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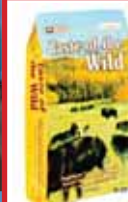
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Shepherd's Gate welcomes another CEO who was called out of tech

When Carol Patterson joined Shepherd's Gate as its CEO in January, it marked the second time God has called a person with a tech background into ministry to lead the shelter for women and their children.

Carol spent 23 years as an executive in the technology industry, taking part in two initial public offerings as well as the sale of a company to Oracle.

Her predecessor, the late Steve McRee, also worked in technology before God called him into ministry. Shepherd's Gate, with campuses in Livermore and Brentwood, was founded by Alice Ann Cantelov after she retired from her career as a park ranger.



Carol Patterson

For Carol, the transition started after she began volunteering in East Palo Alto with Cityteam's after-school program.

"It was a very dangerous area in that time. I saw three very faithful women serving God by serving these children every day," she told me earlier this week. "Kids suffered from hunger, neglect and abuse. A 10-year-old boy doesn't want to go home because his mom has multiple boyfriends and she did not want him to come home. He said he hung out where the police department would not pick him up."

That experience led her to advocate for children in poverty and to invite other technology executives and workers to join her in volunteer work.

She was looking for another volunteer opportunity on the Cityteam website when she saw an executive job posting. She called her husband, Rich, and asked if they could take a big pay cut. He responded that they have been blessed and it was time to give back.

Seventeen years later, after worldwide travel to Cityteam operations around the globe, the call was clear.

"Transferring over was an act of obedience — I heard his calling on my life. The ministry has not been safe. We have worked in the most

dangerous areas of the country with very high crime rates. I had a big bodyguard with me in downtown L.A. and visually I saw Jesus walking with me," Carol said.

She credits her entrepreneurial bent to her parents who left England in 1957 on a cargo boat with 10 passengers going to the United States. She grew up in the Concord area. Her dad worked cutting asbestos (before it was recognized as a health issue) as well as smoking two packs of cigarettes a day. His job and habit hit hard, and he died of cancer in three months while Carol was in a Catholic high school.

That devastated Carol because her dad was her rock.

When she went back to school, she was informed that she needed to pay her tuition or leave — no scholarships were available. A couple of her girlfriends had started working at Macy's so Carol applied and was hired. A week later, she went back to school paying her school fees. She worked for Macy's for six years and said she turned her back on God because of her father's death.

That took her on to Diablo Valley College where she met Rich. He took her to his church, New Hope, and the start of a relationship with Jesus.

That budding relationship hit its epiphany moment when she had been looking for an apartment in Los Angeles with no success. She cried out that if God was real, he would find her an apartment that day. She rented an apartment that day and started attending a Baptist Church in Santa Monica where Rich had gone while he was enrolled at UCLA.

When Rich finally proposed, more than 15 years after they met and became close friends throughout that time, the Santa Monica pastor and a San Mateo pastor co-presided over their wedding ceremony.

Now settling in at Shepherd's Gate, she's learning more about a program she already knew about and starting to ask how the women and their children can be served even more effectively in the 12-month program. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt writes his "Tim Talk" blog twice a week for PleasantonWeekly.com. He is also a member of the Shepherd's Gate Board of Directors.

About the Cover

Valley View Elementary students (from left) Avery Tye, Ariana Ortiz and Gabi Keenan check out books at the school's inaugural Spanish book fair. (Headline translation: I like to read.) Photo by Julia Brown. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XIX, Number 2



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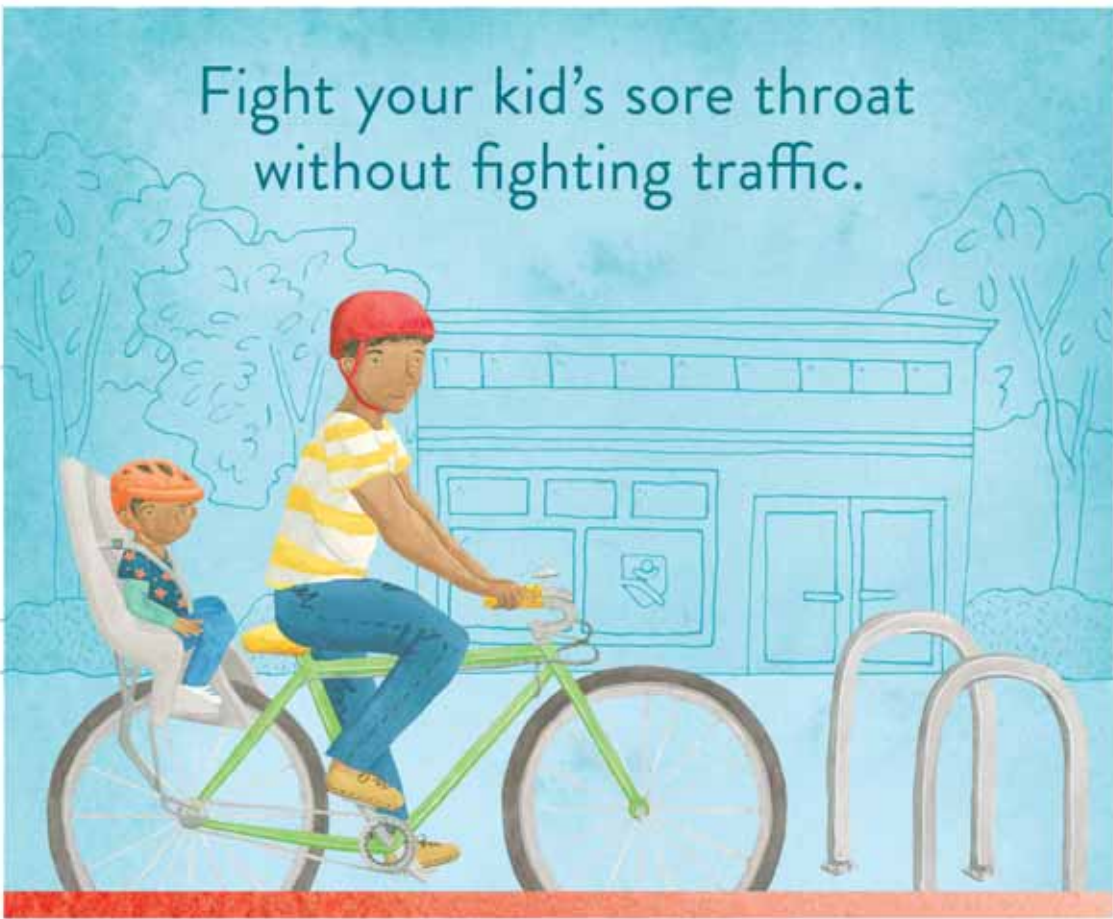
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Dusty Mapson

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I'm very superstitious about the Giants. Whatever jersey I'm wearing when they win the World Series is the jersey that I wear the next time they play. I'm really sure it makes a big difference in helping them win.



Carlos Quiros

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I never walk late at night by myself because I worry that the Chupacabra — a creepy, mythical, blood sucking monster — will come from behind and bite me on the neck.



Holly Strain

Administrative assistant

I'm really not superstitious at all. I have faith in God, so I find I have no need to be superstitious.



Steve Strain

Project manager

I play a lot of tennis and am superstitious about that. I always wear the exact same kind of black socks, every single time I play. Because if I don't, I'm convinced I'm going to lose.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Holocaust survivor

Eva Schloss, stepsister of Anne Frank and a Holocaust survivor, is speaking at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. She will describe the events surrounding the diary's writing, discovery and publication, which was 70 years ago.

Schloss is a published author and for the past 35 years a decorated ambassador for global peace. The event will include a Q&A and book signing.

The Chabad of the Tri-Valley is sponsoring the evening, which will be suitable for teens and families of all faiths. General tickets are \$36, seniors and students, \$20, available at www.JewishTriValley.com.

Living with Dementia

Hope Hospice is holding a class next weekend as part of its Living with Dementia series entitled "Understanding Behavior as Communication," a session geared toward promoting meaningful connections between people with dementia and their care providers.

"Since dementia changes the ways individuals think, perceive and use language, it is important to understand that those with dementia frequently communicate their wants and needs through their behaviors," Hope Hospice officials said.

The Feb. 10 presentation will be led by the nonprofit's director of volunteers Jill Smith and community health educator Debbie Emerson — both certified dementia care specialists.

The free event will run from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Hope Hospice headquarters at 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, in Dublin. Register online at HopeHospice.com.

Remembering Ilene

Dozens turned out in Dublin on Tuesday night for a candlelight vigil and community walk to honor Ilene Misheloff, a 13-year-old Dublin girl who disappeared while walking home after school in 1989.

Tuesday marked the 29th anniversary of Misheloff's disappearance. She was a student at Wells Intermediate School, now called T.D. Wells Middle School, when she was excused early from her physical education class. She was last seen walking on San Ramon Road and Amador Valley Boulevard.

Each year, family, friends and supporters from the community gather to recreate the two-mile walk she took that ill-fated day in 1989 and keep hope alive that she will return safely. Many carried signs that read "Help Bring Ilene Home" as they walked through Dublin. ■

Zone 7 completes bank stabilization project for creek off Foothill Road

Work initiated after erosion threatened Verona Reach homes last winter

By JULIA BROWN

Roughly three months and \$4.55 million later, Zone 7 Water Agency has completed a bank stabilization project in the 7800 block of Foothill Road where homes were threatened by significant erosion last winter.

Crews wrapped up the project in mid-December when the final plants were installed on the rebuilt slope, according to Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 manager of integrated water resources.

"It's really nice to see that we were able to come together with the regulatory agencies and come up with a plan that did not involve really hardscape types of solutions,"

Mahoney said in a recent interview. "We were able to see how we can create a more natural slope in the area and encourage the stream to react more like a natural stream in that area as opposed to using things like steel piles or concrete."

The bank stabilization work began late last summer.

Crews cut away a portion of the slope at 3 Verona Way — a vacant parcel that Zone 7 used eminent domain to acquire, arguing it was necessary for the project — and pushed the slope back to divert water flow away from homes. Water was also diverted downstream through pipes while heavy equipment operated in the creek.

Soil and rock was put inside geotextile fabric that was then wrapped up and placed against the eroding slope, one layer stacked on top of the next.

Construction finished around Nov. 1. The slope was then planted and seeded so grass can grow on top.

Crews continue to visit the site for monitoring and maintenance.

Asked how the new design has done in stormy weather this winter, Mahoney said, "so far so good."

"We've seen the site holding up well and directing the water exactly where we want it to," she said.

Zone 7 opted for the geotextile fabric slope after initial design options proposed for a permanent

repair, including ones that involved supports made from large rocks or metal beams, were rejected by regulators who give out construction permits.

The geotextile fabric design also proved to be more expensive. In August, the Zone 7 Board of Directors authorized spending an additional \$2.85 million on the project — on top of \$1.7 million approved in March — bringing the total cost to approximately \$4.55 million including contingency.

Crews initiated an interim repair in March to guide the majority of the water toward the center

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JULIA BROWN

Second-grader Jessica Sheely reads a book based on the movie "Coco" at Valley View Elementary School's Spanish book fair.

Valley View hosts inaugural Spanish book fair

'I want kids to enjoy reading,' PTA president says

Sitting on tables throughout the room, the books varied in size and subject.

There were graphic novels, chapter books and quicker reads on topics like sports and animals. There were texts based on children's movies like "Coco." And there were particularly popular titles like "Matilda" and "Captain Underpants" — all en español.

Last month, Valley View Elementary School hosted its first ever Spanish book fair, with all books either written in or translated into Spanish. Held Jan.

16-18, the fair included a "Coffee with the Principal" event for parents to stop by and browse books, as well as a family night on the final day.

Valley View Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) president Kelly Cantu, who has two children enrolled in the school's dual immersion program, organized the event after hearing from teachers for years about a need for high-quality children's books in Spanish. She partnered with a dual immersion teacher in Menlo Park who owns an online bookstore called I Love

to Read in Spanish.

"We did an emphasis on a Spanish book fair because half the school is learning to speak Spanish (through the dual immersion program)," Cantu said, adding that the school also has students who are from Spanish-speaking countries like Mexico, Spain and Argentina.

During the afternoon on Jan. 17, students filed their way into room 19 and made a beeline for the colorful books. They perused them carefully, some clutching

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PUSD weighs math changes

Also: Senior cabinet raises, more bond-funded laptops

By JULIA BROWN

A group of parents and students packed Tuesday's school board meeting to express concerns about potential changes to the district's math offerings.

The district has released a draft future math pathways proposal that recommends the phasing out of the middle school five-year pathway — an accelerated math program that currently allows students to complete math 6/7 in sixth grade, math 8/algebra in seventh grade and honors geometry in eighth.

Under the current proposal, math 6/7 would be eliminated from middle school in the 2018-19 school year, math 8/algebra in 2019-20 and honors geometry in 2020-21.

A letter provided by Tri-Valley Asian Association president Sylvia Tian and addressed to Superintendent David Haglund and teachers states parents "strongly oppose the proposal."

"Every student should be provided with an appropriate place in the school," an excerpt from the letter reads. "Math-passionate students should have a chance to enjoy the challenge and the inspiration of learning advanced math, which will pave their way to STEAM study."

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Planning Commission endorses Sunflower Hill housing project

Also: Lighthouse Baptist School relocating to Hacienda, new city planning manager

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council is poised to consider the proposed Sunflower Hill residential community for adults with special needs next week after the Planning Commission unanimously supported the project application.

The local nonprofit, in partnership with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA), seeks to construct a two-story apartment building with 31 units, along with a community center, a central courtyard and other amenities, on a vacant parcel adjacent to a new neighborhood planned for the Irby Ranch site just outside downtown.

"This is a project the city has been hearing about for probably four or five years. At one time it was a dream, and now actually before us is a tangible application to build a real-live place and provide this community

service," commission chair David Nagler said during the discussion Jan. 24 at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

Sunflower Hill leaders, consisting largely of parents and family members of children and adults with special needs, hope their first-ever Pleasanton project, coupled with a project approved in Livermore, will help address the need for more housing for people with special needs in the Tri-Valley.

The nonprofit's concept has been endorsed by city officials, with the special-needs housing proposal serving as a key reason the City Council approved the 87-house neighborhood at Irby Ranch last year — a development plan that included setting aside 1.64 acres for the future Sunflower Hill project.

The main apartment building is two stories, U-shaped around an interior courtyard, with one studio unit,



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Design rendering for the Sunflower Hill project on (future) Nevada Street includes a two-story, U-shaped apartment building facing a single-story community center.

22 one-bedroom units and eight two-bedroom units — giving the complex 39 beds in all. An onsite SAHA property manager will live in one of the two-bedroom apartments, and the studio will be occupied by a Sunflower Hill staff member as needed to provide support at the complex.

A 5,000-square-foot community center is proposed to sit across from the apartment building, complete with a multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, fitness room, craft room and administrative offices. The plans also call for a spa lounge area, bocce court, multi-use lawn, group outdoor seating and a convertible sport court.

Planning commissioners said last week they were impressed by design changes made by Sunflower Hill's architects to enhance the building exteriors after some commissioners thought the early plans, presented during a project workshop in October, made the buildings appear too institutional for a neighborhood.

Those adjustments included new window trims, toned-down roof-lines and greater facade detailing, according to city associate planner Jennifer Hagen.

"I like the changes you've made. It's been a huge improvement," commission vice chair Greg O'Connor said. "I'm very pleased with what you've come back with."

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

The Irby Ranch project application included setting aside a 1.64-acre portion of the property for the Sunflower Hill complex, fronting what will be the future Nevada Street extension.

That land was technically dedicated to the city for affordable housing, but all parties envisioned the project as a Sunflower Hill development for

adults with special needs — and the Pleasanton-based nonprofit signed an exclusive negotiating rights agreement with the city for the site.

"We really feel this is a partnership, a partnership with the city that is really going to set a standard, both for the state and for the nation, for what can be done to house individuals with special needs," Sunflower Hill board president Susan Houghton told the commission.

'I like the changes you've made. It's been a huge improvement.'

Greg O'Connor,
Planning Commission

SAHA and Sunflower Hill have an agreement in place to form a new company, Sunflower Hill LLC at Irby Ranch, with the two entities serving as 51% (SAHA) to 49% (Sunflower Hill) partners, according to Houghton.

The affordability levels will include 20% of area median income (AMI) for the one-bedroom units and 60% AMI for the two-bedroom units that are designed as co-tenant apartments, she said.

When asked by Nagler about prospective funding for the project, Houghton said they are seeking Alameda County affordable housing bond funds and are preparing to apply for tax credits in the spring. "We think it's moving forward well," she added.

The city also agreed to commit up to \$2.25 million, which includes Irby Ranch developer's \$1 million contribution to city affordable housing, toward the potential Sunflower Hill project for special needs adults when approving the full Irby Ranch development in February 2017.

Following the half-hour discussion Jan. 24, the commission voted 5-0 to recommend the council approve the Sunflower Hill project application. Commissioner Jack Balch

recused himself from the debate because his father owns a home 384 feet from the project site.

City officials expect to bring the Sunflower Hill project to the council for consideration Tuesday, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

In other business

- The commission approved a use permit to allow Lighthouse Baptist School to relocate to 5959 W. Las Positas Blvd., a two-story office building in the Hacienda Business Park at the corner of Coronado Lane that has been empty since a call center vacated the site nearly a decade ago, according to city staff.

The building was recently purchased by Ridgeview Hope Church — formerly the Evangelical Free Church of Pleasanton — with the intent of using the ground floor for the church and private school and the second floor for leasable office space.

The small private school operated the past 20 years at the former Evangelical Free Church site in Valley Trails, property the church sold to Ponderosa Homes to build a 36-home residential development there.

Lighthouse Baptist School, which offers in-person and online teaching for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, currently educates 22 students with three teachers, according to administrator Chris Rule. The use permit would allow the school to teach up to 60 students during the school day, plus maintain an after-school program.

The Hacienda Owners Association supported the project, but several neighboring property owners raised concerns about traffic and noise associated with the school, in light of what they reported seeing at nearby Hart Middle School and Pleasanton Bilingual Montessori Preschool.

The commission unanimously approved the project, finding the student drop-off/pick-up plan should alleviate traffic concerns, there's plenty

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BART board mulls variable parking rates, automated license plate readers

Directors debate merits of proposals; no final vote taken

BART's Board of Directors mulled options for managing the parking facilities available at stations throughout the system during its regularly scheduled meeting last week in Oakland.

Parking lots fill up as early as 6 a.m., making it difficult for many commuters to access some BART stations, and there is a lengthy wait-list for permits for reserved spaces.

However, demand for parking is uneven on different times of day and on different days of the week.

Commuting hours are particularly impacted, especially in the far East Bay where many would-be BART riders do not live within walking distance of the station.

One option being considered by the board is variable parking fees, with higher rates being charged during peak hours. That met with mixed reactions from the board.

Director Debora Allen pointed out that charging more during commuting hours would directly affect commuters trying to reach their places of employment, noting

that many of those are working class passengers who may not be able to afford increased parking costs.

"The people who are parking in our stations are also having to go through our fare gates," Allen said during the Jan. 23 meeting. "They may be paying upwards of \$15 a day or more by the time they pay for parking and the fare to and from work. So I'm really skeptical."

Charging variable rates for parking would also require significant equipment upgrades, since the

current equipment used to pay for parking fees is only capable of paying one rate.

One idea proposed entailed the use of controversial automated license plate readers (ALPRs) as a means of charging parking fees as well as conducting BART's parking enforcement operations, which the Tri-Valley's representative, Director John McPartland, described as badly dented if not broken.

Implementing the use of ALPRs would also require the transit agency to develop a privacy policy governing how the data generated by ALPRs could be applied. That data has been used as evidence in criminal investigations nationwide.

Increasing the number of available parking spaces is seen by BART staff as a way of connecting

the transit agency to more riders, which would increase the transit agency's revenue and help reach long-term capital investment goals.

"People always say 'Well I can't use BART because I can't find parking,'" Director Robert Raburn said. "That's our problem."

Since many commuters leave their vehicles at privately operated parking facilities near BART stations rather than using the transit agencies parking lots, Director Nick Josefowitz also suggested conducting a census of available parking near stations system-wide to get a better idea of what's currently available in the private sector.

No vote was conducted and no action was taken on the presentation. ■

—Bay City News Service

Toll hike measure placed on June ballot

Voters to decide on bridge toll increases to pay for transportation projects

By ERIKA ALVERO

Pleasanton voters will have their say on proposed Bay Area bridge toll hikes after the Bay Area Toll Authority last week approved of putting a resolution on the June 5 ballot in all nine Bay Area counties that would increase tolls to fund traffic congestion relief projects throughout the region, including in the Tri-Valley.

Regional Measure 3 would fund projects being considered or currently

underway by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the overarching entity of BATA, for a total cost of \$4.45 billion. If approved by a combined majority of voters, the projects would be financed by toll increases on the Bay Area's seven state-owned toll bridges in coming years.

"Nobody likes higher tolls," MTC Chair Jake Mackenzie said after the vote Jan. 24. "But nobody likes traffic jams or crush-loaded

train cars either."

The Regional Measure 3 plan was developed last year by the State Legislature in conjunction with MTC, as a way to deal with congestion issues and pay for highway and transit improvements. In October 2017, Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 595, authorizing the measure to be placed on the June ballot. The BATA vote Wednesday confirmed the measure for the ballot.

If Measure 3 is approved, the proposed toll increases would begin with a \$1 increase on the seven state-owned toll bridges beginning Jan. 1, 2019, followed by a \$1 increase in January 2022 and another \$1 increase in January 2025.

The Golden Gate Bridge is owned and operated by the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, which sets its own tolls.

A handful of Tri-Valley highway and transportation improvements are among the projects that would benefit from the measure:

- Interstate 680/Highway 84 Interchange Reconstruction — \$85

million.

- Interstate 680/Interstate 880/Route 262 Freeway Connector — \$15 million.

- Bay Area Corridor Express Lanes (regional program) — \$300 million.

- Tri-Valley Transit Access Improvements — \$100 million.

"The Bay Area has been blessed by several consecutive years of strong economic growth," Mackenzie said. "If our region is going to maintain its economic leadership, we have to invest in projects that will keep businesses and their workers moving." ■

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



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Foothill DECA brings home dozens of awards

Students now preparing for state conference in spring

By JULIA BROWN

A team of Foothill High students in the school's entrepreneur program DECA collectively earned 157 awards at a competition in San Ramon last month.

The annual DECA Northern California Career Development Conference, held Jan. 12-14, saw over 850 students from various schools participate in real-life business scenarios having to do with marketing, management, finance and other business subjects.

Foothill students trained for months to demonstrate their skills through

exams, on-the-spot presentations and projects at the competition. Their hard work paid off, as students took home a first-place award, six second-place awards and eight third-place awards.

In a statement, the group called their performance "a great leap for Foothill's chapter."

"I have learned the importance of research in the field of marketing and innovation and also the importance of teamwork," student Sharanya Kumar said. "I'm looking forward to our state conference in March." ■



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Foothill DECA brought home 157 awards from the annual DECA Northern California Career Development Conference in San Ramon last month.

UNCLE Credit Union announces acquisition

'Expanded services' cited as reason for merging with Stockton Community Federal

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Livermore-based UNCLE Credit Union recently announced that it assumed control of Stockton Community Federal Credit Union as of the first of the year.

All systems are expected to be integrated by April 1, at which point the Stockton credit union will no longer be operating under its former name. Officials for UNCLE, which has branches in Pleasanton, cited "expanded services" as the rationale for the merger.

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"We see this as a great opportunity," said Harold Roundtree, president and CEO of UNCLE. "Our objective is to make this

a seamless process for our combined membership and employees."

The UNCLE Credit Union, which was initially founded in 1957 to serve the employees of what is now known as the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has opened its field of membership to include anyone who lives, regularly works, attends school or regularly worships in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin or Stanislaus counties.

As of Sept. 30 of last year, UNCLE had over 23,000 members and \$394 million in assets.

Prior to the merger, Stockton Community Federal was serving residents of Stockton and unincorporated areas of the

city's "Census County Division," along with participants in poverty alleviation programs in the greater Stockton area. It was founded in 1951, and as of Sept. 30 last year had 643 members and \$5.9 million in assets.

"This is a natural fit for both organizations and a 'win-win' example of the merger process," said Chung Bothwell, board chairman for UNCLE. "Stockton Community CU members get instant access to a much wider range of high value financial services and UNCLE can now more conveniently serve its eligible members in the greater Stockton area."

Cindy Hodson, the former president and CEO of the Stockton credit union, will stay on as the financial center manager of UNCLE's new office in Stockton.

"I am thrilled to be able to offer a much wider range of financial services to members," Hodson said. "I know my Stockton members will be very happy with the additional services." ■

Science on Saturday returns

By JEREMY WALSH

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is bringing back its Science on Saturday lecture series this month, with presentations geared toward middle and high school students highlighting work taking place at the laboratory under the series' theme "Marvelous Machines."

The one-hour presentations, which start this Saturday with "Biomolecular Action Movies: Flash Imaging with X-ray Lasers," feature leading LLNL science researchers supported by master high school science teachers.

Admission is free, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited, but seats cannot be reserved in advance.

This month's lectures will take place at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. the next four Saturdays.

Students receive a "Student Notes" worksheet to record key information from the talk. The worksheet will be marked with the official "SOS"

(Science on Saturday) stamp at the end of the presentation, as some science teachers in the area offer extra credit for the worksheet completion.

For more information, visit education.llnl.gov. This month's schedule features:

- **"Biomolecular Action Movies: Flash Imaging with X-ray Lasers."** Feb. 3, with Matthias Frank and Megan Shelby joined by Tracy High School teacher Erin McKay.

- **"Biomedical Accelerator Mass Spectrometry: Improving Human Health One Atom at a Time."** Feb. 10, with Mike Malfatti joined by Katherine Huang of Dougherty Valley High School.

- **Laser-Plasma Accelerators: Riding the Wave to the Next Generation X-ray Light Sources."** Feb. 17, with Felicie Albert joined by Dan Burns of Los Gatos High School.

- **The Evolution of Computing Technologies: From Following Instructions to Learning."** Feb. 24, with Katherine Lewis joined by Rodger Johnson of Monte Vista High School. ■



JEREMY WALSH

This office building is being renovated to house Ridgeview Hope Church and a private school on the first floor and leasable office space above.

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of parking onsite and the proposed school — even at maximum capacity — would generate less traffic than the full office use that the building is currently zoned for.

* Last week marked the first meeting for Ellen Clark, the city's new

deputy director of community development and planning manager.

Clark joined Pleasanton after working almost five years for the town of Moraga, including more than three years as its planning director. Educated at the University of Cambridge, Clark also has planning experience in the private sector and for the town of Mammoth Falls. ■



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Wreaths Across Pleasanton

The Pleasanton City Council and veteran leaders recognized high school sophomores Julia Borchers (The Athenian School) and Kyla Harris (Amador Valley High) for their leadership in Wreaths Across Pleasanton, the annual effort that brings together some 200 volunteers to lay wreaths on the over 500 veteran gravesites at Pleasanton cemeteries.

PUSD

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An online petition calling for the Pleasanton Unified School District to retain the current math program has received 1,007 signatures as of Tuesday evening.

Tian was one of 10 residents who spoke in favor of the continuation of the accelerated math program during the public comment period at the beginning of Tuesday's meeting. She said many parents were not aware that PUSD was considering changes to its math offerings and said she hoped there would be an opportunity for public input.

"We need the guardians and parents to understand what's going on in our school district so we can be involved," Tian said. "Our school district is renowned for its quality. Let's push it up rather than drag it down."

PUSD director of secondary education Ken Rocha said at the conclusion of public comment that the district has not yet presented a formal plan on future math pathways and that PUSD will be taking feedback at forums planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Feb. 28.

Tuesday's forum will be held at Hart Middle School, Wednesday's at Pleasanton Middle School and the final one at Harvest Park. All meetings will take place from 6-7:30 p.m.

"We owe it to ourselves to have a conversation publicly about how we can best serve our students and making sure we're hearing our community's voice as well," Rocha said.

In other business

- After approving raises for classified and management/confidential employees at their last meeting, trustees approved comparable salary increases for assistant superintendent of educational services Odie Douglas and deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa on Tuesday evening.

Ochoa and Douglas' salaries will go up 2% retroactive to July 1, and they will receive a one-time bonus equal to 1% of their salary this school year that will be calculated after the 2% increase is applied.

The board also approved one-year extensions on their employment agreements.

Ochoa's contract, which previously ran through June 30, was extended through June 30, 2019. The agreement with Douglas now runs through June 30, 2020.

Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke voted in favor of the compensation increase for Douglas but against his contract amendment and extension. Hintzke did not specify a reason for her dissenting vote.

The compensation increases are respectively estimated at \$6,048.39 and \$5,949.40 overall this year. Effective July 1, Ochoa's salary will be \$205,645.26. Douglas will receive a base annual salary of \$200,940.

On Jan. 16, the board approved the same percentage raises for classified and management/confidential employees, along with a three-year

collective bargaining agreement with the California School Employees Association. That followed their approval of comparable raises and a new CBA between the district and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers in November.

Haglund, assistant superintendent of human resources Julio Hernandez and assistant superintendent of student support services Ed Diolazo — who are all in their first year with PUSD — will be eligible for compensation increases following their annual review at the end of the school year, said PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon.

- Trustees approved a recommendation to spend \$259,000 in

'We need the guardians and parents to understand what's going on.'

Sylvia Tian,
Tri-Valley Asian Association

Measure 11 funds on laptops and external DVD drives for teachers instructional staff.

In September, the board authorized the purchase of 450 Macbooks and 132 external DVD drives for K-8 teachers and instructional staff at a cost of \$432,000 in bond revenue.

As part of the next phase in this Measure 11 project, administrators recommended Tuesday that 27 Windows laptops, 225 Macbooks and 30 external DVD drives be purchased for high school and district office teachers and instructional staff.

Administrators plan to return to the board several times between now and spring 2019 to request to purchase more laptops and dispose of ones that have been replaced.

- In another bond-related item, the board approved administration's recommendation that MeTEOR Education be selected as the furniture vendor for the Lydiksen Elementary modernization and rebuild.

The district will purchase pilot

furniture for up to three existing classroom prototypes — kindergarten, grades 1-3 and grades 4-5. Students and staff will test different furniture styles and configurations for at least one full school year beginning this fall before a bulk order would be made for all classrooms.

The estimated furniture budget for the project is \$400,000.

- In closed session, the board appointed Emily Knaggs acting assistant director of special education. Knaggs most recently worked as a program specialist at Harvest Park's iPAL preschool, an inclusive program for preschool students with special needs and general education students. ■

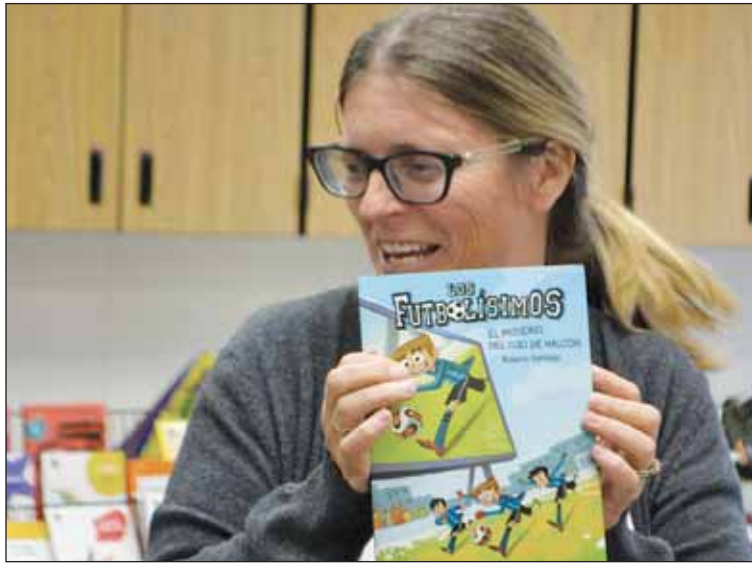
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JULIA BROWN

Valley View PTA president Kelly Cantu organized the inaugural Spanish book fair.

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small bills in their hands as they made their way around the displays while others sat cross-legged on the carpet with their selection.

Fourth-grader Mateo Martinez-Murphy said he liked the inaugural event.

"I think it's good because some people might only speak Spanish and they have an opportunity to buy books because now they're in Spanish," he said, adding that he began learning the language in kindergarten.

Fellow fourth-grader Hayden Moe said she appreciated the Spanish book fair because it's hard sometimes to find books in Spanish, particularly ones from other countries.

"It's pretty cool how there are books coming from different authors from different countries," Moe said.

"It's just exploding with Spanish books," added classmate Eleanor Bradford. "Even though it's a small room, there are a lot of books."

Valley View principal Soraya Villaseñor said the aim of the book fair was to help foster students reading for fun in Spanish.

TAKE US ALONG



Machu Picchu: Marianne and Bob Eisberg brought the Weekly to Machu Picchu while on their tour of Peru last October.

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

"A lot of times you don't get kids as interested in reading in Spanish because (the books) aren't correctly translated or they're not very fun," Villaseñor said. "Hopefully they get to see books that are interesting and fun and they grow to love

reading in Spanish."

Teachers also benefited from the event, as the school's PTA gave \$100 to each teacher in grades 3-5 to spend on books from the fair. In all, the three-day fair raised \$6,000.

Cantu is already planning to

hold the fair again in the fall.

"I want kids to enjoy reading," she said. "I want to give them that one little book and find that passion where they don't put it down, if it's in Spanish or English." ■

—Julia Brown

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ZONE 7

Zone 7 Water Agency has completed a bank stabilization project in the 7800 block of Foothill Road (shown here at the end of December).

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of the channel and away from the eroded bank while Zone 7 staff worked on a design for a permanent repair.

The erosion was first brought to the agency's attention by the Belshe and Raun families, next-door neighbors in the 7800 block of Foothill who lost much of their creekside backyards amid heavy rains last winter. A gradual change in the configuration of the Arroyo de la Laguna — which homeowners have

asserted is a result of development upstream — created an s-turn that was propelling water toward their properties and caused ground to erode away.

Zone 7 holds an easement for the Belshe and Raun properties, along with seven other parcels on Foothill Road and the arroyo, which gives them the right to "construct, maintain, operate, inspect, and repair flood control facilities and appurtenances." Up until March, the agency had never undertaken projects there. The creek within that area is owned by the residents themselves.

Homeowner Dave Raun said in an email Tuesday that he thought Zone 7 "did a nice job" with the bank stabilization work.

"I believe this should protect homes in this area," Raun said.

He continued, "I do believe with the continued growth upstream, Zone 7 and the other agencies must come up with a solution for the entire arroyo that is next to homes. Individual homeowners are helpless with this and only an agency like Zone 7 can make this work. It is just a matter of time before we have a disaster impacting many people." ■



ALL THAT JAZZ

Young musician
performs with trio
at Inklings each month

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

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PHOTO
Pleasanton
teen James
Hall performs
with the
Tri-Valley
Jazz Trio at
Inklings in
downtown
(shown at
top joined by
Guido Fazio).

James Hall, 13, loves to tinkle the ivories. The young Pleasanton resident is all about jazz, and he prefers electronic keyboards over pianos.

James recalled that he began to talk about jazz when he was 7, and his parents, Roger and Janet, knew then that he would learn an instrument.

"I began playing at 8 on an electric piano," James recalled. "My dad showed me some basics. Several months afterward, I began lessons with John Burr, a very good jazz pianist, once a week."

James has tried pianos but sticks with his electric instrument,

enjoying its variety of sounds.

"They are good at mimicking," he said.

For the last six months, Inklings on Main Street has been a monthly venue for the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio, which features James on keyboard, Matt Finders on bass, and Kelly Fasman on drums.

"It's a pretty good environment

really," James said.

"There are quite a lot of people, and it's good to be interacting with the band."

Finders has been a trombonist and arranger in the New York jazz scene, on Broadway, and for

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Comedy onstage for Foothill High

Laugh with three ladies about daily trials and tribulations

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Laugh it up for a good cause.

A performance of three comediennes — “One Night, Three Women, Too Funny!” — at Tommy T’s Comedy Club in Pleasanton on Tuesday will be held to benefit Foothill High School.

The performers are Regina Stoops, Margaret Zhao and Stacey Gustafson, who recently sold out a performance at Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

“The audience loved Regina, Stacey and Margaret’s performance,” Bothwell manager Anne Giancola

said. “Each of the comediennes delivers her story in a unique way, but each are keen observers of the daily trials, tribulations, rituals and joys of life. Come ready to laugh.”

Regina Stoops was raised in a town called Normal, though her humor is anything but. Her comedic ramblings take a look at an ordinary life and redefine what it is to be normal.

Stacey Gustafson is a proud city slicker from St. Louis who turns everyday frustrations into hilarity as she pokes fun at kids, parents,

marriage and midlife.

And Margaret Zhao illustrates how she used her humor and wit to survive oppressive tyranny in China and then the extreme challenges of culture shock in America.

Tickets are \$20, with a table of eight for \$120, plus a two-item minimum purchase. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a silent auction will begin at that time to benefit Foothill PTSA and Band Boosters. The comedy show starts at 7:30 p.m.

To buy tickets, visit www.foothillpta.org/comedy. ■



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“One Night, Three Women, Too Funny!” will star Stacey Gustafson, Regina Stoops and Margaret Zhao to benefit Foothill High School.

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years was with Jay Leno in Hollywood. Fasman has been playing and teaching for years in the Bay Area.

The Inklings concert this month, from 7-9 p.m. next Friday (Feb. 9) will also feature guest alto sax master Andrew Speight, an Australian and an old friend of the Hall family. He attended James’ first birthday party, in Santa Clara, and gave him a toy drum.

“He couldn’t have foreseen that 12 years later they would meet again, on a Pleasanton stage, and as members of a jazz quartet,” Roger Hall said.

On March 23, tenor sax veteran Guido Fazio will be the guest soloist.

James does not expect to be a professional musician, his dad said, but he is a gifted keyboard player in a trio good enough to back world-class jazz soloists.

James began playing publicly at Cellar Door on Railroad Avenue.

“A friend let James accompany a few times,” Roger remembered. “Then he started to play on his own at Inklings. It had only just opened. They have an event room, and I asked if he could put up his piano and play there.”

James has also joined musicians at Retzlaff Winery and named one of his compositions in honor of the venue. He has written 30 pieces, some of them with titles evoking downtown Pleasanton, including “Strollin’ on Main Street,” “Danger on Division Street,” “On Inklings Stage” and “Main Street after Dark.”

He writes music by working out the sound, chords and phrases on the keyboard, he said, then using the computer program Finale Print-music to notate the composition.

“It can transpose it into other keys so when we have guests, we can give them the sheet music in their own keys,” Roger added.

Although James has produced several CDs on his own, the latest was recorded professionally in San



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Hall, 13, plays the electronic keyboard for the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio, which performs each month at Inklings on Main Street.

Ramon, mostly consisting of his original works, labeled “James Hall in the Studio.”

James attends Lighthouse Baptist School in a home-school program with much instruction done online. When he was beginning to study piano, James recalled, he played light classical to learn to read music but he has otherwise stuck with jazz.

He especially enjoys connecting with other jazz musicians onstage.

“Now our drums and keyboard face each other so it’s easier to communicate and we can decide when someone will take a solo,” James said.

Roger played the saxophone when a young man in England but laughed when he explained that although he was in a few teenage bands, his skill level was not high.

“I was a poor player myself but James is astonishingly good, for his age,” Roger said. “I don’t want him to be a professional musician; I just want him to enjoy it and have a network of people we are getting to know who like the music.”

And James likes having an audience.

“I like seeing people listening

to the music, I like the ability to improvise — and I like listening to other people improvise,” he said. “It is so much more interesting.”

“They don’t necessarily directly influence me, but hearing ideas, I am listening and learning how to improvise,” he added.

The free monthly concerts are the result of a partnership between Inklings Coffee House, the Pleasanton Jazz Society, Janet Hall who is a Silicon Valley executive, and local Realtor Zelda Kohn and her husband Nathan.

The performances not only give his son an outlet but benefit the community, Roger believes.

“The purpose is to bring live jazz of a high standard to Pleasanton and re-ignite support for America’s own music, especially among young people,” he said.

He noted they have found another young teen, Sean Huang, 13, who plays the sax, and have started occasional Sunday afternoon concerts at Inklings with a view to creating a quartet of young teens.

For more information about James, his jazz and the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio, go to www.jameshalljazz.com. ■



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The annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club raises money for Museum on Main.

Wines & Valentines to benefit museum

Fundraiser features three-course dinner at Castlewood Country Club

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Love is in the air as Museum on Main prepares for its 11th annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club, beginning at 6 p.m., next Friday (Feb. 9).

“Many guests return year after year for the great food and wine,” said Jim DeMersman, executive director for the museum. “But they also love the 2-bit auction, a fast-paced live auction where guests can win prizes for the equivalent of 2-bits, equal to one quarter.”

The night begins with a cocktail hour with sparkling wine, a no-host bar and a silent auction. The doors to the dining room open at 7 p.m. for a three-course dinner, with a choice of filet mignon, Covina sea bass or

vegetable risotto, served with appropriate wines for each course.

Between each course, a round of the traditional 2-bit auction will take place for guests to bet quarters on a wide variety of small prizes. A special game of Heads or Tails will lead into a spirited live auction. The evening concludes with a drawing for more than a dozen items contributed by community members.

Tickets are \$95 per person and may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org; at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., during regular operating hours; or by calling 462-2766.

This year’s Sweetheart Sponsor is the Republic Family of Companies, and the general sponsor is the LISI Corp. ■

Artist in galleries nationwide

Watercolorist focuses on Mount Diablo

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Tri-Valley watercolorist Robin Purcell's landscape paintings have been selected by four prestigious art organizations for their juried exhibits across the country.

Purcell excels in local scenes, especially Mount Diablo.

"I am inspired by mountains and hills of every size," Purcell said. "Looking up to a summit or down and across our beautiful bay lifts my spirit."

Her painting titled "Curry Point November" will be on exhibit at the Salmagundi Club in New York from April 4-28. The American Impressionist Society National Small Works at the Greenhouse Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio, from March 23 to April 21, will include her "Peak near the Eiger."

The California Watercolor Society's Annual National Exhibit had Purcell's "Blue Ridge," painted on North Gate, Mount Diablo, on display at the Marin Society of Artists through Jan. 31. And the annual Signature American Watermedia Exhibit in Fallbrook in San Diego County, running Feb. 3 to April 15,

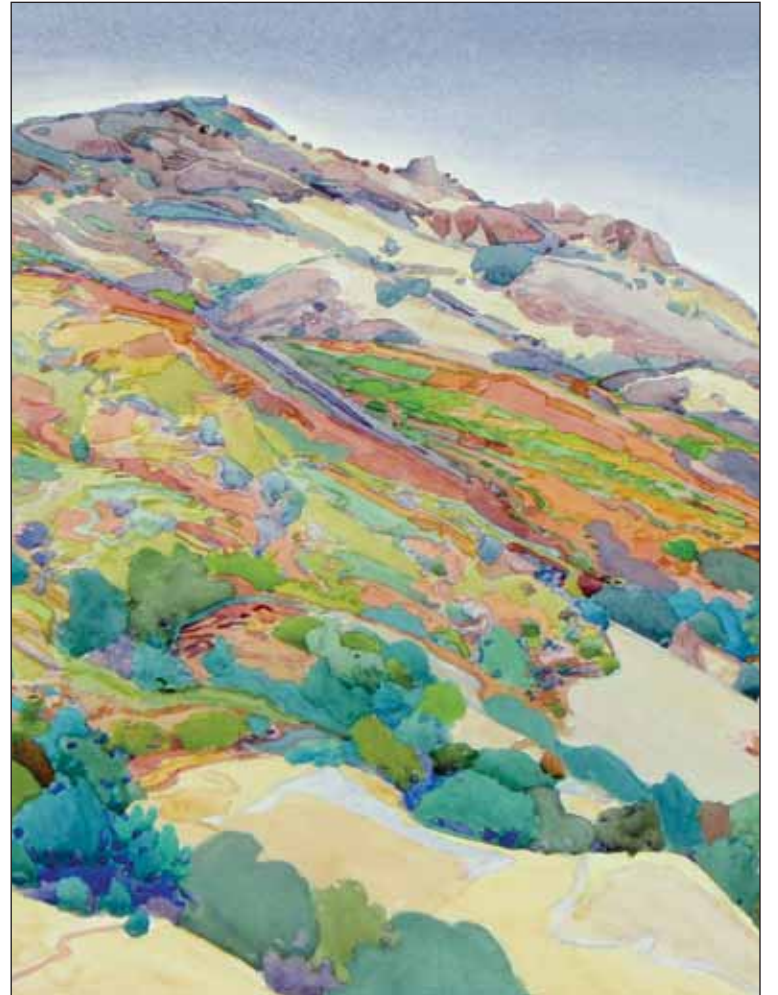


"Peak near the Eiger" by Robin Purcell.

has selected her "Just Below Junction," painted on Mount Diablo.

"I feel lucky to live near the open spaces of Mt. Diablo State Park,"

Purcell said. "Ever changing light, color and shapes present a constant challenge and make me grow as an artist." ■



"Curry Point November" by Robin Purcell.

'Meet' famous playwright

Museum speaker series presenting Eugene O'Neill

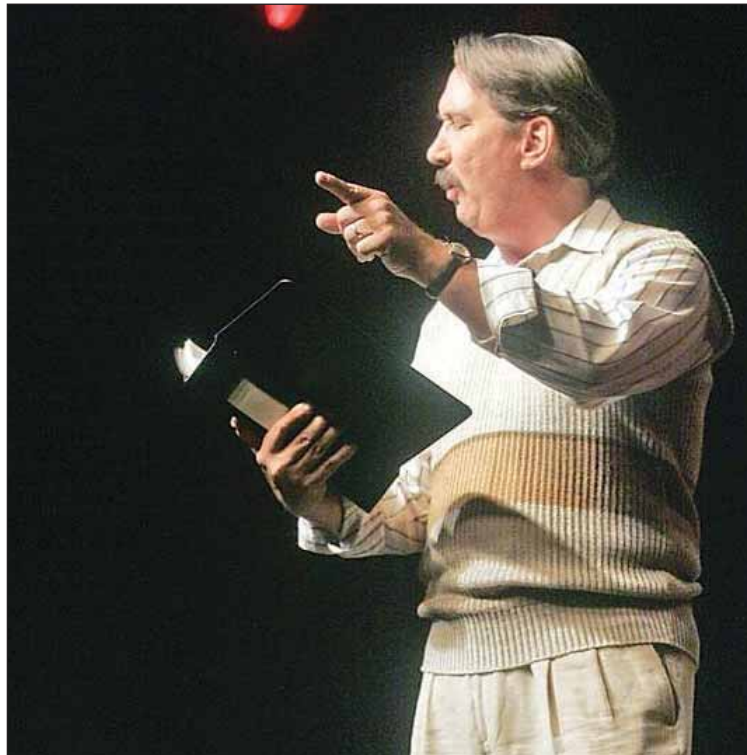
The name Eugene O'Neill is synonymous with the American theater, and the Tri-Valley.

In a 20-year period, beginning with his first New York production in 1916 and culminating with the Nobel Prize in 1936, playwright O'Neill transformed the Broadway stage into a laboratory for serious works that could examine the American psyche.

By the late '30s and '40s he had moved to a quieter life with his wife Carlotta Monterey to the hills above Danville, where he continued to write, producing some of his most famous works, including "The Iceman Cometh" and "Long Day's Journey Into Night."

Now theater enthusiasts can enjoy meeting the O'Neills and learning more about them in Museum on Main's "An Evening with..." speaker series, at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Firehouse Arts Center. They will come to life via Chautauquan-style actors Brian Kral and his wife, educator and actress Dale Kral.

Eugene O'Neill and Carlotta Monterey were married for 24 years, and although their relationship was at times tumultuous they never divorced and Monterey remained loyal to her husband's legacy after his death. Their home in Danville was built mostly in the oriental style, dubbed Tao House,



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Brian Kral as Eugene O'Neill at the Boulder City Chautauqua.

and is now part of the National Park Service and open for tours. Performances of O'Neill's works are often performed in its Old Barn Theater.

Cost is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and \$7 for museum members. Purchase online at www.museumonmain.org, at the

Museum on Main during regular operating hours, or by calling 462-2766.

Tickets to the canceled "An Afternoon or Evening with Colonel Charles Young" may also be used for the replacement performance of Eugene O'Neill and Carlotta Monterey. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Triptych special

The large-scale triptych "Imperial Woodpecker" — 6 by 12 feet — by Korean-American artist Sarah Lee, a resident of Dublin, will be on exhibit at Harrington Gallery Grand Atrium Lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center from Feb. 16 to March 10. "The paintings were influenced by the Korean War," Lee said. "These species of woodpeckers are extinct from human occupation and invasion." She said she uses animals as symbols of humans to echo the voices of the underrepresented to reveal their shared histories.

Water-wise gardening

Mediterranean climate plants expert to speak

California's drought may officially be over, but most homeowners know it is essential to continue conserving water, particularly on landscaping. One way to do this is to use plants suited to a Mediterranean climate, per the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club.

To this end, the club will host an expert on that topic at its meeting next Thursday: Jeff Rosendale, owner of Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens in Watsonville,

who grows and sells native and Mediterranean climate plants.

Rosendale has more than 20 years of experience designing and consulting on water-wise gardening and lawn-to-plant conversions. His business includes two acres of demonstration gardens, where visitors can see how plants from Australia, South Africa and Chile — as well as California — can be combined with mounds of soil, boulders, drip irrigation and mulch to achieve attractive

landscaping that can reduce water usage by up to 90%, compared to typical lawn areas.

The garden club meets the second Thursday of each month, September through May, in the multi-purpose room of Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Meetings start at 7 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

Club members will sell plants from their own gardens at their annual plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 7, in the Amador Valley High parking lot.

For more information on the club, visit www.lavgc.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Rally for Love

Everyone welcome to come and connect

The second annual Rally for Love will be held next weekend to celebrate the vibrant diversity in the Tri-Valley, and show solidarity with those who feel vulnerable.

The event at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore will have speakers and music, for a chance to form relationships to make local communities more connected, safe and loving.

Local mayors and other public officials have been invited to speak, and there will also be tables with representatives of nonprofit groups

to share information.

This family-friendly, non-partisan gathering invites people of every race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, cultural background, legal/social/economic status, family makeup, physical ability, age — in other words, everyone.

At the Peace Pole, people can write a personal message of peace to tape onto the pole, and they can write messages of peace and love to the White House, which will be sent together in a package.

There also will be tables of Native American crafts and an art table for making signs and Valentines. At the immigration table, people can write their family's arrival story and place it on the Rainbow Bridge.

A small-group discussion and sharing activity will be held in a quiet room, and ethnic dancers will perform in the Fellowship Hall.

The Rally for Love is set for 1:30-3 p.m. Feb. 11 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave. in Livermore. The event is sponsored by Embracing Diversity, a local group, and by Interfaith Interconnect, whose members represent many faiths and cultures. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Chorale fundraiser presents concert pianist

Daniel Glover to play masterpieces by French composers

Valley Concert Chorale's fundraiser this month will offer "A Tribute to French Composers," performed by concert pianist Daniel Glover, who has been the group's accompanist since 1998.

Glover, whose 1992 recital in Carnegie Hall was the result of winning the Artist's International Competition, has performed in 42 states and 25 countries. A German newspaper described him as having "extraordinary technique, analytical understanding and determined phrasing from the first to the last bar."

The concert will include a selection of masterpieces devoted to French piano music, with a special emphasis on Debussy in

commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the composer's death. The program will begin with a harpsichord "Suite in E minor" by Jean-Philippe Rameau. Then Debussy will be represented by his three-movement "Suite Pour le Piano."

The second half of the concert will feature works that focus on musical representations of the wind by Charles-Valentin Alkan, Olivier Messiaen and Debussy. The concluding three works by Debussy and Saint-Saens were inspired by their trips to Italy and Africa.

Glover will also share his knowledge of each composer's work and style, breaking down the components of the music for the audience.



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Pianist Daniel Glover.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore. Tickets are \$25. Call 866-4003; email info@valleyconcertchorale.org; or go to www.valleyconcertchorale.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Concertmaster Igor Veligan.

'Golden Strings' coming to Bankhead

Pacific Chamber Orchestra to play Mendelssohn, Barber, Elgar, Richard Strauss

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pacific Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of maestro Lawrence Kohl, will present "Golden Strings" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The program includes Mendelssohn's very first exuberant Symphony for Strings, Samuel Barber's heartfelt Adagio for Strings, Elgar's enchanting Serenade for Strings, and Richard Strauss' Lyrical Symphony for Strings Op. 2.

"A program such as this for string orchestra enables us to further hone the unique personality of the PCO string sound in what is essentially a large string quartet, adding richness, intimacy and flexibility," Kohl said.

He noted that concertmaster Igor Veligan is a fine leader, which makes it easy for the strings to blend with him.

"He understands what my gestures mean and has the same drive to get at the deepest human meaning of the music to give to the audience," Kohl added.

"It is fun to be the concertmaster of such a fine group of musicians," Veligan said. "This is a wonderful program for the audience to enjoy and for the musicians to play."

Veligan has been on the Conservatory of Music faculty at the University of the Pacific since 2006 and has been teaching at American River College since 2004. He holds a Master of Arts in violin performance and chamber music from Odessa State Conservatory.

Tickets are \$10-\$49, available at www.PacificChamberOrchestra.org and additionally, for Livermore, at the Bankhead Box Office, 2400 First St. in Livermore, by calling 373-6800 or online at bankheadtheater.org. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Pacific Chamber Orchestra is performing in Livermore later this month.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Man robs bank near Stoneridge Mall

Pleasanton police are searching for a man who allegedly robbed Chase Bank across from Stoneridge Shopping Center last Friday morning.

The situation unfolded just after 10 a.m. when an unknown man walked into the bank at 5800 Stoneridge Mall Road and gave the teller a note demanding money, according to Sgt. Chris Niederhaus.

The teller turned over an unspecified amount of cash to the man, who walked out of the bank and fled the area, according to Niederhaus. A newer-model silver Toyota Camry was seen in the area at the time and may have been associated with the robbery, the sergeant added.

The robber, who remains at-large as of Wednesday afternoon, was described as a black man, 50-60 years old, standing about 6-foot-3 and weighing around 200 pounds. He was wearing gray pants, a white shirt, a dark-green beanie and dark-rimmed eyeglasses, Niederhaus said.

Police are actively investigating the case and pursuing leads, the sergeant said. Anybody with

information about the robbery can call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

In other news

- It's that time of year when some Pleasanton high-schoolers take part in "Assassin" contests — games that can have dangerous unintended consequences when played in the community, according to Pleasanton police and school district officials.

The game involves teams of seniors at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools who are assigned "targets" whom they must "assassinate" using toy Nerf-type guns that fire foam darts, according to Sgt. Julie Fragomeli. The goal is to be the last player standing after several rounds and several months, to collect a cash prize.

The game is not sanctioned, supported nor approved by the Pleasanton Unified School District, and authorities are concerned about the safety implications of the game, according to Fragomeli.

"A major concern for parents, school staff, and Pleasanton police is that the thrill of the game overrides common sense in many instances," Fragomeli said in a joint statement with PUSD.

"Participants do not think about how their behavior is being viewed or interpreted by community

members who see individuals with potentially dangerous weapons, often chasing others on foot or in vehicles, and surprising their 'targets' in convenience stores," she added.

The game features specific rules regarding weapon types as well as times and locations where subjects may be "assassinated," but those regulations still result in potentially dangerous situations when the rules are followed — let alone broken — during the course of the game, Fragomeli said.

Examples of the unsafe behavior during "Assassin" play include painting or disguising weapons to make them look more realistic, reaching for concealed weapons in public places, lying in wait behind bushes, vehicles or fences, hiding on others' property, waiting for a target while dressed in all-black or camouflage clothing, Fragomeli said.

Police and residents have also reported players driving recklessly to avoid being targeted, lying in wait in the dark, car loads of teens driving around stalking their targets, jumping out of moving vehicles to attack or flee others and conducting drive-by Nerf shootings of targets in public, the sergeant added.

"When viewed through a non-participant's eyes, the behaviors

look and have all the elements of an actual threatening or violent event unfolding," Fragomeli said.

"They often prompt multiple calls to the police who respond to what they believe is a violent incident in progress," she added. "Not only does this consume significant time and resources of emergency personnel, it also jeopardizes the safety of our community when actual threats cannot be responded to in a timely manner."

Fragomeli also noted that startled homeowners, thinking their property or family needs protection, could respond violently to game-players.

Authorities urge students to think about the ramifications and don't play the game.

Students will face suspension if any weapons, even imitation toy guns, are brought to school, Fragomeli said. Students caught with evidence of game play on campus will face disciplinary action.

They also encouraged parents to have a candid discussion with their teens about the danger of "Assassin," and they said underclassmen should think about the safety problems associated with the game and avoid playing when they're a senior.

"Please take the appropriate steps

so that we all can prevent a tragedy and students can enjoy a safe and enjoyable final year of high school," Fragomeli said.

- A ballet instructor from San Mateo has been arrested on suspicion of child molestation, and investigators with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office are asking anyone with additional information about the case to come forward.

Viktor Nikolaevich Kabaniaev was working at Westlake School for the Performing Arts in Daly City at the time of his arrest Monday, but he has also worked in Contra Costa County.

Kabaniaev, 54, was arrested on a warrant for 16 counts of sexually assaulting a child under 14 associated with events that allegedly occurred in Contra Costa County.

Paul Graves, the deputy district attorney handling the case, said Monday that they would not specify where in the county the alleged incidents occurred in order to protect the victim's identity.

Anyone with additional information about the case is asked to call 256-3541. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 27

Theft from auto

- 2:13 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive
- 2:31 p.m. on the 900 block of Piemonte Drive
- 3:57 p.m. on the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 8:10 p.m. at Piemonte Drive and West Ruby Hill Drive

Vandalism

- 9:49 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

DUI

- 12:07 a.m. on the 4200 block of Garibaldi Place

Jan. 26

Drug violation

- 8:10 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 2:05 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:47 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Robbery

- 10:07 a.m. on the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 9:39 a.m. on the 3800 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Burglary

- 7:34 a.m. on the 1600 block of East Gate Way

Jan. 25

DUI

- 11:36 p.m. at Ray and First streets

Theft

- 11:27 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 6:44 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 7:29 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Sex offense

- 1:23 p.m. on Amanda Place

Drug violation

- 1 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Jan. 24

Theft

- 7:04 a.m. on the 4300 block of Denker Drive
- 7:19 a.m., 3200 block of Novara Way; theft from auto
- 9:29 a.m. on the 3000 block of Bersano Court
- 11:22 a.m., 3700 block of West Ruby Hill Drive; theft from auto
- 1:40 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 11:15 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft of bicycle

Burglary

- 8:02 a.m. on the 4300 block of Campinia Place

Drug violation

- 10:04 a.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Jan. 23

Theft

- 7:40 a.m., 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:14 a.m. on the 3600 block of Woodbine Way
- 10:49 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft of bicycle

- 1:38 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft of bicycle
- 2:57 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Goldcrest Circle; theft from auto
- 4:57 p.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 6:04 p.m., 4700 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting
- 6:29 p.m., 6200 block of Camino Del Lago; theft from auto
- 9:12 p.m. on the 3400 block of West Ruby Hill Drive

Vandalism

- 10:12 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Burglary

- 9:12 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Jan. 22

Drug violation

- 12:22 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 11:44 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Theft

- 3:44 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Vandalism

- 9:45 a.m. on Kolln Street at Mohr Avenue

Jan. 21

Auto theft

- 6:43 p.m. on the 7600 block of Glenbrook Court

Shoplifting

- 12:26 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive
- 4:31 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:05 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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BY MATT SULLIVAN

Acquiescence to corruption: Crony capitalism and Costco's big payday

The city of Pleasanton is picking our pockets and paying large corporations for the honor of coming to town and is not being honest with us about it.



Matt Sullivan

The city General Plan — essentially the “constitution” of local government — states that new development must “pay its own way” and fund the necessary infrastructure improvements to mitigate its impacts. This policy has worked very well for decades — until Costco came to town.

Our “representatives” in government agreed to gift millions in subsidies to this multibillion dollar corporation two years

ago as part of the new Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, but didn't want you to know about it.

They kept this hush-hush during the Measure MM campaign (the anti-big box initiative in 2016) because they knew if the public was fully informed about the subsidies the vote might not go their way. But after MM went down in defeat, the non-existent subsidy agreement was suddenly reached.

The city characterized the subsidies as a “tax sharing plan” limited to a \$6.8 million public contribution. Their pitch was that it would be paid back over time from sales tax revenue and from development fee contributions from the future hotels and other businesses in the project.

In reality, the public subsidies

are closer to \$20 million with the inappropriate diversion of transportation fee reserves earmarked for other projects. But of course, the city didn't want you to know that this diversion was a violation of city policy so they portrayed it as “normal.”

The City Council shrugged off this dishonesty and the blatant violation of city policies, dismissed the arguments of project opponents, ignored independent economic studies that revealed it was a bad investment and endorsed a flawed environmental impact report (EIR) that ignored air quality health impacts.

Instead, they enthusiastically approved the project and subsidies last November and then congratulated themselves on their progressive economic achievement. Unfortunately, a slight hiccup in their grand scheme is that the city now finds itself in court over the EIR.

With this approval, we thought we were done giving developers our money. But last month, the city announced that it was reconsidering the plan to collect fees from the future hotel and retail developers. Instead, they will lavish even

more public money on these businesses using “fee credits.”

Shouldn't this plan have been made public before the project was approved last year?

The city has not repealed the General Plan policy that development must pay its way or these other policies; they are just conveniently ignoring them. Based on the long history of this developer-friendly City Council, this is not surprising.

But what is surprising is the lack of public outrage over the selling out of our democracy and the misuse of public money that should be reserved for the common good. Our acquiescence to this corrupt process sends a clear message and opens the door to yet more government corruption in the future. Is this really acceptable to the people of Pleasanton, just to have a Costco? ■

Editor's note: Matt Sullivan served on the Pleasanton City Council from 2004 to 2012 and is a former Pleasanton Planning Commission member. He is also a leader within Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth, the resident coalition that sued the city in December over its economic development zone EIR.

LETTERS

Boy Scouts say ‘Thanks!’

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton Boy Scouts Troop 941 would like to thank the community for another successful Christmas Tree recycling service project and fundraiser.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, an eager group of 42 scouts and many parent volunteers collected over 1,000 trees from residents who registered throughout the month of December. The trees are taken to the

Pleasanton Garbage Service transfer station, where they are mulched for reuse by the community.

Funds raised by the project are used by the members of the troop to pay for camping equipment and scouting activities such as our annual summer camp at Wente Scout Reservation and for weekend camp-outs and outings. For more information, please visit troop941.org.

Thank you, Pleasanton!

—Robin Cruz

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For more information contact Editor Jeremy Walsh at (925) 600-0840.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Sunflower Hill Development Application and Financing:

- Public Hearing:** Consider an application for a Planned Unit Development to construct an affordable 31-Unit multi-family residential community for individuals with special needs, including an approximately 5,000-square foot community building with associated site improvements on a vacant 1.64-acre property to be dedicated to the city generally located at 3780 Stanley Boulevard
- Consider a resolution to approve financial support for Sunflower Hill by a loan of \$2,250,000 from the City's lower income housing fund; ground lease of dedicated parcel of land and allocation of up to \$7,195,844 of the City's share of Alameda County Measure A1 Housing Bond Funds

- Consider approval of the revised Laurel Creek Traffic Calming Plan

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Review the Proposed Pesticides Posting Pilot Program
- Parks Projects Status Report for October – December 2017
- Parks Maintenance Division Quarterly Status Report for October – December 2017

Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information regarding the Human Services Commission and the Youth Commission meetings scheduled for February 7, 2018

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Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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Foothill girls soccer tops rival Amador during busy week

Spring sports season on horizon; remember to send in those results

The Foothill girls soccer team traveled across Pleasanton last week to take on rival Amador Valley and came away with a 3-1 win.

Playing their fourth East Bay Athletic League game in less than a week, the Falcons jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a pair of goals from Sarah Mirr — her 11th and 12th goals of the season.

Amador rallied back and cut the lead in half before the end of the first half.

After a balanced first half, the Dons got the better run of play and the Falcons needed to rely on freshman goalie Maddie Goldberg and strong defense to keep the lead.

With Amador pressing forward on a corner kick late in the game, the Falcons were able to counter and get the final goal of the game. Peyton Raun controlled the corner for the Falcons and then raced up the field with the ball, beating the retreating Amador defenders for the final goal.

In their second game of the

week, the Falcons took on Monte Vista, the top ranked team in the nation, and suffered a 3-1 loss.

The Mustangs worked out to a 3-0 lead before Raun got one back for Foothill. In the end it wasn't enough, as the Falcons dropped their first game of the season.

The Falcons completed the grueling stretch of six games in 10 days by playing to a 1-1 final with Granada.

Foothill took a 1-0 lead when Allison Casey set up Taylor Noval with a wonderful ball. The Falcons held the lead deep into the second half until Granada tied it with a long shot.

Amador girls soccer

Other than the loss to Foothill, the Dons picked up a pair of wins last week.

On Jan. 25, the Dons took a shoot-out over Dublin with a 4-3 win.

Molly Murphy paced the scoring with two goals. Kieran Wallace continued her strong season with a

goal and assist. The rest of the girls all battled as a unit to stave off a stingy Dublin team.

Then on Jan. 27, the Dons beat another North Coast Section power, Liberty, by a 2-0 final. Murphy again had two goals, while a strong defense and midfield preserved the shutout.

Spring sports starting

It's almost time for the spring sports to take over the athletic landscape, and we want to make sure we get the results from as many teams as possible, but we need your help to do it.

How can you help?

If you spend 10 minutes a week, you can make sure that your child's team get their results in the paper each week. All you need to do is email the results of the week's games by Sunday evening, along with any highlights, to me at acesmag@aol.com.

Many times, teams ask for parent volunteers and here is your

chance to pitch in and help!

You don't have to be a writer as I am more than happy to put together the story for you; just send me the results. We are also always on the lookout for pictures and all we ask is for you to identify the players in the pictures as well as provide credit for who took the picture.

One final request — please send in the weekly results, win or lose. It is always amazing how we seem to hear from teams when things are

going good, and then get crickets when they lose. But our Pleasanton high-schoolers often star in each game, regardless of the result.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. ■

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.

TV30 airing high school basketball games starting Saturday

Foothill girls, both boys teams to be highlighted in EBAL matchups

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley Community Television is set to continue its tradition of broadcasting local basketball games starting this weekend with the Foothill Falcons hosting the Dublin Gaels in varsity girls action.

This year marks the seventh year that TV30 has aired East Bay Athletic League basketball games in the Tri-Valley. The schedule for this winter features three games, including the Amador Valley boys playing host to Granada.

Play-by-play and color commentary will be provided by TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew and George "Dr. B" Baljevich.

The first broadcast is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday on TV30, a tape-delayed replay of tonight's matchup between the girls of Foothill and Dublin.

The next broadcasts will highlight next Tuesday's boys game between Amador and Granada and next Friday's contest when the boys of Foothill travel to Livermore. Those games will debut the evening of Feb. 10.



Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne joins TV30 sports personalities George "Dr. B" Baljevich and Ian Bartholomew during a TV30 telecast last season. This year's high school basketball broadcasts kick off this Saturday with the Dublin-Foothill varsity girls game.

All games will be shown on TV30, broadcast on Comcast Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99 or streaming live on the TV30 website at www.tv30.org. DVDs of the games may also be purchased online.

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

CALIFORNIA FEETWARMERS If you miss Mardi Gras, you won't want to miss the California Feetwarmers. These masters of ragtime, Dixieland blues and early swing are renowned for an earthy depth of character that sets them apart from others who have followed that throwback path to New Orleans, circa 1920. Their boisterous on-stage antics are solidly underpinned by playing that is as close to the source as it can be. The show is Friday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Talks & Lectures

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

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.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA: UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOR AS COMMUNICATION Dementia changes the way individuals think, perceive and use language, so it is important to understand that those with dementia frequently communicate their wants and needs through their behaviors. To help promote meaningful communications between individuals with dementia and those providing care, Hope Hospice presents, Understanding Behavior as Communication, on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9:45 a.m. to noon. This class is part of our Living with Dementia family caregiver education series. Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100, Dublin, 829-8770.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Karen LaDuca, giving a lecture on "Ciao to Your Ancestors in Italian Civil Records". Monday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Free of charge. Visitors are welcome.

AN EVENING WITH ANNE FRANK'S STEPSISTER Eva Schloss is the stepsister of Anne Frank, a holocaust survivor, a published author and for the past 35 years a decorated ambassador for global peace. Schloss will share her remarkable life story Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Livermore's Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. The presentation will be suitable for teenagers, and families of all faiths are invited to attend. Tickets are available at www.JewishTriValley.com.

Fundraisers

PAWS IN NEED VALENTINE CRAB FEED Cost is \$75 per person, 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. A limited number of VIP tables of 8 are also available. The Spay/Neuter and Urgent Care programs rely solely on public donations and contributions from the community to provide financial assistance for veterinary medical needs in the Tri-Valley area. Tickets are available online at www.Paws-In-Need.org, or by mailing checks to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583. Contact event coordinator Cindy Ferrin at cferrin@pacbell.net or 323-8517 for more info.

TOMMY T'S COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR FOOTHILL PTSA AND BAND BOOSTERS One Night, Three Women, Too Funny, to benefit Foothill High School PTSA and Band at Tommy T's, Feb. 6, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Featuring Regina Stoops, Margaret Zhao, Stacey Gustafson. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 or 8 for \$120. Two item minimum. \$20 each or 8 for \$120.

Film

HEAL DOCUMENTARY MOVIE SCREENING February 15, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Vine Cinema, 722 First St., Livermore. This documentary takes us on a scientific and spiritual journey where we discover that our thoughts, beliefs, and emotions have a huge impact on our health and ability to heal. The latest science reveals that we are not victims of unchangeable genes, nor should we buy into a scary prognosis. The fact is we have more control over our health and life than we have been taught to believe. This film will empower you with a new understanding of the miraculous nature of the human body and the extraordinary healer within us all. \$20.00 per person; \$15.00 for seniors. www.soulconnectionhealingcenter.com.

Galleries

COFFEE & COOKIES AT VALENTINE'S BOUTIQUE Valentine's Cookies and Coffee Event (free) at the LAA Gallery, Saturday, Feb. 10, The Carnegie Bldg., 2155 3rd St., Livermore. The Gallery is hosting free cookies and coffee to all who visit the Gallery at this special themed event. Valentine gifts on display and available for purchase include quilling, felting, jewelry, ceramics, painting, photography, glass, special note cards and much more. Stop by and say Hi, try our coffee and cookies, chat with an artist, and consider the Gallery while looking for that unique gift for your Valentine. www.livermoreartassociation.org.

Lessons & Classes

FREE START SMART CLASS This Start Smart class is part of the San Ramon Valley's Street Smarts program and is a partnership between CHP, Street Smarts, and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD). SRVUSD students and their parent/guardian Must attend a CHP Start Smart class in order to be eligible for a parking permit. While this class is specifically for SRVUSD students and must be taken at one of the four listed High Schools for SRVUSD students, all California students are welcome to register and attend. Upon attending the class, students will receive a certificate of completion and it's recommended that students hold on to this certificate. California High School Performing Arts Theater, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m., 9870 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon.

Health & Wellness

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.

GRIEF WORKSHOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own time line. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are Stepping Stones that are part of each grief journey and we will explore them in these workshops. Join us Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. starting Thursday, Feb. 8, Thursday, Feb. 22, Thursday, March 8, Thursday, March 22, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Eleanor Flatley at 846-8708 for more information.

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., the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, across the

TAKE US ALONG



Mexican getaway: Eddie and BethAnn Moitoso (left) and Lynn and David Doty vacationed in San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico last fall.

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

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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.

Seniors

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND

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

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME'

The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center are sponsoring a "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5506 Sunol Blvd. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities. Questions are welcome and will be answered, and light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe after, no reservations needed. Go to www.seniorcenterfriends.org.

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

Teens

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road.

Business

ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE

MEETING Pleasanton is known as a city of planned progress, resulting in a community that successfully integrates a thriving residential population within a robust business environment. Companies choose Pleasanton for its competitive advantages as highlighted in our Pleasanton Economic Assets Report. Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m., Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road. admin. cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Arts

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., City Hall, www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Religion & Spirituality

WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT St.

Elizabeth Seton Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Monday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m. Rena Grant, spiritual director with a Franciscan perspective, will speak at the Women in God's Spirit meeting. Looking through the lens of contemplation, she will explore the challenges and graces of aging through prayer, poetry and reflection. All women are invited. www.catholicsofpleasanton.org.

INTERCONNECT INTERFAITH RELIGION CHAT

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat Feb. 14, 5-6 p.m. at Muslim Community Center East Bay, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite #100. Doors will be open 4:30 p.m.--6:30 p.m. This event is free of charge. Everyone is welcome. The topic is, "What behaviors will get you thrown out of your religion? How has this changed through the years?" Speakers are Christopher Andrus, M.Div., a member of Canyon Creek Presbyterian, San Ramon (Presbyterian Church in America), and Ken Black, Livermore Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. For info go to interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

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

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.

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN HOMELESS

WINTER OUTREACH EVENT Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave, Livermore. Tri-Valley Haven is seeking your help in assisting the homeless combat the cold temperatures. For those living on the street, it is hard to find a way to escape the frigid temperatures. The drastic drop in the temperature often presents serious health issues

for many homeless individuals. They would like to make things a little warmer. Tri-Valley Haven is seeking donations of new and gently used coats, gloves, scarfs, hats, socks, etc. for men, women and children as well as sleeping bags and one-person tents to distribute to the homeless residing in the Tri-Valley area. Any questions about the event contact: Ralph E. Johnson, 667-2702 or email: ralph@trivalleyhaven.org.

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.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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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.

AMADOR VALLEY Q

The Amador Valley Quilters will showcase the quilting work spaces of 17 AVQ members at their February 10 meeting. Quilts crafted in these spaces will be on display, and

PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Make Milton your match

Milton, a gently aged adult Terrier Chihuahua mix, is sporting his favorite Valentine's bow tie while waiting for his forever home. He loves going for walks and races around the dog yard having so much fun. He is affectionate with his volunteer friends and adored by all. Milton is neutered, micro-chipped and up-to-date on shots. He is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. For more info, call 803-7040.

members will try to guess their creators. Amador Valley Quilters meet on the second Saturday of the month from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Guests are welcome.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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.

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER

CITY All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco,

1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptscg.org.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR

VALLEY All ladies are invited to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Contact 461-6401 or assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com.

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.

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Citus Bi Information Consulting
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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)

383 Media
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)

KOJA KITCHEN CA15
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)

MODERN ORACLE: PROFESSIONAL PSYCHIC ADVISOR & ENERGY HEALER
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 business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein ON 12/01/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on DECEMBER 27, 2017. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: PAULA ESTRADA, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, JANUARY 12, 19, 26, AND FEBRUARY 2, 2018)

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)

MANDE CONSULTING SERVICES; M AND E CONSULTING SERVICES; M&E CONSULTING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 539758-760
The following person(s) doing business as: M AND E CONSULTING SERVICES; M&E CONSULTING SERVICES; MANDE CONSULTING SERVICES, 248 W. ANGELA STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY is hereby registered by the following owner: MELISSA NELSON, 248 W. ANGELA STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business names listed herein JANUARY 5, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JANUARY 10, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: MELISSA NELSON, OFFICER.(Pleasanton Weekly, JANUARY 19, 26, FEBRUARY 2, AND 9, 2018)

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)

ST. CLARE'S ALTAR GUILD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 539627
The following person(s) doing business as: ST. CLARE'S ALTAR GUILD, 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(s) listed herein JANUARY 1, 2003. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JANUARY 8, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: RON D. CULMER, CEO. (Pleasanton Weekly, JANUARY 19, 26 AND FEBRUARY 2, 9, 2018)

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File No.: 539985
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BAY EAST

Honorees at the Bay East Association of Realtors' inaugural gala included (from left) last year's president Will Doerlich, Affiliate of the Year Jennifer Bourque, Rookie of the Year Sofyan Karim and Realtor of the Year Anne McKereghan.

Bay East honors industry's best with year-end awards

McKereghan named Realtor of the Year;
Fracisco lauded for distinguished service

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton-based Bay East Association of Realtors recognized the best of the best in local real estate in handing out its 2017 awards during its Inaugural Gala last month.

The event featured East Bay real estate professionals taking home awards for Realtor of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Affiliate of the Year, Outstanding Leader Award, Good Neighbor Award and John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award.

"The winners demonstrated high ethical standards and professionalism, active community involvement and a high level of service to the real estate profession," Bay East officials said in announcing the recipients.

The 2018 Bay East Inaugural Gala, held Jan. 13 at Casa Real in Pleasanton, also saw the local trade association install its leadership team for this year.

Realtor of the Year

Alameda's Anne McKereghan took home the award for Realtor of the Year, with officials lauding her high level of integrity and commitment to Bay East and the real estate profession.

A Realtor since 2003, McKereghan served on the Alameda Association of Realtors Board of Directors and as its president before the organization merged with Bay East. She also has served on the Bay East board.

She is actively involved in advocating for home ownership and private property rights, officials said. Her community service also includes being appointed to the Alameda Unified School District Board of Trustees last year and leadership experience with the Alameda Education Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club.

Rookie of the Year

Sofyan Karim with ReMax Active Realty in Fremont received the Rookie of the Year Award.

Karim began attending Bay East events and committee meetings soon after entering the profession, officials said. He joined the Bay

East Young Professional Network and Local Government Relations committees and participated in Kids Against Hunger pack-outs in Pleasanton and at the Alameda County Food Bank.

Affiliate of the Year

Jennifer Bourque with Guild Mortgage was honored as Affiliate of the Year Award, which recognizes an affiliate member for their efforts to contribute time, money and resources to support the real estate profession.

Bourque was involved in several fundraising events with the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore. As chair of the Bay East Foundation Fundraising Committee, she organized the Cheers to The Future event, which raised more than \$19,000 for the foundation's scholarship fund.

Outstanding Leader Award

Jennifer Branchini received the Outstanding Leader Award, which honors a Bay East past-president who continues to pursue the vision of excellence in the name of the association.

Her service to Bay East includes serving as board president in 2014, helping create the Bay East Young Professional Network and volunteering with the committees on Member Benefits, Leadership Evaluation, Investment and Leadership Development. She was also named Bay East's Realtor of the Year in 2010.

Branchini's service extends to the state and national levels as well. She is vice chair of the California Association of Realtors Legislative Committee, sits on several other CAR committees and serves on the National Association of Realtors Board of Directors.

Good Neighbor Award

Rachna Rajan, of Berkshire Hathaway Drysdale Properties in Castro Valley, received the 2017 Good Neighbor Award.

Working with the Alameda County Food Bank, Rajan distributes food bags to families

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 13-26)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$490,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,226,500
Average sales reported: \$891,179

Dublin (Dec. 13-26)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$280,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,300,000
Average sales reported: \$928,000

Livermore (Dec. 13-26)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$336,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,641,000
Average sales reported: \$730,825

Sunol (Dec. 13-26)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$3,514,500
Highest sale reported: \$3,514,500
Average sales reported: \$3,514,500

San Ramon (Jan. 3-5)

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$410,000
Highest sale reported: \$850,000
Average sales reported: \$614,750

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 13-26 for Alameda County and Jan. 3-5 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

3876 Appian Street J. Huang to Samra Trust for \$1,226,500
2170 Arroyo Court #3 S. Aakula to S. Gill for \$495,000
5483 Black Avenue #2 Y. Shi to A. Giammona for \$745,000
839 Bonita Avenue W. & K. Perakis to M. Clasen for \$1,100,000
3658 Camelot Court J. & J. Henshaw to P. Reddy for \$1,030,000
2329 Foothill Road #1 M. Halliwell to A. Joseph for \$490,000
3570 Kings Canyon Court S. Lee to J. & H. Kim for \$1,100,000
3186 Lansdown Court Clatworthy Trust to S. Sridhara for \$1,060,000
3884 Mesa Verde Court M. & P. Atwal to L. & K. Chlu for \$905,000
8165 Mountain View Drive #B M. Masterson to J. Moser for \$495,000
6254 Ruxton Court Garcia Trust to D. & J. Kim for \$910,000
6857 Siesta Court R. & M. Schroeder to P. Kulkarni for \$810,000
3405 Stacey Way R. & C. Lassonde to Z. Abbas for \$1,150,000
6842 Via Quito Parker Trust to Sea Palm for \$960,000

Dublin

11751 Bloomington Way Visser Trust to A. Chan for \$872,000
4275 Creekview Drive M. & C. Agustin to J. Xie for \$1,035,000
7206 Dover Court B. Johnson to T. Sanjurjo for \$280,000
6549 Ebensburg Lane G. & K. Sklavos to T. Nguyen for \$845,000
4119 Lorimer Loop R. Miller to D. Nallaparaju for \$928,000
3605 Oakhurst Court R. Yang to K. & R. Lwin for \$1,300,000
3583 Pinot Noir Court M. & A. Bloom to A. & A. Mehta for \$1,125,000
3629 Rocking Horse Court M. Gort to M. & B. Patel for \$915,000
7639 Shady Creek Road T. & L. Hale to C. & C. Gagnon for \$1,052,000

Livermore

5625 Arlene Way B. Daggett to L. Ouyang for \$1,035,000

2917 Bertolli Court C. & J. Glass to Hashimoto Trust for \$1,641,000
723 Chippewa Way Walkup Trust to J. Neves for \$752,500
5938 Cypress Point Drive S. & C. Cooper to A. Munsch for \$610,000
1427 El Dorado Drive A. Vazquez to S. Sangha for \$750,000
11 Fawn Drive K. Castillo to C. Jacob for \$799,000
149 Ganesha Common Gardella Plaza Ventures to B. & J. Patel for \$655,000
212 Garden Common S. Ulanowicz to L. Debritto for \$515,000
2789 Kennedy Street R. & D. Fassett to M. & S. Roberts for \$630,000
2878 Kennedy Street Vanwey Trust to Z. Zhuang for \$690,000
401 Kensington Common Emmett Trust to C. & A. Morris for \$635,000
829 Mohawk Drive Baer Trust to R. & K. Soltero for \$715,000
4655 Nicol Common #106 Tyler Trust to Ajmera Trust for \$336,000
1673 Paseo Laguna Seco M. Ong to S. Herron for \$575,000
3863 Pestana Way Holbrook Trust to T. & A. Bruley for \$765,000
258 Scott Street R. & V. Deborja to D. Turner for \$765,000
627 Selby Lane #4 K. Carter to T. Fider for \$783,000
1779 Serenidad Street C. Mitchell to K. Castillo for \$780,000
1475 Spring Valley Common Fiebig Trust to E. & K. Fiebig for \$385,000
535 Vern Avenue R. Savage to J. Crussell for \$800,000

Sunol

10 Carver Lane P. Everaert to S. Rivera for \$3,514,500

San Ramon

10065 Alcosta Boulevard Cordova Trust to R. & M. Moynihan for \$850,000
460 Bollinger Canyon Lane #285 Leigh Trust to D. Merz for \$410,000
389 Eastridge Drive Chica Trust to W. Ho for \$585,000
282 South Overlook Drive Notrica Trust to Y. Lin for \$614,000

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AWARDS

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in the neighborhood she "farms" and encourages her fellow agents do the same in their respective farms. During the past 13 years, she has collected more than 9,500 pounds of food for the food bank, officials said.

John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award

Mike Fracisco earned the 2017 John A. Deadrich Distinguished Service Award.

Named in honor of the association's first president and founder, the award is given to a Bay East member who exemplifies the self-sacrifice, vision and accomplishments of

the greatest leaders who have shaped the real estate profession, officials said.

Fracisco's involvement started after joining Bay East in 2003. He was recognized as the 2004 Rookie of the Year for his contributions to the Livermore and Valley marketing groups and the Housing for All Committee helping raise funds for the Livermore Habitat for Humanity project.

He was elected to the Bay East board in 2007 and served as president in 2015.

Last year, Fracisco chaired the Property Management Advisory and Leadership Evaluating and Selection committees, in addition to serving on the Investment Advisory Committee. He has also served in leadership positions with the California Association of Realtors. ■

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Sat 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

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Sat 1-4 Kelly King 455-5464

Livermore

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