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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Time for new collaboration between city and school district

Pleasanton school trustees wisely are carefully considering how to spend the \$270 million bond issue that voters passed in November 2016.

During this time, they have a great opportunity to reach out to the City Council and reinvigorate the partnership between the two government agencies. The city currently is updating its plan for downtown Pleasanton, a plan that includes relocating city hall and the police department from their current downtown locations to a new site on the Bernal property. It's an expensive, long-term proposition, but it's also a welcome recognition that downtown businesses no longer need the presence of the Civic Center and its employees to survive and thrive.

The school district owns two parcels that can be better utilized. There's the Vineyard Avenue site that once was planned for an elementary school. Building a school on that isolated site makes no sense. The district should apply to the city to rezone it for residential and sell it to a builder.

The other key site is the district offices/corporation yard and Village High School at First Street and Bernal Avenue. It is a waste of a prime site for residential in the downtown area and it's poorly utilized by the district. The district should apply to rezone that site for high-density residential given its ideal walkable location to downtown — it's a prime parcel that builders would be lining up to buy.

Then, the district can partner with the city on a joint venture of city and school district offices on the Bernal property and figure out a joint corporation yard with the city over on Busch Road.

The two rezoned parcels could be sold to builders for millions, money that could help fill the gap between the \$270 million bond measure and the \$500 million that was identified for total school facility needs in studies completed prior to the bond measure. The \$270 million total was based on polling that showed how much residents would be willing to pay in additional property taxes — not the total need.

During a recent study session, trustees indicated support for a K-8 school located on the north side of town where three schools have about 100 students more than the elementary school goal of 700 students.

While the studies are still ongoing in both agencies, it is time to be bold and invite city leaders into conversations about how together they can create win-win solutions to enhance their services and lower costs for the constituents they all serve.

A generation ago, city and school district leaders collaborated on the heavily used gyms at Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools. In that same timeframe, they could not agree on combining maintenance operations into one facility, thus the school district opted for the First Street site.

It's time to rectify that mistake and optimize value for both agencies and the public.

Incidentally, one troubling trend is the negative attitude being expressed by trustees and others about portable classrooms. The view implies that portables are not suitable for a quality education — tell that to a generation of Amador Valley students who attended classes in banks of portables while new classrooms were built.

Building all permanent classrooms assumes there will always be the student population to fill them. Check out the closed schools in Livermore and it's clear that's a faulty premise. Livermore, which has over 10,000 more residents than Pleasanton has closed four elementary schools over time and still has fewer students than Pleasanton today.

At one time, the state appropriately conditioned matching funds with the requirement that 50% of the classrooms were portables. The concept was to build the core school with facilities such as the multipurpose room and offices that could be converted to other uses and add or remove portable classrooms to meet demand.

Pleasanton has not seen its student population shrink, although the demographers predict it will do just that over the next 10 years. ■

### About the Cover

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**Dipali Thacker**  
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**Diana Christinsen**  
*HR manager*

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**Zack Billecci**  
*Operations manager*

I drove to Lake Berryessa in Napa with a good friend so that we could go fly fishing. It felt so great to finally have the freedom to do that.



**Mark Zelazny**  
*Architect*

I drove to the grocery store in order to pick up the ingredients my mom needed to make dinner. It was on that same day that I decided to start saving up to buy my own car so that I wouldn't have to share a car with my sisters. In order to do that, I got a job at the very same market where I bought the groceries.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Trails survey

City officials are looking for input from residents about the public trails system in Pleasanton via a brief online survey available through Monday.

The city has about 90 miles of trails, with another 60 miles proposed. Officials are working to prioritize which ones are most important to the community as part of their effort to update the Trails Master Plan. They held their latest public meeting on the plan update Thursday evening at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The survey is available at <http://bit.ly/2msneAY> or through the plan update webpage, [www.pleasantontrails.com](http://www.pleasantontrails.com) and click on "Take the Survey."

### Transition workshop

Regional agencies are partnering to host a free "Transition Information Night" on Tuesday for families of Tri-Valley young adults with developmental disabilities, a workshop focused on bridging the gap between high school and adulthood.

The evening will center around presentations on transition planning and housing as well as Supplemental Security Income and competitive integrated employment.

The event will also feature information tables and representatives from agencies which provide post-high school services such as independent and supported living services, social/recreation programs, adult day programs, transportation/paratransit, self-advocacy support and information on conservatorship, special needs trusts and benefits counseling.

The free event, with light dinner included, is set to run from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. For more information or to register, call 931-5373 or email [kking@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:kking@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### Corporate Games

Registration is now open for the Bay Area Corporate Games, coming to Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore in March through a partnership between Visit Tri-Valley and Corporate Games USA.

Scheduled for March 15-18, the event will consist of employees representing their organizations competing in 14 sports, including badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, cycling, dodgeball, dragon boat racing, golf, kickball, running, soccer, softball, table tennis, tennis and volleyball.

In addition to the sports program, the event will also include a registration and health expo, opening ceremony and closing awards. For more details, visit [www.corporategamesUSA.com](http://www.corporategamesUSA.com). ■

## City Council reaffirms support of Owens Drive lane reduction

Staff says traffic flow remains smooth, though commuters still complain of delays

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday again declared its support for the one-lane configuration along a stretch of Owens Drive near the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station that has drawn the ire of some residents and commuters for more than a year.

The 4-1 vote came after a follow-up discussion on traffic patterns along the segment of eastbound Owens Drive, an update the council requested last March in asking

city staff to monitor the effectiveness of the long-planned reduction from three lanes to one between Willow Road and the Iron Horse Regional Trail.

"Owens was a six-lane freeway before these changes were made," Councilman Jerry Pentin said, alluding to safety concerns that exist in the corridor. "When we talk about changing it back instead of moving forward, I just can't go with that."

Councilwoman Karla Brown cast the dissenting vote at the end of

the 90-minute discussion Tuesday night, arguing instead for adding a second lane back to eastbound Owens Drive.

"I think it's ridiculous, sorry, with all due respect," she said. "You're taking a main corridor road in the city ... and to take it from three lanes to one is just so counterintuitive. There are other options."

The council majority instead supported leaving the one-lane layout in place permanently after hearing from city staff that traffic flows have remained mostly smooth for

months after big backups initially seen after the new configuration became prominent last winter.

That, as opposed to endorsing an estimated \$1 million reconstruction of the segment to add one more lane or exploring options to rework the Owens Drive-Iron Horse Trail intersection that would increase delays for bicyclists and pedestrians — whom the lane change was meant to help. The council did direct city staff to identify a funding

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COURTESY OF PUSD

The Pleasanton school board recognized Matt Sweeney, who stepped down earlier this month after 31 years coaching football at Foothill High School.

## Board OKs employee raises

Also: Coach Sweeney recognition, Lydiksen Elementary furniture proposal

By JULIA BROWN

The Pleasanton school board unanimously approved raises for classified and management/confidential employees Tuesday night.

The new collective bargaining agreement with the California School Employees Association includes a 2% increase to the 2017-18 salary schedule, retroactive to July 1. CSEA members will also receive a one-time bonus equal to 1% of their salary this school year, to be calculated after the 2% increase is applied.

The agreement itself is for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

"I just want to thank CSEA and the district leadership and negotiating teams for coming to a conclusion," trustee Joan Laursen said just before the agreement

was approved. "We have a three-year contract in front of us, and that's awesome."

The proposal comes after the school board in November approved a collective bargaining agreement between PUSD and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers with the same raises for its members.

The district's agreement with APT took effect retroactive to July 1, 2016 and runs through June 30, 2019.

Meanwhile, trustees also approved a comparable salary increase for management/confidential employees.

The compensation increases endorsed Tuesday, respectively estimated at \$530,174 and \$298,327 overall this year, will be paid for

using funding from the state and the district's ending fund balance, according to the district.

PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said the board will be presented with a proposal for a comparable salary increase for senior cabinet members in the near future.

### In other business

- The board reviewed administration's recommendation that MeTEOR Education be selected as the furniture vendor for the bond-funded Lydiksen Elementary School modernization and rebuild.

MeTEOR was one of four firms that responded to a request for proposals issued by the

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## Holiday Fund raises \$70,000+

12 Tri-Valley nonprofits to benefit from local donations

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly's 2017 Holiday Fund campaign ended last Friday with 289 contributors donating \$70,167, an amount that will be split among 12 beneficiaries.

"That's a remarkable achievement for a community giving campaign at a time when so many of us have also stretched to the limit our charitable donations to other fundraisers," said Gina Channell, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly.

"These include contributions many have made to help hurricane victims in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, relief for those whose homes were destroyed by fires in Northern and Southern California, and just in these last two weeks for victims of mudslides in Montecito," she added.

In the Holiday Fund campaign, the Weekly partnered again with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which handled all contributions. That allowed donors to take advantage of a tax deduction on their 2017 taxes through SVCF's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law.

Also, the Weekly and SVCF handled all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar will go directly to the 12 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

Once verified by SVCF, the funds will be split between two tiers among the 12 recipients.

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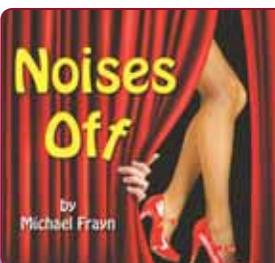


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Construction work is underway on a new project to add four parking spots and a storage area to the city-owned Pioneer Cemetery. JEREMY WALSH

## Work ongoing to add parking, storage at Pioneer Cemetery

City's \$350,000 project expected to wrap up in March

By JEREMY WALSH

Construction is underway on a short-term project that aims to bring more parking spaces and a new maintenance storage area to the city-owned Pioneer Cemetery.

The nearly \$350,000 project, which began last month just inside the entry gate off Sunol Boulevard, is expected to be completed in March, according to Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager.

"Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery site and maintenance improvements are a City Council priority," Hopkins said. "This project specifically is going to support the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery as well as the ability to provide new parking for the site."

The city, which purchased the mid-1800s-era cemetery from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

(IOOF) for \$1 in 2006, identified the need for more parking and storage onsite as part of the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan adopted by the council in November 2014.

City officials later devised the small project now under construction, to add four new parking spots on the front-right portion of the cemetery along with a storage area to keep a backhoe, new concrete burial vaults, soil and equipment for graveside services such as chairs and canopies, Hopkins said.

The project is not disturbing any existing gravesites, and it is designed not to interfere with future cemetery improvements contemplated in the master plan, she added.

Hopkins noted the master plan also recommended parking along the roadway, but after further review,

roadside parking was deemed infeasible due to interments too close to the edge of the roadway.

The estimated \$346,760 project is funded through the city's capital improvement program budget.

Pioneer Cemetery is located at 5780 Sunol Blvd., next door to private St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery and about a half-mile from the Sunol Boulevard exit off Interstate 680.

The burial ground has a long history in Pleasanton.

Formerly known as Pleasanton Memorial Gardens, the cemetery was first established in 1850 as a non-endowment cemetery and then purchased by the IOOF about three decades later. Many of Pleasanton's founding pioneers are buried there, including the Kottinger and Neal families, as well as 400 military veterans. ■

## HOLIDAY FUND

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Holiday Fund receipts.

They are:

- Axis Community Health
- Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation
- Valley Humane Society
- ValleyCare Charitable Foundation

Tier 2 recipients will share equally in 50% of total 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
- Tri-Valley YMCA

Checks will be distributed to these organizations Feb. 22 at a luncheon to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

"The 2017 Holiday Fund is especially targeted at meeting the

unfunded and under-funded needs of Tri-Valley agencies," Channell said.

"We appreciate the hundreds of Holiday Fund donors who have given \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,500, and more, including one donation of \$5,000 and another of \$10,000 from an individual who prefers to remain anonymous," she added.

These organizations will need increased financial support in 2018 to meet a growing number of those in need.

Take PPIE for one, an organization that has a collaborative relationship with the Pleasanton Unified School District and contributes to the needs of Pleasanton students and educators.

Although the organization hosts its own community fundraising events each year and raises funds through donations and grants from regional companies and organizations, it also benefits from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

"Thank you, Pleasanton Weekly, for your great generosity," said Steve McCoy-Thompson, PPIE's executive director. "These donations help us achieve our goals." ■

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# Baker resolution urges feds to protect California coast from oil drilling

Local assemblywoman cites negative impacts on environment, state economy

By JEREMY WALSH

President Donald Trump's administration has received a range of opposition to its proposal this month to open federal waters, including those near California, to new offshore oil drilling operations.

Count local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker among the critics, on both sides of the political aisle.

Baker, a second-term Republican from the Tri-Valley, introduced a resolution last Friday urging the federal government not to expand offshore drilling near California, citing environmental risks and negative economic impacts to the California coast and tourism industry.

"Local voices matter. Ours have spoken loud and clear on the subject of new offshore drilling for decades," said Baker, whose district includes Pleasanton. "California's coastline is too important to our state's environment, character and economy. I'm encouraged that Florida got an exemption from this policy, and California should receive the same treatment."

The Trump administration announced two weeks ago its plan to expand offshore drilling in the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans.

The proposal has led to objections by some residents and elected leaders — Republican and

Democrat — from a variety of coastal states, as reported by the Associated Press and other national news organizations.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke changed course when it came to Florida last week, saying drilling would not be allowed off the Sunshine State coast following backlash from key leaders, including Republican Gov. Rick Scott, citing local opposition and the importance of coastal tourism on the Florida economy.

Baker made similar arguments in her resolution urging no new oil drilling off California's coast.

Ocean-dependent tourism con-

tributes more than \$17 billion annually to California's economy and provides more than 350,000 jobs, Baker said, adding that the state's coastal economy creates some \$1.7 trillion in gross domestic product.

She also cited the economic and food-sourcing benefits of California's fishing industry and the environmental value of the state's coastal ecosystem that "is home to a diverse variety of marine mammals, seabirds, sea turtles, marine fishes and invertebrates, including numerous threatened and endangered species."

Baker said the state has not



FILE PHOTO

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker

issued a new drilling lease in state waters for 50 years while repeatedly urging the federal government to ban new offshore oil development. The California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994, which passed with bipartisan support, prohibits any new leases for the extraction of oil or gas in state waters, she added. ■

## Stanford-ValleyCare invests in germ-zapping robots

New technology added to help hospital cleaning

By JULIA BROWN

Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare is enlisting the aid of two germ-zapping robots to help keep the hospital clean.

The robots, made by the company Xenex, use pulsed xenon ultraviolet light to destroy bacteria, viruses, fungi and bacterial spores within minutes. They are aptly named Violet and Ray.

Gail Sonnenberg, a lead infection control practitioner at the Pleasanton hospital, said last week that the facility acquired the robots "(out of) an awareness that we always want to provide the highest level of care and best healing environment for our patients."

"We felt it was the right time to add this technology," she added.

While UV has been used for disinfection for decades, the germ-zapping robot is a new technology utilizing pulsed xenon, rather than mercury bulbs, to create germicidal UVC light that penetrates the cell walls of microorganisms, including dangerous pathogens like norovirus, Ebola and influenza (the flu). Within minutes their DNA is fused, effectively killing them on surfaces.

The robots can disinfect a typical patient or operating room in four- or five-minute cycles. They can be used in any department and in any unit within a healthcare facility, Stanford-ValleyCare officials said in a statement.

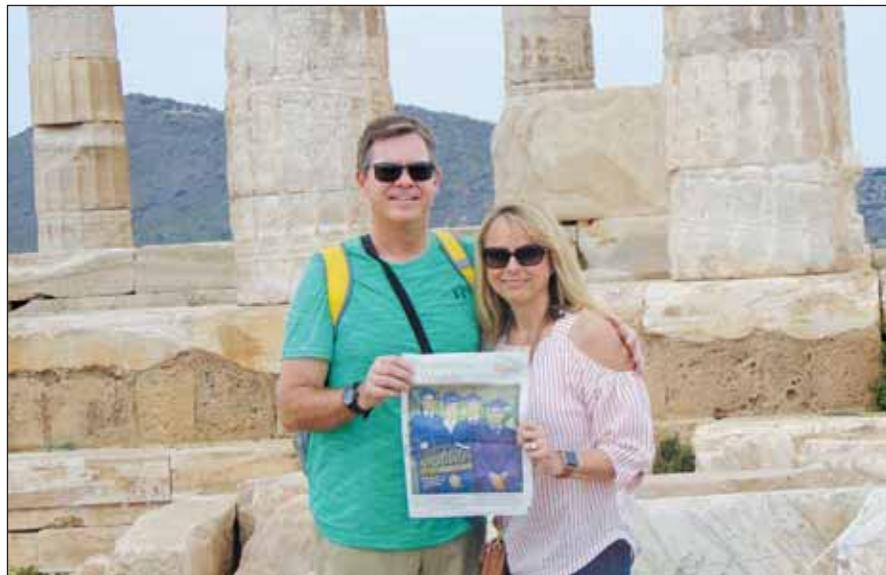


JULIA BROWN

Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has acquired two robots to help get rid of germs and bacteria.

"We continue to identify opportunities to improve processes that will enhance our ability to provide safe patient care," said chief operating officer Tracey Lewis-Taylor. "Xenex is one of the many tools utilized to help assure that we provide the safest possible environment for our patients." ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**A god's temple:** On their trip to Greece, Mike and Susan Ryberg visited the Temple of Poseidon in Cape Sounio, south of Athens — and brought the Pleasanton Weekly with them.

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## Dublin: Health officials investigating death of Kolb Elementary student

Initial probe indicates no exposure to school; counselors on campus this week

The death of a student in the Dublin Unified School District is being investigated by the Alameda County Public Health Department, health officials told the school district last Friday.

School district officials posted a notice of the investigation and a statement of their own Friday at 4:38 p.m. on Facebook.

The student who died went to Kolb Elementary School at 3150 Palermo Way in Dublin.

"Based on our investigation, we do not believe that members of the Kolb Elementary School community were exposed on site or are at risk for getting this disease from the ill student," health department officials said.

"We do not recommend any specific preventive actions at this time to

the Kolb Elementary School community."

School district officials said they offer their sincere condolences to the family and the Kolb Elementary School community.

"We are deeply saddened by this tragic news, and we extend our deepest sympathy to the child's family and loved ones, as well as the entire Kolb Elementary School community," school district officials said in a statement.

The name of the child has not been released and school district officials are referring requests for further information to the health department.

School district officials said counselors were available all this week to staff and students who needed help coping with the death. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Shepherd's Gate welcomes new CEO

Patterson joins family-support nonprofit after years at Cityteam

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore-based Christian nonprofit Shepherd's Gate announced this week that Carol Patterson has been hired as its new chief executive officer.

Patterson, who has years of experience as a nonprofit executive and before that in the software industry, brings a wide-ranging skill set to the organization that works to help women and children escape the cycles of abuse, addiction and homelessness, according to Alan Cerro, Shepherd's Gate board president.

"Carol is a visionary leader with a deep understanding of homelessness, poverty and addiction facing the Bay Area," Cerro said. "She brings a wealth of proven experience to this role, and has the ideal skill-set and knowledge to lead Shepherd's Gate wisely into the



Carol Patterson

future. We're thrilled to have her serve as our new CEO."

Patterson is eager to take on the leadership role helping women and children affected by addiction and domestic violence, saying their struggles "weigh heavily on my heart."

"I'm thrilled to lead a ministry that is on the forefront of combating these issues," Patterson said. "I'm eager to connect with volunteers, donors and local organizations to partner together fighting abuse, addiction, poverty and homelessness here in the Bay Area."

Patterson joins Shepherd's Gate after serving for more than 17 years as a senior executive with family-support nonprofit Cityteam at its corporate headquarters in San Jose. There, she developed experience with nonprofit operations, ministry, management, finance, operations and fundraising.

Prior to that, she worked for 23 years in the software industry including senior executive roles where she successfully assisted in leading two IPOs and one product

acquisition with Oracle.

Patterson, who also has previous experience sitting on nonprofit boards focused on homelessness and education, is a graduate of California State University, East Bay with additional certificates from Santa Clara University and The Wharton School.

"Carol is a strategic leader and a passionate national spokesperson for women and children. But the greatest asset she brings to Shepherd's Gate is her deep commitment to Christ and a vision for advancing our programs that are furthering God's Kingdom each day," Cerro added.

Based out of its Livermore campus at 1660 Portola Ave., Shepherd's Gate has helped more than 11,000 women and children since being founded as a ministry in a small home in Livermore in 1984. The nonprofit now also operates a thrift store at 4014 East Ave. in Livermore, in addition to a campus in Brentwood. For more information, visit [www.shepherdsgate.org](http://www.shepherdsgate.org). ■

## OWENS

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source for a \$90,000 "adaptive timing system" for traffic signals in that area to provide relief to vehicle traffic spikes during peak evening commute hours.

"At this point, I can't justify spending a million dollars of taxpayers' money to make Owens Drive two lanes in each direction in order to gain 22 seconds," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said.

A majority of the 14 resident speakers urged the council to restore a second lane. Some also reported having hundreds more residents in their corner who supported a petition against the single-lane setup.

Critics spoke strongly against the current configuration, calling it "unbelievable," "against common sense," "a stupid decision" and "misconduct" on the part of city staff.

"It's counterintuitive. It doesn't make sense," resident Julie Testa said. "While a million dollars does seem like a lot of money, seems like a lot of money to correct a mistake that shouldn't have happened. But it should be corrected."

"This planning shouldn't have happened from the very beginning," An Li added. "We just need that courage to really fix this, and I think this council can do it ... Consider people's voice."

The four speakers in favor of maintaining the one-lane layout were bicycle riders or advocates who lauded the safety and usability of the reconfigured corridor.

"Our money would be poorly spent if we tried to make expensive modifications," resident David Fisch said. "Decisions, I think,

should be based on anything you do that encourages people to walk or take public transportation or use their bicycle to commute."

The lane reduction first came online in 2015, but it didn't become a source of real angst until late 2016 when fencing came down around the four-story apartment with ground-floor retail complex being built at Owens and Willow, revealing that the one-lane configuration was permanent, as opposed to temporary due to construction as some residents thought.

Eastbound Owens Drive became one lane for cars plus a buffered eight-foot bicycle lane for the long-block stretch. Westbound traffic remains two and three lanes in different parts of the segment.

Narrowing the eastbound side and associated roadside changes, first approved in 2012 as part of the mixed-use development application, serve to help encourage pedestrian and bicyclist use in the area because wide roads with longer crosswalks and higher vehicles speeds are often deterrents, according to city traffic engineer Mike Tassano.

The council heard resident feedback last March and opted to leave the one-lane configuration intact and have traffic circulation studied for six months around the lane reduction.

Tassano presented that analysis by Hexagon Transportation Consultants — with traffic data from the site in April, May and September — and his conclusions Tuesday night.

He recommended leaving the segment at one lane with pedestrian-signal adjustments at the trail intersection alleviating most driver delays as expected.

"The vehicle delay on Owens Drive is really a few minutes where there's congestion, and the rest of the time it operates really well," Tassano said.

The consultants also looked at four possible changes to the intersection to reduce driver delays, but none was endorsed by city staff.

The first called for reconstructing Owens Drive to add in a second eastbound travel lane, a project that would involve shifting the median north and repurposing one of two existing left-turn lanes. But at approximately \$1 million, that project proved too costly to recommend, Tassano said.

The three other options were creating a traffic signal coordination plan for evening commute that focuses on vehicle progress by itself or combining the coordinated traffic signal with either redesigned trail curb ramps or with single-stage crossing at the trail intersection.

Those alternatives would reduce corridor delay in a more cost-effective manner, but they would increase pedestrian delay too much, by a minute or more, Tassano said.

City officials supported looking at an "adaptive timing system" for traffic signals in that area that would be responsive to vehicle and pedestrian volume, whereas the current system is capable of only fixed-time signal intervals, Tassano said.

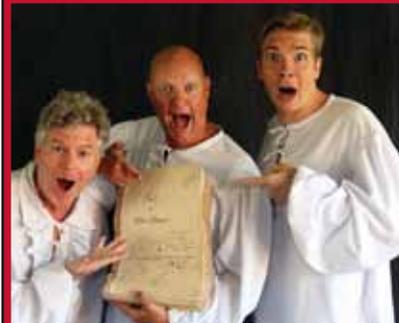
At Narum's urging, the council majority directed city staff to find funding to implement the new timing system on the Owens Drive stretch — rather than wait for the outcome of pending grant-funding applications, as city officials recommended. ■

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# Foothill girls to play in fundraiser powderpuff game Monday

Proceeds from event to support sexual misconduct prevention program

By Julia Brown

Around 50 girls are expected to converge on Foothill High School's football field Monday night to play a game for a cause.

Foothill senior Katie Diktakis, who plays for the varsity tennis team and is part of the leadership class on campus, is organizing a powderpuff football fundraiser with all proceeds going toward bringing a sexual harassment and assault awareness program to the school.

Up until about five years ago, Foothill used to hold an annual girls football game until it was banned because of participants fighting, according to Diktakis. As a big football fan and Foothill athlete, Diktakis came up with the proposal of bringing the annual game back to the high school with a new fundraising element.

"I am a really big football fan so I wanted to bring (powderpuff) back to Foothill," she said. "It's the only sport that does not have a female counterpart in the professional world or high school sense."

Diktakis pitched the idea to her leadership class, then took it to school administrators who green-lighted the game. She said she's gotten a lot of positive feedback about the event and that 40-50 girls from all grades are expected to participate.

The idea developed as Diktakis kept seeing stories come to light in recent months of accusations of sexual misconduct involving prominent men, with some allegations dating back decades, she said.

"I feel like it's a topic that a lot of people know is there but they don't want to talk about it and feel uncomfortable bringing it up," Diktakis said. "But not bringing it up doesn't allow kids to protect themselves. We need to bring it up and educate them so they don't feel uncomfortable about it."

Diktakis' goal is to raise \$5,000 to fund an awareness week at Foothill that could include guest speakers from organizations like Sex Signals, which runs a sexual assault prevention program that is

popular on college campuses. The event would happen this spring, or in the fall if more time is needed to fundraise.

In the meantime, Diktakis said she's looking forward to getting on the football field Monday.

"From practice, the girls are really good at making plays and understanding the game in a short amount of time," she said, adding Foothill economics teacher Greg Haubner has been helping to coach participants. "I think this is going to be really interesting and cool."

Diktakis added she hopes the powderpuff game will continue to be held annually for years to come.

"I want to leave something (at Foothill) that will last but really help the students," she said.

The powderpuff game will start at 7 p.m. Monday and is expected to go for about an hour. Admission is \$5 per person. Residents can also contribute to the cause through a GoFundMe page set up under the name "Sexual Assault Awareness + Powderpuff." ■

## SCHOOL BOARD

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district in October.

If approved as the furniture vendor, the district would purchase pilot furniture for up to three existing classroom prototypes — kindergarten, grades 1-3 and grades 4-5. Students and staff would test different furniture styles and configurations for at least one full school year before a bulk order would be made for all classrooms.

Administration indicated Tuesday that the pilot furniture recommendation will come to the board in March. Pilot furniture would then be installed in the summer for use next school year.

The estimated furniture budget for the project is \$400,000 in Measure 11 funds.

• At the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, the board recognized former Foothill High football coach Matt Sweeney, who stepped down from the position earlier this month after 31 years.

Superintendent David Haglund read aloud notes about Sweeney's career during the recognition, including his coaching record of 265 wins against 93 losses and five ties. Under Sweeney, the Falcons also won 15 league championships.

Sweeney will continue his work as a history teacher and softball coach at Foothill.

"I feel really fortunate and blessed," Sweeney said Tuesday night. "I love going to work every day — it's not work, I love going to Foothill every day — and I don't

know where the time went."

• In closed session, trustees unanimously approved dismissal of an unnamed probationary employee as well as a settlement agreement in the amount of \$29,500.

They also voted to waive \$12,500 in attorney's fees and costs in exchange for former employee Luis Mercado agreeing to dismiss his appeal and release all claims against the district in the case Mercado vs. PUSD.

Mercado, a skilled maintenance worker for PUSD from August 2008 through mid-April 2013, filed a wrongful termination suit against the district in October 2015. He alleged in his complaint that he was "screamed at, ridiculed, threatened and otherwise chronically harassed" by supervisors, and as a result became clinically depressed

and unable to work.

After notifying PUSD in March 2013 that he was sick, Mercado said he later received a letter from the district stating, "If you do not request the opportunity to demonstrate good cause to excuse your absence by close of business on Monday, April 15, 2013, you will be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from your employment with the district."

Mercado claimed in his lawsuit that he did not receive the letter until April 19, 2013 and that PUSD "wrongfully terminated his employment for his absence due to mental disability."

The case was dismissed in July, and in the fall Alameda County Superior Court awarded the district \$10,000 for attorney's fees and \$2,500 in other costs, according to court documents. Mercado filed an appeal on Jan. 12. ■



EBRPD

These mushrooms are among the toxic varieties that people should stay away from in East Bay parks.

## East Bay Parks warns of poisonous mushrooms

Officials: Residents should keep selves, dogs away from toxic growths

The East Bay Regional Park District is urging Bay Area residents not to collect or consume mushrooms in East Bay parks, as the region is home to two of the most toxic mushrooms in the world.

After the first fall rains, it is common for the East Bay Hills to sprout mushrooms in an array of size and color. They can be beautiful but they can also be deadly, EBRPD officials warn.

The amanita phalloides (death cap mushroom) and amanita ocreata (western destroying angel mushroom) both contain amatoxins, a group of molecules that inhibit cellular metabolism in many animals.

In mammals, the liver and kidneys are usually the organs affected initially after ingestion. Symptoms could appear up to 12 hours after consumption and could progress into liver and renal failure if treatment isn't sought right away.

"Both are robust mushrooms

that grow near oak trees," EBRPD naturalist Trent Pearce said in a statement. "Both are very dangerous and contain lethal toxins."

The death cap is a medium-to-large-sized mushroom that typically has a greenish-gray cap, white gills and a white ring around the stem with a large white sac at the base of the stem.

The western destroying angel is a medium-to-large-sized mushroom that often has a creamy white cap, white gills and a white ring around the stem that disappears with age. It usually has a thin white sac at the base.

"We urge the public to be safe and knowledgeable about toxic mushrooms," said EBRPD spokesman Dave Mason in a statement. "Park visitors should know mushroom collecting is not allowed anywhere in the East Bay Regional Park District."

Mason also advised dog owners to keep their dogs away from the mushrooms. ■

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# Community Pulse

## Isabelle DeKoven

January 22, 1939 – January 5, 2018

Isabelle DeKoven, a Pleasanton resident for 15 years, passed away on January 5th, 2018. Born in Paris, France, on January 22nd, 1939, she fled with her mother to Montpellier in the south of France to escape the Nazis. Isabelle moved to Los Angeles in 1962, and in 1963 married Michael DeKoven. Among her passions: Mozart, Beethoven, The Beatles, films, reading novels and newspapers, chocolate, and Filet-O-Fish sandwiches from McDonald's. She captivated friends and strangers with her zany sense of humor, strong political opinions, compassion, and lovely French accent. Isabelle fought for the underdog and disadvantaged, and encouraged individuality and the unconventional in every aspect of her life. Without question, Isabelle was the ultimate non-conformist. Michael DeKoven passed away in 1996. Isabelle is survived by son John and his spouse Julie, son James and his spouse Jill, sister Jenny Block, brother Victor Batjaj, and "grand-dog" Tiger.



In lieu of flowers, please donate to [bigdawgsrescue.org](http://bigdawgsrescue.org)

PAID OBITUARY

## John Eugene Holst

March 23, 1947 - January 13, 2018

Heaven gained an angel on Saturday, January 13, 2018 when John Eugene Holst, 70, a 30-year resident of Pleasanton, passed away. He was born in Newark, NJ and moved to the Bay Area with his family in 1982. He proudly gave his service to our country as a Vietnam Veteran. John was an avid San Jose Earthquakes and Golden State Warriors fan. He was a referee, coach and mentor for the Pleasanton Soccer Associations (PGSA, RAGE, BUSC, & PSRA) for over 20 years. John worked for AT&T and retired after 30 years of service. He recently moved to New Jersey to go back to his roots and reunite with his family. He is survived by his wife, Lumencia (Ribon) Holst of Middletown, NJ; his daughters Alexandria (& husband Michael Snow) of Livermore, CA, Christine of Acworth, GA and Kimberly (& husband Derek Lofgren) of Middletown, NJ; his son John W. Holst of San Francisco, CA; his three grandchildren; his brother Kenneth Holst of Wall Township, NJ; his sister JeriAnn (& husband Gerard Melillo) of Long Branch, NJ; and an abundance of close extended family all around the world.



Services will be held Saturday, January 20th at 10:30am at The Church of Saint Catherine Laboure, 110 Bray Ave, North Middletown, NJ 07748.

Memorial donations may be made to the Monmouth Medical Center - Hospice Facilities.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### PPD: Livermore man arrested for attempted matricide

A Livermore man was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after allegedly severely assaulting his mother in the parking lot of a Pleasanton hospital on Monday morning.

At 6:44 a.m. Monday, Pleasanton police officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare after receiving a report that a man was punching a woman, according to Lt. Larry Cox.

As officers were responding the suspect — later identified as 27-year-old Livermore resident Brian Bertoli — fled the area toward Old Santa Rita Road, according to Cox.



Brian Bertoli

As police were looking for Bertoli, an officer found him in front of 3657 Old Santa Rita Road. Cox alleged Bertoli was agitated, covered in blood and refused to comply with the officer's commands.

As officers moved in to detain Bertoli, he began struggling, prompting police to use a Taser on Bertoli, who was taken into custody without

further incident, Cox said.

Police located the victim, Bertoli's mother, at Stanford-ValleyCare as she was being treated for major head injuries including a large laceration over her left eye that appeared to have been caused by a sharp weapon, according to Cox. She also had cuts on her hands and severe swelling of her eyes and nose. She was transported to Eden Hospital due to the possible head trauma.

Bertoli was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, assault with intent to commit mayhem and resisting arrest, Cox said.

### In other news

- With recreational marijuana businesses allowed in California as of Jan. 1, the Pleasanton Police Department issued an advisory last week reminding residents what they can and can't do with marijuana under state law and city regulations. "We understand there may be some confusion and concerns with the continued change in laws related to marijuana. It remains our goal to keep citizens informed and to maintain the highest level of safety in our community," the department statement read.

Proposition 64, passed by state voters in November 2016, decriminalized the use of recreational marijuana for people 21 years old and up, with some restrictions.

Smoking marijuana remains prohibited while driving a vehicle, on school grounds when children are present, while in any public place and in any location in which smoking tobacco is prohibited, Pleasanton police said.

The proposition also allowed those adults to grow up to six marijuana plants in their home for personal, non-commercial use if the plants are in a secured, locked area and out of public view. It further allowed commercial marijuana activities to begin operating under state law Jan. 1, 2018, though cities and counties could restrict or ban those operations if desired.

The city of Pleasanton prohibits all commercial marijuana activities, including cultivation, sales and transportation for sale. Residents also cannot grow personal marijuana outside in Pleasanton, with the city banning that "in order to protect adjacent properties from fire hazards, visual blight, unpleasant odors and other objectionable impacts," police noted.

Driving while under the influence of marijuana remains illegal, dangerous and an arrestable offense, police said.

"Similar to alcohol, marijuana cannot be smoked or ingested while driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle," the department

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## Police work to make sure residents keep dogs on leash

PPD holds special enforcement effort at Ken Mercer Sports Park

By JEREMY WALSH

Reports of dogs roaming without a leash in public parks are on the rise in Pleasanton, and the police department is working to remind residents of the important safety — and legal — reasons to keep their canine companions leashed when out in the city.

A handful of police officers spent several hours at Ken Mercer Sports Park one morning earlier this month as part of a special enforcement event, patrolling to make sure residents adhered to the law that requires all dogs to be on a leash in public, unless at one of the two special off-leash dog parks.

"The leash law is so important, for so many reasons," said Officer Frankie Blavet, the department's animal services officer. "It is the best way to keep your pet safe while enjoying the parks. The leash law keeps everyone safe by preventing dog bites, both for humans and animals alike. Almost all of our dog bite cases are a result of a dog being off-leash."

"The leash law also protects our local wildlife and keeps our pets safe from tragic events, such as being struck by vehicles," she

added. "It takes just a second for an off-leash dog to dart after a squirrel and chase it onto a roadway with oncoming vehicles. These tragic events can be easily prevented by having your dog leashed."

The department recorded 48 cases of dog bites last year, with about 90% of those involving off-leash dogs, according to Blavet. Additionally, police have reported a recent increase in complaints about off-leash dogs, mainly at the Sports Park in central Pleasanton, along Parkside Drive just off Hopyard Road.

As a result, the department sent several officers and police volunteers to the park on the morning of Jan. 3 to enforce the leash law.

Most of the residents had their dogs properly leashed, but officers did issue three citations to people with non-leashed dogs, Blavet said. The citation carries a \$100 fine for a first offense, and the fine increases for any subsequent violation.

Officers also took the opportunity to remind all dog owners about why the leash law is important, and they even posed for photos with some of Pleasanton's finest pups,



Pleasanton police animal services officer Frankie Blavet poses with a local pup.

according to Blavet.

The department plans to hold more leash enforcement events in the future, according to Blavet. City regulations also require all dogs over 4 months old to be licensed, and keeping dogs up-to-date on vaccinations is important as well, Blavet added.

Pleasanton does have two off-leash dog parks, at Muirwood Dog Park and Cubby's Dog Park. Dogs can also hike off-leash at Augustin Bernal Community Park on the Pleasanton Ridge. ■

**BULLETIN**

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said. "Marijuana products must remain in sealed containers while being transported in vehicles."

• Pleasanton police blocked off Old Stanley Boulevard for about three hours Tuesday afternoon while working to negotiate with a local man who barricaded himself in a family house just outside downtown after fleeing from a traffic stop.

Officers ultimately opted to reopen the neighborhood to residents and are seeking an arrest warrant from a judge after determining the unarmed man posed no threat to the community while holed up in the unoccupied home owned by a family member, according to police officials.

"After exhausting all attempts to communicate with (Scott) Hagan and believing he may be in crisis, officers did not make entry and have sought a warrant for his arrest," Lt. Maria Munayer said in a statement.

The situation unfolded just after 12:45 p.m. Tuesday when a local police officer saw a white Chevy Silverado driving erratically on First Street, speeding and swerving, according to Munayer.

The officer turned on his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop, at which point the driver — later

identified as Hagan, 55, of Pleasanton — got out of his truck and walked toward the officer in a threatening manner, Munayer said.

Hagan then allegedly yelled threats at the officer before running back to his truck and speeding away.

Another officer arrived and a short police pursuit ensued before ending abruptly when Hagan drove to his former house on Old Stanley Boulevard and ran into the basement, Munayer said. The home is vacant and still owned by Hagan's mother.

Police closed Old Stanley Boulevard between Main and First streets while trying to talk Hagan into coming out of the house, but the man just yelled back at officers and failed to comply with officers' orders to leave the basement, according to Munayer.

After around three hours, police decided to clear the scene without forcibly entering the basement and instead seek a warrant for Hagan's arrest on a charge of evading police, according to Munayer.

This was not Hagan's first run-in with law enforcement in recent months.

Last June, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office reported Hagan was shot by a ranch owner in rural unincorporated Livermore after allegedly smashing his truck into a barn, the rancher's home, a truck

and a propane tank before trying to drive at the rancher.

Hagan was detained on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandalism at the time. The sheriff's office has not yet responded to a request for an update on that criminal case.

• A man who's serving a term of 80 years to life for murdering a former friend on a Livermore golf course in 2012 is among two inmates accused of slaying a fellow inmate at the Folsom state prison, California Department of Corrections officials said last week.

Jacob Kober, 29, of Livermore, is suspected in the death of inmate

Devlin Stringfellow, 48, who was assaulted with inmate-manufactured weapons Jan. 10 in an exercise yard at the maximum security prison east of Sacramento and died about a half-hour later in the prison's medical clinic.

Kober was convicted in February 2015 of first-degree murder for the fatal shooting of 28-year-old Kenneth Robert Ogden, his former friend, on Dec. 28, 2012. Ogden's body was discovered the next morning by a man who lives on Galaxy Court in Livermore and saw him lying on the grass alongside the Springtown Golf Course fairway and neighboring bicycle

paths, police said.

State officials said Stringfellow was serving a six-year sentence for his conviction in Los Angeles County for drug, weapon and assault counts and was scheduled to be released in June 2020.

They said the second suspect in Stringfellow's death is Stephen Dunckhurst, 49, who is serving a life sentence for his conviction in Shasta County for vehicle theft and possession and manufacture of a deadly weapon by a prisoner, plus a three-year term for second-degree robbery. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

**POLICE REPORT**

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

**Jan. 14**

**Missing person report**

■ 8:04 p.m. on Madsen Court

**Theft**

■ 1:26 p.m. on the 6700 block of Paseo San Leon

■ 8:06 p.m. on the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way

**Domestic battery**

■ 1:33 p.m. on Hopyard Road

■ 8:07 p.m. on Krause Street

**Theft**

■ 2:51 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

**Alcohol violation**

■ 2:45 p.m. on the 6700 block of Hansen Drive

■ 3:56 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**Auto theft**

■ 5:23 a.m. on the 4200 block of Jensen Street

**Jan. 13**

**Shoplifting**

■ 4:07 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 6:05 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 6:23 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Drug violation**

■ 12:50 p.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

**Domestic battery**

■ 9:54 a.m. on Gibraltar Drive

**Jan. 12**

**Assault/battery**

■ 11:12 p.m. on the 400 block of St. John Street

**Missing person report**

■ 1:36 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

**Theft from auto**

■ 1:03 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

**Jan. 11**

**Burglary**

■ 3:20 p.m. on the 900 block of Madeira Drive

■ 6:46 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 7:20 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

**Theft**

■ 8:01 a.m., 5100 block of Golden Road; theft from auto

■ 8:12 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:05 a.m., 9100 block of Olson Court; theft from auto

■ 10:47 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft of bicycle

■ 7:09 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 7:29 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**Alcohol violation**

■ 4:38 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

**Trespass/prowling**

■ 2:55 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

**Auto theft**

■ 3:19 a.m. on the 9200 block of Klemetson Drive

■ 8:08 a.m. on the 7300 block of Lemonwood Way

■ 12:37 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

**Drug violation**

■ 12:44 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

**Jan. 10**

**Theft**

■ 6:29 a.m., 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 1:47 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**Gladys I. (Best) Pearson**

Gladys I. Pearson, longtime resident of Pleasanton and beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on Dec. 29, 2017 at the age of 87. She was born on Aug. 19, 1930 in Walhalla, ND to Roy Smith Best and Myrtle Elsie Smith.

She attended a one-room schoolhouse in Walhalla for grades one through eight skipping the third grade. In the winter she sometimes went to school by horse-drawn sled. She attended Walhalla High School graduating as Valedictorian. At age 17 she started her bachelor's degree in accounting at Jamestown College, graduating with honors. In her forties she went back to school to Chabot College to earn her degree in nursing.

On Aug. 23, 1949 she married Richard (Dick) King Pearson. Their first child, Diane was born the end of the next year. The family moved to Pennsylvania where Dick alternately worked to support the growing family and went to Penn State to earn his PhD in chemistry, moving several times. By 1955 the family was complete with Nancy, David and Marjorie.

In 1958 the family moved to Pleasanton, CA where Gladys lived until her passing. She raised the family, helping with the children's activities as 4-H leader, chauffeur and musical coach. She was an excellent seamstress and an active member and Financial Secretary of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church for many years. She was 'mom' not only to her biological children, but also to numerous exchange students through the Youth for Understanding program for which she volunteered. Her 'adopted' children included Gloria Herrera-Narvaez from Chile, Erich Mohr and Volker Knappertz from Germany, Hakan Dalvag from Sweden, and Koenraad De Smedt from Belgium. These exceptional students stayed with the family for six months to a year and continued to keep in contact with their beloved American mom.

She worked as an accountant for several years, then as an assistant at Dr. Howard Long's office. After getting her nursing degree she started working for Kaiser Permanente where she worked until her retirement in 1995. Her church, friends and family were the center of her life after retirement. She was an active member of Lynnewood United Meth-

odist Church working on various committees and with church finances. She always wanted to learn to swim and to speak another language fluently as she worked at Spanish and German.

Gladys is survived by her daughters Diane Elliott (Robert) of Glasgow, Scotland and Pleasanton, CA, Nancy Vodhanel (Richard) of Red Bank, NJ; and Marjorie Pearson (Kristine Robison) of San Jose, CA, her son David Pearson (Lesley) of San Diego, CA; and her grandchildren: Brendan Elliott (Mayumi) of Redmond, WA, Kenneth Elliott of Iowa City, IA, Trina Hess (Jonathan) of Lititz, PA, Mark Vodhanel (Taryn)

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Her caring and accepting nature and her practical outlook on life were among her greatest attributes. Her words of wisdom were sought out by her friends and family alike.

A Memorial Service will be held at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, CA on Jan. 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Burial will be next to her husband, Richard, at Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Lynnewood United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of San Jose, OR the American Lung Association.

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## Black and White in Black and White

STORY BY JEREMY WALSH | PHOTOS BY JOHN JOHNSON

Museum on Main's  
upcoming exhibit  
depicts 'dignity,  
hope and diversity  
in America'

**T**his early time of year always provides an opportunity for special reflection and education on diversity in the United States, and especially on the cultural and social impacts of African-American leaders, innovators and everyday citizens throughout American history.

The Museum on Main is taking advantage by shining a spotlight on race relations in America at the turn of the 20th century by hosting a traveling exhibit beginning next week, "Black and White in Black and White: Images of Dignity, Hope and Diversity in America."

"This exhibit challenges stereotypes, and it's important to break through them if we're truly going to recognize one another's humanity," museum curator Ken MacLennan said in an interview ahead of the exhibit opening.

Arriving in downtown Pleasanton just after Martin Luther King Jr. Day

and continuing through Black History Month, the aptly scheduled exhibit centers around original photographs by John Johnson, an African-American photographer whose work primarily focused on community portraits in his neighborhood in Lincoln, Neb. from 1910 to 1925.

Johnson's photographs are particularly noteworthy for depicting the African-American middle class and for capturing images of black and white residents together, along with other racial groups — both uncommon for Johnson's era, according to MacLennan.

The display will feature 31 large-scale reproductions of Johnson's original photos and accompanying interpretive text, along with glass negatives, photography accessories, a camera with tripod from that time period, a 15-minute documentary and books from the era.

The photographs are mainly posed

portraits of people of all ages in a variety of settings.

A lot can be learned by just examining the images for some of the basic characteristics of the people, such as the clothes they wear, what they're holding or where they are, according to MacLennan.

"To cite one of the more obvious examples, many of Johnson's subjects hold books, newspapers or letters to signify literacy — a skill that white people often assumed that black people lacked," the curator said.

Exposure to imagery, text and artifacts can be vital for educating people on the significance of an historical era and its relevance in the world today.

That remains especially true for African-Americans' struggle for equality and the civil rights movement, according to Nadia Moshtagh, English department

chair at Foothill High School.

Leading up to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Moshtagh spent time with her freshman students reading two of King's most memorable writings: his "I Have a Dream" speech and his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

"It has opened up great conversations about present-day civil rights struggles. Connecting it to what's going on in their lives and in the world today — it's crucial," Moshtagh said.

The Pleasanton community joined the rest of the country in commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday. The holiday, formally held on the third Monday in January, this year fell on what would have been King's 89th birthday.

2018 will also mark a much more somber anniversary in the civil rights movement on April 4 — 50 years to



The Museum on Main's upcoming exhibit "Black and White in Black and White" features 31 large reproductions of original photographs by early-1900s African-American photographer John Johnson, including (from left) "Baseball Player," "Backyard Picnic," "Zakem Children and Friends," "Manitoba James and His Children" and "Mamie Griffin." (Photos courtesy of the Douglas Keister Collection)

the day since King was gunned down outside the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tenn.

Educating students, and the community at-large, about the impact of King, Malcolm X and other civil rights leaders and activists continues to remain important, according to Moshtagh.

"Teaching the history of discrimination, in addition to diverse representation in literature, and culturally competent teachers are vital for the development of empathy and understanding," she said.

Across town at Fairlands Elementary School, students will get the chance to learn similar lessons in one of the most interactive and experiential Black History Month projects.

Led by teachers Kelly Lack and Jenny Eisenbies, Fairlands fifth-graders take part in a "living museum" each February, preparing informational speeches and exhibit-type displays about an African-American historical figure they've selected and researched.

The living museum takes over the school's multipurpose room, where

other classes are invited to visit with the fifth-graders, who have tables set up across the expansive hall, deliver speeches as their profile subject and help educate the other kids about the person and their era by highlighting their life and historical impact.

In many ways, photographer Johnson is one whose own story is emblematic of life for a black man in his era.

"(He) exemplifies both the limitations and the possibilities that African-Americans of the early 20th century faced," MacLennan said.

A high school graduate who attended college, Johnson was listed in city directories as simply a laborer, although he took hundreds of standout photographs — many on expensive glass plates, "not the sort of thing a 'laborer' could expect to afford unless people were paying him for the pictures he took," according to MacLennan said.

"In other words, Johnson was a professional photographer, even if the Lincoln city directory didn't recognize him for it," he said.

Johnson's photographs, many taken during the height of the so-called "New Negro Movement" epitomized by the "Harlem Renaissance," depict imagery not often shown during his era.

Notably, some photos spotlight African-Americans and white Americans interacting in their community, but perhaps just as important, according to MacLennan, was Johnson capturing the black middle class living in Lincoln.

"We'd like (the exhibit) to remind people that an African-American middle class isn't a new thing, that not every black family in turn-of-the-century America was sharecropping in Mississippi," MacLennan said.

African-American families like those in Lincoln at the time were also among those who left Nebraska for California in the teens and 20s, "bringing their energy and ambition — and capital — to help build this state," MacLennan said, adding:

"I don't want to make it sound too rosy — we're still talking about a pre-Brown v. Board of Education, largely segregated

country here, and African-Americans were considered second-class citizens by white people pretty much everywhere — but it's also important to know that people strained against those limits, building lives and livelihoods in spite of them."

"Black and White in Black and White," on display at the museum at 603 Main St. from next Wednesday through March 18, will also help Pleasanton residents and visitors visualize a diverse community striving to thrive in the face of discrimination and inequality, and how that relates to the world today.

"The struggle for equality isn't over," MacLennan said.

"We're also going through a moment when the divisions in American society have been thrown into sharp relief, and it's important to remind ourselves that, at the end of the day, we're all still people — not only because that means we all have something in common, but because it means that we all deserve that basic level of respect and consideration that one human being owes any other human being." ■

## Timing is key in upcoming 'Noises Off'

'Over-the-top comedy' takes us behind scenes at theater

BY DOLORES FOX GIARDELLI

**S**lamming doors, falling trousers and flying sardines.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre continues its season with a show about a delightfully dysfunctional touring theater troupe in Michael Frayn's "Noises Off," which opens Jan. 27 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

English playwright Frayn hit on the idea for the comedy as he watched from the wings a performance of "The Two of Us," a farce he had written for Lynn Redgrave.

"It was funnier from behind than in front, and I thought that one day I must write a farce from behind," Frayn said.

"Noises Off" is a farce that is an over-the-top comedy with one door opening and another slamming," explained David Judson, who is directing the play as well as playing the leading role of Lloyd the director within the play.

"It is fun being both David Judson and Lloyd," Judson said. "We share a few similarities — precision in staging, English heritage — and many differences — philandering and giant mood swings."

"This off-the-wall comedy requires incredible

physical timing from all of our actors," Judson said. "We were fortunate to find 11 incredibly gifted performers that all have experience in professional musical theater. As director, I wanted to work with people that were comfortable in their bodies."

Musical theater professionals can all move very well, he noted, which is important in a fast-paced comedy.

"It requires choreographic precision," he said.

Judson, one of PCRT's founders, turned professional 20 years ago on a national tour of a similar play called "Sheer Madness," he said.

"Noises Off" continues PCRT's season of productions that have a show within a show, which began in November with "42nd Street" and will continue in the spring with "Rock of Ages."

"This show also enabled me to enlist my two dear friends and Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre artistic teammates — Joy Sherratt, who is associate artistic director, and Amy Franklin Leonards, artistic associate," Judson said.

"Since I am on stage at various moments in the show, I wanted their expertise with some of the staging and fight choreography," he continued. "In

addition to all of their

other acting expertise, both of them also have strong dance backgrounds.

"This expertise will really help us all move in unison and in intentional disharmony as an ensemble throughout this comedy."

"Noises Off" will be the first non-musical for Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, which began its seasons of musicals at the Firehouse Arts Center in 2011. The 1982 comedy received multiple Tony nominations, and was adapted into a film in 1992 starring Carol Burnett, John Ritter, Christopher Reeve and Michael Caine.

"I love this movie," Judson said. "Although the stage play differs in several spots from the movie, I was able to pay homage to this great film in many scenes."

"Noises Off" features three acts: The first takes place in the rehearsal hall the night before opening; the second act is backstage; the last act is the final performance.

"This makes it very challenging for us actors," Judson said. "We want to give the illusion that we are improving to some degree. The reality is that most every move we make is calculated or someone would literally get hurt, particularly in the second act."

"Of course, there is a little improv, but most of the whole show is staged like a brilliant ballet," he added. "It has to be beautiful and precise or it won't work." ■



BERENICE SULLIVAN  
David Judson (second from left) plays Lloyd the director of the play within the play "Noises Off," with (left to right) Ayelet Firstenberg as Brooke; Michael Doppe, Garry; Ross Neuenfeldt, Frederick; and Hannah Keller, Poppy.

### Funniest farce

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# Sports



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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# Coach Sweeney getting well-deserved break after devoted career

Also: Foothill boys soccer shuts out Amador Valley 2-0

When I talked with Foothill football coach Matt Sweeney shortly after he told his players he was stepping down after 31 years of coaching, my first thought was “good for you.”

On the surface, most people have no idea how much time a coach puts in to build a successful program.

In other words, he had precious little time for family vacations. In fact, there were two small windows of time to get away. One of the first things Sweeney mentioned is that he had never taken a fall vacation — never. Let that sink in for a moment.

Another example was the weekly work ethic Sweeney put into coaching. Every Friday night game was followed by a 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning film session. I can confirm this, as the first year De La Salle came into the East Bay Athletic League I wanted to do a story on preparing for the Spartans.

When he told me to meet with him at 4:30 a.m. at the school, I laughed before I realized he was serious.

Sweeney earned so much respect over the years that when we ran the story about him stepping down on the Pleasanton Weekly website last week, former EBAL coaches Bob Ladouceur of De La Salle and Craig Bergman of Monte Vista both posted their praise in the comment section.

And while we know the ability to relax more and enjoy time away from coaching were major parts of Sweeney’s decision, the changing times also had taken some of the joy out of coaching.

It’s a different time than when we all played and initially started coaching. The level of commitment and support have drastically changed. We live in a time where most players are not willing to make the time commitment the players of 20 years ago did.

It’s not unusual any more for kids to take off on family vacations in the middle of the season, missing practices and in some instances, games. I am not saying it’s right or wrong, but it is different. When you have a coach willing to put in all the time, but he doesn’t get the same from parents and players, it can’t help but drain you.

Also, the era of specialization took its toll on Sweeney. It used to be kids played two to three sports for their high school, something



KARI DUKLETH

Foothill Falcons players carry coach Matt Sweeney off the field following a win against Amador Valley. Sweeney announced his retirement from the gridiron last week after 31 years of coaching.

that used to be encouraged at Foothill. In this day, kids are being pushed by some coaches and parents to focus on one sport.

Once again, not to say whether it’s right or wrong, but it is different.

I look back on arguably the greatest male athlete to come out of Foothill — current San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford — and he was a football and baseball star. Crawford has done pretty well for himself, and it doesn’t appear playing two sports in high school hurt his pro chances.

Throw all these together and it was time for Sweeney to step away.

So, coach, enjoy time with the family as well as hunting and fishing. I know you recently got your own set of golf clubs, and I look forward to beating the ball around the course with you over the next 20-30 years!

### Foothill boys soccer

The highlight of the last week was a 2-0 win over Amador Valley.

Braeden Maas started the scoring for Foothill when he converted a pass from Davis Wollesen for the

1-0 lead. Kamran Matin started the scoring play off a free kick.

Amador nearly tied it when Zion Kiehle nearly drew a penalty kick, as well as when Ben Blackfield hit the post at close range for the Dons.

Josh Shields made it 2-0 later, cementing the win for the Falcons.

Both goalies performed exceptionally well in the contest, with Amador’s Taylor Melendez keeping the Dons in the game and Foothill’s Owen Camp preserving the lead.

### Foothill boys basketball

The Falcons knocked off Livermore 72-53 in their lone EBAL game last week.

Using a 31-point fourth quarter, the Falcons rolled to their second win in three league games. Ramon Cristwell had 20 points to lead Foothill, with Michael Smith adding 15 and Jose Ureno 10. ■

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

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**Agape Villages Foster Family Agency** finds stable homes and a loving environment for abused and neglected children throughout 14 counties in Northern California, including here in Alameda County.

**Axis Community Health** is 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. It serves more than 14,000 members of our community.

**Hope Hospice** provides ethical hospice care, transition services for those not eligible for hospice, bereavement support for adults and children and end-of-life education to Tri-Valley families, regardless of insurance or income status.

**Open Heart Kitchen** is the largest hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley feeding the hungry every weekday at multiple locations.

**Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PIIE) Foundation** is an organization that has a collaborative relationship with the Pleasanton Unified School District and contributes to the needs of Pleasanton students and educators.

**REACH** (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley) offers education programs, activities, resources and housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

**Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation** provides local cancer patients with complementary therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy.

**Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley** serves seniors over 60 in the communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol to promote independence, safety and well-being, preserve dignity and improve quality of life.

**Sunflower Hill** is working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, similar to senior living facilities.

**Tri-Valley YMCA** aims to strengthen the local communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

**ValleyCare Charitable Foundation** plans to use its contribution from the annual campaign to help fund state-of-the-art health care technology, facilities, various clinical programs and services at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

**Valley Humane Society** rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

## Theater

**NOISES OFF** Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). Saturday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Feb. 11. Called the funniest farce ever written, Tony Award-winning Noises Off presents a manic menagerie as a cast of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop called Nothing's On. Doors slamming, on and offstage intrigue, and an errant herring all figure in the plot of this sexy, hilarious and classically comic play. The film version of this show featured some of the greatest contemporary comedic actors of our time, including John Ritter and Carol Burnett.

**'CINDERELLA KIDS'** Pleasanton's Young Performers in the Tuesday class practice for the upcoming production of Disney's "Cinderella KIDS," which they will present along with the Little Performers in three performances next week at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The shows last about one hour. Tuesday classes perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23; Thursday

classes perform at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25; and Saturday classes perform at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27. Tickets are \$8, available at the door or at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Music

**THE SPECIAL CONSENSUS** The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with attitude. "Special C" proudly celebrates their 42nd anniversary this year. The 2012 Grammy-nominated acoustic bluegrass band returns to the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. Four-man bluegrass in classic vein, with modern edge, spotless vocals, and boundless energy. Tickets \$15 - \$25; available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). call 931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

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## PET OF THE WEEK



K. JACOBY/VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

### Inspector Luca

Two-year-old Luca is politely curious, perpetually monitoring the action in his environment. He enjoys a bit of attention but is more interested in making sure things go off as planned. If you're looking to get more organized this year, Luca would make a great personal secretary. Hire him today at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) or call 426-8656.

performing today. Grand-Prize winner 2016 M-Prize International Chamber Music Competition. Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. Livermore. College student \$16, high school free. [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org).

## Talks & Lectures

**VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS** Virtually Speaking Toastmasters Club meets from noon to 1 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.

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GARDEN CLUB MEETING** Livermore-Amador Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, starting at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Visitors are welcome.

## Food & Drink

**BEER TRAIL** Tri-Valley Craft Beer Trail. Five beer stops by Jan. 31 equals \$20 to Sunflower Hill. Visit Tri-Valley's seasonal beer trail passport, is back. Through January 31, beer-lovers can download a passport or pick one up at any stop on the Tri-Valley Beer Trail or Tri-Valley hotel, visit at least 5 out of our 22 breweries, taprooms or ale houses, and for every passport with five stamps that you turn in, Visit Tri-Valley will donate \$20 to Sunflower Hill, a local, nonprofit

organization working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs. For more info, [visittrivalley.com](http://visittrivalley.com).

## Lessons & Classes

**PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY USER GROUP** The PT Users Group meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The usual format is 2-3 presentations by various presenters. Topics include internet use, email, photos, security, help with Windows 7/8/10, smart phones, tablets. Cost is \$2.00 to \$2.50. Call 931-5365.

## Seniors

**FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME'** Senior Center Newcomers Welcome: Are you new to Pleasanton or the Senior Center? Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. discover all the programs, classes, and services available to you. Your facilitator will take you on a tour of the Center grounds and surrounding Centennial Park. At the end of the tour you will receive a coupon for a free lunch at the Sage Café. For more information, call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

**SENIOR MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB** Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge,

## TAKE US ALONG



**Celebrating Anne's 50th:** To mark Anne Loveman Haas' milestone birthday, a group of Pleasanton friends took a Mexican getaway that included Puerta Vallarta and Yelapa Island. Standing on the beach (from left) are Ran and Pat Costello, Marianne and Michael Swailes, Anne Loveman Haas, Grant Moore, Cheryl and Merel Heggelund, and Kate and Mike Jupina.

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

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## Health & Wellness

### EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR

**SUPPORT GROUP** If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in Conference Room 112 at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. For more information, view their blog at www.eastbayet.com or call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

**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.

### 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.

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1 p.m.-3 p.m., 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.

## Government Meetings

### CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Promotes the acquisition, construction and installment of works of public art in Pleasanton. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the City's Civic Arts programs. Mondays, 7 p.m., 200 Old Bernal Ave. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

### PLEASANTON SCHOOL BOARD

**MEETING** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the District Office Board Room, 4665 Bernal Ave. This month, there will also be a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

### PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION

**MEETING** The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. cityofpleasantonca.gov.

### BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS

**COMMITTEE** Advises Parks and Recreation Commission and City's Traffic Engineering Division on bicycle, pedestrian and trail related items. Committee reviews and prioritizes potential projects, provides input on policies related to bike ways and trails, and promotes community education. Next meeting, Monday, Jan. 22, 6:45 p.m., 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton Senior Center. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

## Fundraisers

### LIONS ANNUAL CRAB FEED

**FUNRAISER** Pleasanton Lions Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, Saturday, Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m., Alameda County Fairgrounds, Young California Bldg. Each year we host this fantastic Crab Feed which is our main fundraiser. Attendees can count on an evening filled with an abundance of delectable all you can eat crab served chilled w/ cocktail sauce, green salad with shrimp, pasta, and dinner rolls. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

### LIVERMORE ELKS CRAB FEED

Elks Club, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore. Saturday Jan. 27, 6 p.m. Crabs are fresh and plentiful, cracked and cleaned, with our famous Clam Chowder, pasta with Nana's Meaty Tomato Sauce, salad, French bread and dessert. Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m., dancing - Richard Dorffi Trio. Tickets \$45 Adults, Buy a table of 12 adults and get one free. Easy reservations, call 455-8829 leave a message with you name, phone and number of tickets, then drop a check in the mail or come by the office 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. email Secretary2117@comcast.net with questions.

### SAN RAMON HISTORIC FOUNDATION

Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon Village. Crab Feed, Saturday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Come join us for our all you can eat crab feed to support the Ole Barn Restoration. We will have crab, pasta, salad, french bread, coffee, tea and an auction for special desserts and a private wine class. The no-host social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. Tickets - Adult: \$55.00, Children 6 to 10 yrs. old \$35.00, children under 5 yrs. old are free.

### PAWS IN NEED VALENTINE CRAB

**FEED** Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Saturday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Treat your Valentine to a tasty crab feast and help save the life of a loveable local pet. Join us for an awesome dinner, games, raffle baskets and auction items. Enjoy fresh cracked Dungeness crab, pasta, Caesar salad, bread, dessert, and coffee or tea. A no-host bar offering beer, wine, Cosmos and nonalcoholic beverages will be available. Tickets are available online at www.Paws-In-Need.org, or by mailing checks to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon. Contact event coordinator Cindy Ferrin at cferrin@pacbell.net or 323-8517 for more info.

## Volunteers

### LITERACY/ESL TUTOR TRAINING

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## Community Groups

### ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

**BRANCH 285** The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to join us for a potluck and guest speaker evening at 6 p.m. the third Friday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Judy at 462-2487.

### 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 pnwcomers@gmail.com. Go to www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

### 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.



**Lucky No. 13** Matt and Darlene Beck vacationed in the Mediterranean to celebrate their 13th anniversary. Here they posed with the Weekly in Split, Croatia.

### 81ST AMERICAN LEGION

**ORATORICAL CONTEST** American Legion Post 237 will host our Oratorical Contest on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, at 1 p.m. Contest is open to all high school students, grades 9 thru 12. Participants must be US citizens and residents of California. See www.legion.oratorical for further information. Local prizes of \$250, \$150, \$100 and \$25. Contact Norman Houghton 846-8725 or email norm4064@yahoo.com to enter.

### PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB

The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No dinner will be served. For more information visit pleasantonlionsclub.org.

### HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS

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### LIVERMORE LIONESSE CLUB

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

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee**  
Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.  
Senior Center Classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Trails Master Plan outreach survey and meeting results
- BART and Iron Horse Trail preliminary design concepts
- Review of the low profile bike racks in the downtown bike corral
- Consideration of a non-priority list of topics for BPTC meetings
- Review list of current projects

**Committee on Energy & Environment**  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.  
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Rd.

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

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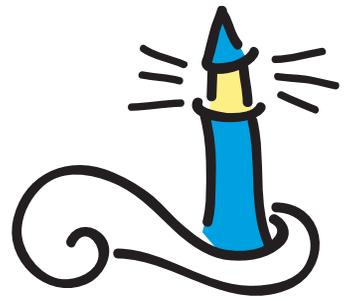
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File No.: 539339  
The following person doing business as: Citus Bi Information Consulting, 3002 Calle De La Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jianping Pan, 3002 Calle De La Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Dec. 29, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Jianping Pan. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Dec. 29, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539120  
The following person(s) doing business as: 383 Media, 7600 Dublin Blvd., STE 210, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Redblink Inc., 2406 Civic Ave., Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 21, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Pritpal Dhaliwal, President. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 2018).

SUPERHERO RESIDENTIAL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539520  
The following person(s) doing business as: SUPERHERO RESIDENTIAL, 53 VINTAGE CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Meredith, 53 Vintage Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 4, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539487  
The following person(s) doing business as: KOJA KITCHEN CA15, 5252 DUBLIN BOULEVARD, DUBLIN, CA 94568, ALAMEDA COUNTY is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ORIGIN BAY LLC, 7172 REGIONAL STREET #156, DUBLIN, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JANUARY 3, 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: MARTIN CHOU, PRESIDENT. (Pleasanton Weekly, JANUARY 12, 19, 26 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539262  
The following person(s) doing business as: MODERN ORACLE: PROFESSIONAL PSYCHIC ADVISOR & ENERGY HEALER, 4824 BERNAL AVENUE #C, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PAULA ESTRADA, 4824 BERNAL AVENUE #C, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This

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GAUSSIAN GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539216  
The following person(s) doing business as: GAUSSIAN GROUP, 3544 ROCCA COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): RAMESH PANWAR, 3544 ROCCA COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, AND ELAINE PANWAR, 3544 ROCCA COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, AND RYAN PANWAR, 3544 ROCCA COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on DECEMBER 27, 2017. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: RAMESH PANWAR, GENERAL PARTNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, JANUARY 12, 19, 26 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539758-760  
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SACRED SPACE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539628  
The following person(s) doing business as: SACRED SPACE, 3350 HOPYARD ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ST. CLARE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PLEASANTON, CA, 3350 HOPYARD ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a CORPORATION. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on JANUARY 1, 2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JANUARY 8, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: RON CULMER, CEO. (Pleasanton Weekly, JANUARY 19, 26, FEBRUARY 2 AND 9, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 539627  
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### Pleasanton (Nov. 27-Dec. 1)

Total sales reported: 19  
Lowest sale reported: \$455,000  
Highest sale reported: \$2,870,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,193,184

### Dublin (Nov. 27-Dec. 1)

Total sales reported: 30  
Lowest sale reported: \$426,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,701,000  
Average sales reported: \$899,200

### Livermore (Nov. 27-Dec. 1)

Total sales reported: 23  
Lowest sale reported: \$535,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,650,000  
Average sales reported: \$819,196

### San Ramon (Dec. 13-20)

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