

These games were part of the annual Winter Classic soccer tournament in which 24 teams from around the East Bay compete during the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

Foothill will compete for the Top Division championship at 7 p.m. Saturday at James Logan.

Amador boys basketball

The Amador Valley Dons took the 2017 Gold Dust Championship last Saturday night in Placerville.

The Dons defeated Roseville in the first round 77-54. That was followed by a win against the host team El Dorado 71-61. Finally, the Dons were able to beat a tough Central Catholic team 64-58 in overtime to win the title.

Foothill cheer

The Foothill cheer team competed at the United Spirit Association (USA) Regional Competition at James Logan last Saturday and came away with a successful day.

The varsity took first place in the Show Cheer Intermediate Division and the junior varsity took first place in the Show Cheer Novice Division.

Once again, both teams qualified for USA Nationals next year. The Foothill competition cheer team will compete again in January at the USA Regional Competition, held at Deer Valley in Antioch. ■

San Ramon among champions at youth cricket tourney

Tri-Valley hosts inaugural young cricketer showcase

By JEREMY WALSH

Some of America's best young cricket players gathered in the Tri-Valley in the days before Thanksgiving to compete in the inaugural Pleasanton-San Ramon-Dublin national youth cricket tournament.

Fourteen teams in all — some Bay Area based, others traveling here from as far away as San Diego and Michigan — participated among three age groups during the competition Nov. 19-22 at Patelco Sports Complex in Pleasanton and Fallon Sports Park in Dublin.

Locally, the San Ramon Cricket Association's under-15 team won the U15 Division. The other champions were Indus Prince (Northern California) in U13 and Cricket Zeal Academy (Fremont) in U11.

East Bay Youth Cricket Association teams earned runner-up finishes in all three divisions.

Throughout the tournament, the young cricketers combined to score more than 5,000 runs, including six centuries and 18 fifties, as well as notch more than 300 wickets and



CRICKET FOR CUBS

The San Ramon Cricket Association's U15 team celebrates its division title at the youth cricket tournament held in the Tri-Valley right before Thanksgiving.

200-plus catches. "These numbers indicate just one thing: that every kid played their heart out," Ramesh Immadi, president of Cricket for Cubs, said after the event.

The four-day cricket showcase also benefited from more than 1,000 meals and countless volunteer hours from local parents, Immadi added.

The closing ceremony Nov. 22 featured appearances by local

government officials supporting the tournament, including mayors Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton), David Haubert (Dublin) and Bill Clarkson (San Ramon), Pleasanton Councilwoman Kathy Narum and San Ramon parks commissioners Sridhar Verose and William Doerlich.

The event was organized by Cricket for Cubs, Dublin Cricket League and San Ramon Cricket Association. ■

Museum looks at sports in America

Local information added to exhibit traveling the country

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

This week Museum on Main opened a traveling exhibit, "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America," that captures the heroics, heartbreaks and high-fives that punctuate the experience of sports in America.

The display is a production of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program, which shares a name with Pleasanton's museum but otherwise has no connection.

"Hometown Teams" shows the way that sports influence our communities and our culture. From pickup basketball to stadium tailgating, from playing youth soccer to watching their heroes play in the big leagues, sports connects people and divides them, shapes their daily routines and channels their passions.

The traveling exhibit uses video, audio and hands-on interactive displays as well as artifacts and images to explore its theme. Objects such as the Wheaties box featuring Brandi Chastain join videos of Army-Navy games and a "Name That Sport" guessing game to help illustrate the way America relates to athletics.

Pleasanton's Museum on Main has added displays of local sports photography and memorabilia



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Winners of the 1939 Amador Valley High School intramural tennis tournament pose with their rackets.

dating from the turn of the 20th century to the present day, as well as a video featuring several of Pleasanton's youth sports organizations.

The exhibit runs through Jan. 21.

Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org to learn more about programs being offered with this exhibit. ■

Calendar

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Music

SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE Drumming will help you to gain access to your inner guidance and learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer. Sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m., the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

Festivals & Fairs

HOLIDAY POP UP SHOP Blue Oaks Church, CityServe of the Tri-Valley, and Valley Community Church have started taking sign ups for Holiday Pop-Up Shop, held on Dec. 14 and 16, which will enable parents to hand-select and wrap gifts for their loved ones, and provide basic necessities including food and clothing donated by individuals and businesses in the surrounding community. Anyone can contribute. Residents of Pleasanton and Dublin who might need a little extra support this season can register online at www.toyshop.team or in person at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway.

CATCH THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FOREVER AT HACIENDA CROSSINGS Santa and friends will make their way from the North Pole to Hacienda Crossings, 5000 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, on horse drawn carriage. Bring your camera and capture your visit with Santa. The festivities will also include street entertainment, carriage rides and more. Santa will

be here on Dec. 9 from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. to once again join you on the carriage rides and take photos.

Talks & Lectures

HEALTH MEAL PLANNING FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL AND ELDERLY Planning and preparing healthful meals for their loved ones is one of the many challenges family caregivers face. Hope Hospice and Home Health presents a class on Healthful Meal Planning for the Elderly and Chronically Ill, on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. During this class, Terry Stowell, registered dietitian at Hope, will share valuable information about caring for the nutritional needs of elderly and/or chronically-ill adults, and give practical tips and suggestions for preparing meals that are healthy, satisfying, and easy. Register at HopeHospice.com or contact Debbie Emerson at debe@hopehospice.com.

A ONE-STEP PORTAL FOR ONLINE GENEALOGY Monday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., doors open 7 p.m., Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Free, visitors welcome. Stephen Morse is the creator of the One-Step Website for which he has received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Contribution Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. He is best known as the architect of the Intel 8086 (the granddaddy of today's Pentium processor), which sparked the PC revolution more than 35 years ago. This lecture will cover his One-Step Portal for Online

Genealogy. www.stephenmorse.org. For additional info contact: Kay Speaks, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon to 1:00 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

Family

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILD CARE INITIATIVE Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley invites you to learn about the County's Initiative to increase high-quality child care and early education/support for providers on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Learn about the draft proposal for Alameda County's Child Care & Early Education Crisis Solution, provide your feedback, and hear about ways to get involved. For more information, contact Erin Armstrong (Supervisor Miley's lead staff on this policy initiative), 510.272.6694. erin.armstrong@acgov.org.

CHANUKAH WONDERLAND A Chanukah family celebration in the center of the mall for the entire community. Stoneridge Shopping Center, Dec. 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 1 Stoneridge Mall Road. Live music, crafts and games, arts 'n' crafts center, holiday games, dress-up and photo-op, Chanukah balloon entertainment, face painting. Grand 9-ft menorah lit at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment by the acclaimed musician Isaac Zones of Shamati Jewgrass Dance Band. www.JewishTriValley.com

Health & Wellness

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1p.m.-3 p.m., the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, across the street from Trader Joe's. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

WELCOME TO MEDICARE "Welcome to Medicare" event at John Muir Health Outpatient Center. Presentation provided by LAS/HICAP. No-cost session about Medicare enrollment and benefits. Geared towards adults turning age 65. Convenient after work hours, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., 5860 Owens Drive. Free on site parking. John Muir Health Outpatient Center. www.johnmuirhealth.com.

Sports

WEDNESDAY FUN RUN Weekly Wednesday Fun Run. Five miles around Dublin. Families and pets are highly encouraged. All levels.

PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Buddy Benson

Benson is a young adult male German shepherd who adores human attention and playing fetch. He is one of the many shelter animals taking part in the Home for the Holidays adoption event this month, during which Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is sponsoring their adoption costs. Benson can be found at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Call 803-7040.

Meet-up Time: 6:15 p.m., Start Run: 6:30 p.m. Dick's Sporting Goods, 2820 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Bring Water. trivalleyrunning.org.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB Meet your Tri-Valley neighbors, have fun and learn more about our beautiful community. Open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include monthly coffees and lunches, day trips, games, book club, wine club, shared interest groups, community service, outdoor activities such as hiking, bocce, walking, and golf. For dates and times contact 215-8405 or pnewcomers@gmail.com. Go to www.PleasantonNewcomers.com, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

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: www.pnr-rotary.org. Public Relations Contact: Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email: stacey@denalidatasystems.com or call 519-0669.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1 p.m.-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or help@AlanonTriValley.org. Go to www.alanonTriValley.org. Pleasanton.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. For more information, please visit www.pleasantonlionsclub.org. Dinner available for \$15.

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER CITY All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the

second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptasca.org.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library, 4375 Foothill Road. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org.

Seniors

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING Stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by a representative from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365.

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME' The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center are sponsoring a "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities, questions are welcome and will be answered, and light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe after, no reservations needed. Go to www.seniorcenterfriends.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 on 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.



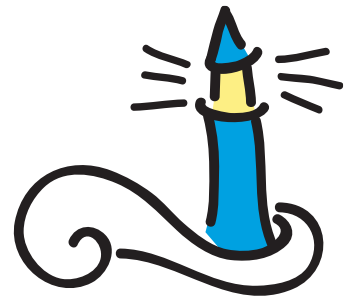
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Golden Follies this weekend

"A Very 'Follies' Holiday 2017!" takes the stage at the Firehouse Arts Center this weekend at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The popular annual show features talented and energetic senior performers who, with glamour, glitz and trademark Vegas-style costumes, brighten the season with high-spirited choreography, heartwarming music, plus Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, reindeer and more. San Francisco chanteuse Wiggy Darlington will put in an appearance with several numbers. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

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ROYAL BEAUTY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 537768
The following persons doing business as: ROYAL BEAUTY, 6911 MARIPOSA CIRCLE #204, DUBLIN, CA, 94568 ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owners: KISHA PRINCE, 6911 MARIPOSA CIRCLE #204, DUBLIN, CA, 94568 AND VIVIAN PHILLIPS, 3811 MAYFIELD OAKS, HOUSTON, TX 77088. This business is conducted by a JOINT VENTURE and began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein

on JANUARY 1, 2017. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: KISHA PRINCE, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on NOVEMBER 8, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, NOVEMBER 17, 24, DECEMBER 1, 8, 2017)

MOUNTAIN HOUSE HOME CLEANING SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 537966 The following person doing business as: MOUNTAIN HOUSE HOME CLEANING SERVICE, 4000 PIMILICO DRIVE STE 114-212, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: APRIL LARSSON, 4000 PIMILICO DRIVE, STE 114-212, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: APRIL LARSSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on NOVEMBER 15, 2107. (Pleasanton Weekly, NOVEMBER 24, AND DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 2017)

HEALING INTENTION BODYWORK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 537544
The following person doing business as: HEALING INTENTION BODYWORK, 164 RAY ST., PLEASANTON, CA, 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: AIMEE AUSTIN GRAJEDA, 4075 VINEYARD AVE #22, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: AIMEE AUSTIN GRAJEDA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on NOVEMBER 3, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22)

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Pleasanton (Oct. 13-20)

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Lowest sale reported: \$540,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,255,000
Average sales reported: \$1,225,412

Dublin (Oct. 13-20)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$480,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,367,000
Average sales reported: \$920,167

Livermore (Oct. 13-20)

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$310,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,400,000
Average sales reported: \$862,621

San Ramon (Nov. 7-15)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$405,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,700,000
Average sales reported: \$964,587

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 13-20.

Pleasanton

3154 Boardwalk Street Crowder Trust to A. Mulchandani for \$1,060,000
4319 Campinia Place Adams Trust to M. Ayres for \$2,075,000
4019 Crest Court D. Downum to Ginmanton Housing for \$740,000
3147 Half Dome Drive Brown Trust to S. Heidari for \$818,000
1754 Magnolia Circle Scott Trust to Advani Trust for \$900,000
127 Monaco Court P. Morton to A. Bindra for \$1,410,000
8015 Mountain View Drive #B J. Davis to J. Fujikawa for \$540,000
4132 Parma Court Herb Trust to S. Chopra for \$4,255,000
4848 Pipit Court A. & C. Skinner to A. Godavarthi for \$1,125,000
265 Rachael Place N. Tamizuddin to S. Yang for \$692,000
510 San Gabriel Court Christian Trust to J & G Building Partners for \$840,000
4696 Shasta Court K. & S. Kim to B. Vadapalli for \$1,250,000
937 Sherman Way A. & A. Ahuja to V. Ramanuja for \$1,527,000
6561 Singletree Way Beliso Trust to M. Shah for \$780,000
568 Tawny Drive T. & J. Twisselmann to V. Ghai for \$1,010,000
1141 Tiffany Lane Jones Trust to Biancalana Trust for \$820,000
7056 Valley Trails Drive Brewster Trust to M. & L. Moshell for \$990,000

Dublin

3157 Alexa Cruz Terrace R. & H. Lam to A. & M. Ferozy for \$1,030,000
7609 Arbor Creek Circle Darveau Trust to E. Tan for \$480,000
8774 Bandon Drive Scannell Trust to H. He for \$888,000
11149 Bay Laurel Street B. Baqai to S. Mullamuri for \$1,285,000

3705 Central Parkway #18 Arora Trust to N. Thombre for \$875,000
2200 Central Parkway LS-SF Jordan Ranch to C. Li for \$677,000
2206 Central Parkway LS-SF Jordan Ranch to J. Wu for \$833,000
2210 Central Parkway LS-SF Jordan Ranch to Z. Huang for \$799,000
4090 Chalk Hill Way TH WR-8 Venture to V. & D. Chopra for \$1,105,000
4215 Clarinbridge Circle A. Pasaoa to D. Graham for \$672,000
4855 Houlton Street J. Lessa to R. & F. Acosta for \$1,150,000
4848 Landmark Way G. Stork to C. Chang for \$1,159,000
4210 Midlands Court Lennar Homes to N. Natarajan for \$825,000
7811 Ridgeline Drive S. Loebrich to K. Patel for \$1,367,000
7816 Shannon Avenue Gribbell Trust to Q. Yu for \$805,000
6706 South Mariposa Lane D. Padilla to Y. Yu for \$735,000
7551 Sutton Lane O. & N. Wongpakantsanti to C. Saelim for \$720,000
4860 Swinford Court Elderkin Trust to A. Koshy for \$760,000
2425 Vinton Avenue M. Ahmad to O. & N. Wongpakantsanti for \$1,150,000
4022 Windsor Way KB Home to G. Meruva for \$808,500
4848 Winterbrook Avenue U. Prasad to S. Damodaran for \$1,200,000

Livermore

1214 Aaron Street S. Allen to H. Sun for \$677,000
617 Adelle Street Bay Area Executive Real Estate to A. Chavez for \$655,000
359 Alden Lane F. & J. Mona to T. & A. Fischer for \$1,200,000
1757 Altamar Way J. & B. Graff to A. Virk for \$750,000
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