

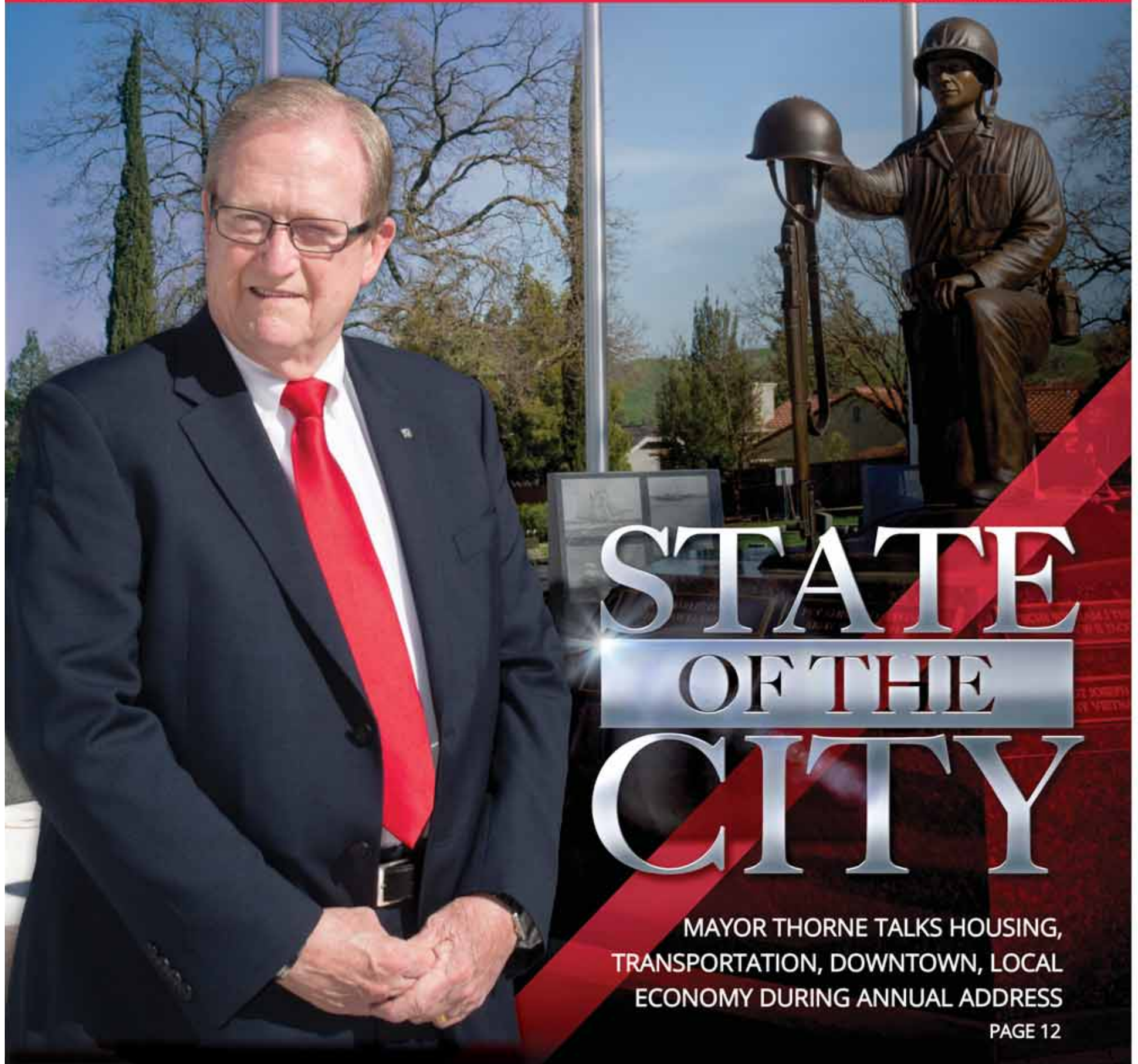
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

A conservative's approach to changing the inner city

Star Parker lived the welfare life as a black single woman for seven years.

Then, after four abortions, she reached a turning point. Pregnant by one man and living with another, she decided she was done with abortions. She applied for a job but was told she would not be hired because of her lifestyle. (This was a few decades ago; she's now 61 and a grandmother.)

The courage of those employers, who told her the lifestyle was not acceptable to God, launched her on a new course. She discovered Jesus and committed her life to Him and got a job and then launched her business.

The Watts riots of 1992 wiped out her business and moved her into political advocacy as a talk show host (great backstory on that one) as well as prominence nationally. She served as a key consultant in the welfare reform worked out between the Congress led by Newt Gingrich and President Bill Clinton in 1996.

That led her to form her think tank, the Center for Urban Renewal and Reform. It's based in Washington, D.C., a couple of blocks from the White House.

In two talks in the Danville area last week, she laid out both the issues and the opportunities in the "distressed zip codes" where poverty reigns.

She attributes that to the collapse of ethics and marriage. The result is that babies are three times more likely to be born out of wedlock; there's no intact family with moms and dads and thus a lack of tradition; there's lack of education that leads to a lack of work ethic; and that leads to a lack of vision.

The Bible says without vision people will perish.

Star says that's what is happening in black communities that have become "Uncle Sam's poverty plantations."

She describes herself as a living witness to the inconsistency of the war on poverty with God's scripture. She also points out that the government is so "efficient" that about 20 cents on the dollar of the \$900 billion spent annually actually benefits the people it's targeted for.

Star, like other conservative

commentators, understand and speak out about the abject failure of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty and the Great Society coupled with the left's war on marriage and faith that launched in the 1970s.

Marriage has collapsed. In the 1970s, 75% of people were married, today it's 45%. For blacks, it's worse — a drop from 70% to 30%.

Abortion kills 685,000 black babies a year in this time in history — a total of about 68 million since the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade.

Some \$24 trillion has been spent in the War on Poverty since Johnson and Congress launched this lunacy, and the percentage of people living in poverty remains mired between 22-25%.

Star's solution is to get the federal government out of many areas of life it never belonged, such as welfare, housing and education.

She strongly advocates parental choice in education so poor kids can escape from failing schools. Sadly, 39 states block school choice. Parker would replace federal programs with block grants to the states arguing that the Washington D.C. "one size fits all" approach is broken from the beginning.

Remember, Obamacare's insurance guidelines mandate birth control and pregnancy coverage for all women regardless of their age.

When asked what she would say if she had five minutes with President Trump, she said she would encourage him to personalize Social Security, so it was owned by the individual like a retirement account. She pointed out that blacks' net worth is on average 10% of that of whites and 19% of black families have no net worth.

Personalizing it creates immediate equity and, over time, will create wealth.

"It's about freedom and ownership," she said. "We need to build a new model to make the existing model obsolete." ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.

About the Cover

Mayor Jerry Thorne, shown here at the city's new Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery, highlighted a range of recent accomplishments for Pleasanton during his State of the City address Tuesday afternoon. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XIX, Number 4



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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you have a favorite word?



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Host

My favorite word is actually two words: “unconditional love.” It implies something divine, with no strings attached — like trees and shade, which provide us with so much beauty but which expect nothing in return.



Mark Nomura

Handyman

My favorite word is two words, and is actually the question: “What’s up?” It is how I greet everyone. It shows that I am interested in how other people are doing, and it is always a great conversation starter.



Chim Richles

Physician

I would have to say my favorite word is “lamp” because lamps give off light, and I love light. I tend to gravitate toward anything and everything that provides brightness and warmth.



Bob Franklin

Pilot

My favorite word is “erudite” as it describes being well-spoken, well-educated, thoughtful and articulate. Whenever I am trying to hire someone, I use that word in the job description. If they know what it means, they automatically get an interview.



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Engineer

My favorite word is “horrocious.” I use it all the time, although I think someone made it up before me. It is a combination of the words “horrendous” and “atrocious,” and it perfectly describes various situations in which I often find myself.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

PUSD facilities

The Pleasanton school district has two more public input meetings coming up to garner resident feedback for its Facilities Master Plan update, which will include Measure 11 bond project prioritization and funding allocation.

The plan update, launched after Pleasanton voters passed Measure 11 in November 2016, is overseen by a committee consisting of district and school site staff, community members and parents, business representatives, city staff and a school board member.

“The district invites all community members to attend one of three community engagement meetings to learn about the Facilities Master Plan process thus far and provide input on Measure 11 bond project prioritization and funding allocation for identified projects,” officials said in a statement. An online survey is also expected to be released soon.

The input sessions are set for next week, Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Pleasanton Middle School Library and Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Amador Valley High library.

Backyard Bird Count

The East Bay Regional Park District is supporting the annual Great Backyard Bird Count event by hosting two naturalists at district parks this weekend, including Sunday at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton.

The worldwide count, which runs from Friday to Monday this year, is an online citizen-science project in which people can gather information to help determine the numbers and health of birds in local communities.

Naturalist Ashley Adams plans to hold a backyard bird count at Shadow Cliffs from 9-11 a.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.ebparks.org. And to register for the worldwide count and to turn in original results, go to www.birdcount.org.

Regional planning

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has released an online survey to get input from the public, partner agencies and others as the commission prepares its next Public Participation Plan (PPP).

An updated PPP — expected to be released in draft form for public comment this spring — will highlight planning and decision milestones, along with public engagement opportunities, for the next update to Plan Bay Area 2040, the region’s long-range transportation and land-use blueprint that MTC adopts with the Association of Bay Area Governments, officials said.

The resident survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/t/8P8JM3W. ■

Pleasanton school board debates new assessment system

District: MAP model would lighten teacher workload, create more ‘adaptive’ structure

BY ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton school board discussed the merits of a possible new assessment model Tuesday evening.

No action was taken on the item, but staff presented a report on the proposed model, MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress), lauding it as something that could streamline

the assessment process for teachers and evaluate students more accurately through its “adaptive” structure.

“The information is a little bit more valid and real,” Vintage Hills Elementary principal Ann Jayne said of the computerized system. “And it’s real across grade levels and it’s real across classrooms.”

Jayne, one of the presenters and

supporters of the MAP system, added, “I have heard frequently that the assessments that we are currently doing are taking quite a bit of time. And I’d rather see my teachers engaged in teaching and less assessments.”

MAP would replace some components of the testing processes that currently take place at elementary,

middle and high schools. The system is aligned with state standards and would reduce teacher workload and the number of current assessments administered at the elementary level, according to district staff.

In particular, staff highlighted the “adaptive” nature of the model, which would allow teachers to better gauge specific students’ understanding of material and their academic levels.

“It is a computer adaptive assessment, so that as students answer questions correctly, it moves them up through the levels of

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ERIKA ALVERO

Kelly Lack’s fifth-grade students at Fairlands Elementary assumed the roles of prominent African-Americans as part of the teacher’s annual “living museum” project.

Fairlands marks Black History Month

5th-graders take on roles of famous African-Americans in ‘living museum’

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Thurgood Marshall, Barack and Michelle Obama, Willie Mays and Oprah Winfrey all made appearances in Pleasanton last week, as fifth-graders at Fairlands Elementary School assumed the roles of famous African-Americans for a “living museum” in honor of Black History Month.

This is the fourth year of putting together the “African-American Living Museum” for Kelly Lack, who teaches one of the four fifth-grade classes at the elementary school on West Las Positas Boulevard.

“It really gives (my students) a new perspective,” Lack said.

The museum was held in the multipurpose room at the school Feb. 8, with the fifth-grade students stationed along the edges, at their own individual tables, adorned with photos, books and other relevant materials. Other classes circled through to visit the “exhibits” and take notes, as Lack’s students gave animated spiels about the lives and accomplishments of their chosen subjects.

In between class tours and in

between recitations, the students turned into “statues,” only coming to life when visitors touched a sticker reading “press me” on their hands — the statue activation button.

Lack said that she borrowed the idea for the living museum from her mentor teacher, Heidi Hahne, when they taught in Pittsburg. Hahne was at the event last week.

In Pittsburg where many of her students were African-American, Hahne said the living museum was an opportunity for students to learn about and celebrate their heritage.

And Lack said that while the population in Pleasanton is much different (this year she doesn’t have any African-American students in her class), the museum is still very important. Stepping into the shoes of someone else and learning about the “trials and tribulations” that many of their famous characters faced, establishes an “immediate empathy,” she said.

The research and presentation skills acquired also align perfectly with fifth-grade standards, Lack added.

“We have a lot of performers,” she laughed.

To prepare for the event, students combed through books and research materials, wrote lengthy papers and spent hours rehearsing their speeches.

Minji Bu, 11, chose to represent Charlotte Ray, the first African-American female attorney in the country. She found Ray especially inspiring, Bu said, because she faced prejudice and obstacles both as an African-American and as a woman trying to practice law at the end of the 19th century.

“She still did amazing things to help the world ... Charlotte still was able to push through,” Bu said.

Sawyer Thordsen, 11, first had wanted to assume the role of Barack Obama or a famous athlete, but his mother told him to “dig deeper.” So he decided to take on musician Jimi Hendrix.

He too was impressed by Hendrix’s ability to persevere in the face of obstacles, like poverty and a difficult childhood.

“He broke through the odds; he’s really a hero,” Thordsen said. ■

Race for Zone 7 board underway

Four seats up for election during June primary

BY JEREMY WALSH

Candidates hoping to win one of four seats on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors up for election this June could begin filing their nomination papers earlier this week.

Zone 7, the key local water wholesaler and flood protection agency, is overseen by a seven-member board who serve four-year terms elected by voters in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and unincorporated Tri-Valley.

The four positions being contested in the June 5 statewide primary election are currently held by board president John Greci, vice president Jim McGrail and directors Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens — who combined have 60 years of experience on the board.

The Weekly has asked all four incumbents whether they plan to seek re-election; only Stevens and Palmer responded, saying they would be entering the race. Retired Zone 7 principal engineer Dennis Gambs has also announced his intent to challenge for a board seat in the election.

Candidates have until March 9 to submit papers to join the race, unless an incumbent chooses not to run — in which case the filing period for non-incumbents will be extended to March 14.

Based in Livermore, Zone 7 is the

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Amador, Foothill headed to 'We the People' national finals

First time both teams advance out of state round in same year

By ERIKA ALVERO

The competitive civics teams from both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools are heading to Washington, D.C. in April, representing California for the "We the People" national finals.

Amador won the state regionals while Foothill placed second in the same tournament, held in Bakersfield on Feb. 1-2. As the winner, Amador automatically earned a spot at the national competition, while Foothill was chosen as a wild-card selection to also compete in D.C.

The finals will be held from April 27 to May 1.

"We are extremely proud of our Amador and Foothill student competitors," Superintendent David Haglund said. "It almost goes without

saying that to have our high school teams take both the first- and second-place prizes in the state competition is a testament to the hours of preparation put in by our awesome students and the dedication of their amazing teachers."

"We the People" is a competitive civics program sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, a California-based nonprofit that advocates for citizens around the globe to actively participate in democracy.

This is the first year that both Amador and Foothill have made it to the national finals in the same year.

But it was almost not to be for Foothill. In a mishap at the state competition, some of the score cards were mixed up, initially landing

Foothill in fourth place until the error was discovered and rectified the following Monday, according to Shoni Johnson, a parent of one of the Foothill competitors.

Scores were calculated out of a maximum 2,000 points, with Amador earning a final total of 1,880 points and Foothill just behind at 1,876, Johnson said. The Foothill students were ultimately given a wild-card berth into nationals based on their performance at state.

Both teams' coaches commended their students for exceptional effort in preparing for the competition.

"The team worked extraordinarily hard this year and did an excellent job in the face of some very tough competition," Amador coach Stacey Sklar said of her team. "California has a relatively strong program, so to earn a spot at nationals is truly an accomplishment."



PUSD

The civics team from Amador Valley High took first place at the state "We the People" competition this month to earn a spot at nationals in the spring.

Added Foothill's coach Jeremy Detamore of his team, "This is a tremendous group of students who have given their all since day one. I'm proud of all they have accomplished

and feel very lucky to have gone on this journey with them."

"They've set a high bar for future Foothill We the People classes to meet," he said. ■

Sandia donates \$25,000 to Valley Children's Museum

Funds to help update exhibit space, STEM-themed curriculum

By JEB BING

Sandia National Laboratories has donated \$25,000 to the Valley Children's Museum in Dublin, a grant made possible through Sandia's gifts and grants program.

The grant will be used to update the museum's exhibit space and curriculum with engineering-themed activities, according to Michael J. Padilla, spokesman for Livermore's Sandia National Laboratories site.

"Sandia is honored to be a partner in bringing the world of engineering

to San Francisco Bay Area youth and adults," said Madeline Burchard, community relations officer for Sandia's Livermore site. "We believe science and engineering is fun and we are excited to inspire children to believe so too. This grant is one of many ways Sandia is supporting our local communities."

Burchard was on-hand to present the check to Valley Children's Museum board members Rick Beaumont, Ed Duarte and Loren Behr.

The museum aims to inspire

lifelong learning in children and families through activities and exhibits that feel like play. The museum, known among Bay Area families for its California mission exhibits, is currently based out of a "mobile museum" trailer housed at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin but museum organizers are trying to secure a permanent location in Dublin.

The history of Spanish missions is a part of the fourth-grade curriculum in California elementary schools. With the support of Sandia, engineering-themed activities and curriculum will be added, Padilla said.

"In addition to financial support,

the museum will benefit from Sandia's greatest resource — its people," Padilla added. "Scientists and engineers from Sandia are invited to join the museum's advisory committee to assist with the museum's exhibit makeover."

Rachel Wallace, an executive strategy specialist at Sandia, serves on the museum's board of directors and said she looks forward to helping guide the direction and implementation of a children's museum in the Tri-Valley area.

"Sandia's grant to the museum to upgrade their current mobile museum experience is immensely

impactful," Wallace said. "Valley Children's Museum will be able to completely update the current exhibits, with a new focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

Wallace said the creation of fun, play-based engineering exhibits and activities in the museum will allow children to engage with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects in an approachable and interactive way, opening a world of scientific and engineering discovery they might not have access to in their daily life.

"This access to STEM is such a tremendous benefit to everyone in our region," Wallace said. "I hope this will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers in our community to change the world." ■



LFPD

LFPD captain earns Bronze Star Medal

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Capt. Ken Atkinson was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service and dedication as a U.S. Army Green Beret deployed in Afghanistan last year. He completed the United States Army Special Forces qualification course, language training and other specialized training before being deployed to the six-month combat mission. Atkinson, who joined the LFPD in 1996 and was promoted to captain in 2007, remains an active U.S. Army National Guard soldier and is continuing to prepare for future deployments.

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wholesale water retailer for the city of Pleasanton, the city of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and Cal Water's Livermore division.

The decisions the agency's board makes affect all of these cities' water costs and their access to state water. Zone 7 water prices are the leading factor for the rates local water service providers charge residential and commercial customers in their jurisdiction.

The agency is also tasked with regional flood control, and the board is in charge of making sure Zone 7 is adequately prepared for floods in the Livermore and Amador valleys.

In addition to regular decisions on water prices, construction projects and administrative oversight, the next year will be a particularly important time for the Zone 7 board — a new general manager is expected to come on board in the spring to succeed Jill Duerig, who is retiring after 11 years at the helm.

Zone 7's seven board members

serve four-year terms that are staggered so four directors are elected in June of one even-numbered year and three directors in the next even-numbered year.

The position is non-partisan and at-large, meaning directors represent all customers within the Zone 7 boundaries as opposed to representing just a specific geographic area within the zone.

Of the four incumbents up for re-election, Greci has served the longest at 24 years. He is a Livermore resident and retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employee.

Stevens, who confirmed he will run for re-election, has served on the board since 1998. He lives in Livermore and works as a geotechnical and civil engineer.

Palmer, a Livermore resident who plans to seek a fourth term, holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry and teaches Advanced Placement environmental science through the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Programs (ROP).

McGrail is the newest of the incumbents, about to wrap up his first term. A former employee of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and

District Attorney's Office, McGrail now operates a private legal practice and is a vineyard owner in his hometown of Livermore.

The only challenger to announce his intent join the race thus far, Gambs worked as an engineer with Zone 7 for 34 years until retiring in 2015. He too is a Livermore resident.

To run for Zone 7 board, a candidate must be an adult who is registered to vote and resides within the Zone 7 boundaries.

Although there is no filing fee, candidates who want to have a statement of qualifications printed on the ballot will be charged the actual costs associated with printing, translating and typesetting the statements.

Election officials estimate a candidate statement will cost \$3,839, payable to Zone 7 at the time of filing, according to Zone 7. If the actual cost differs from the estimate, candidates will either be billed or receive a reimbursement.

Nomination papers must be picked up from and submitted to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office in Oakland. For more information, visit www.acvote.org. ■

Services set for Pleasanton native, decorated ACFD dispatcher

Giordano battled rare cancer for 4+ years

By JEREMY WALSH

Family, friends and colleagues will remember Genevieve Giordano, an Amador Valley High School graduate and emergency call dispatcher in the area, during a memorial service at Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore this weekend.



Genevieve Giordano

Giordano, 42, died while surrounded by loved ones at Stanford-ValleyCare hospital in Pleasanton on Feb. 5 after battling a rare form of soft tissue sarcoma, a type of cancer that develops in certain tissues like bone or muscle.

"Genevieve was encouraging to all who met her because of her constant joy despite her many health challenges during her battle with a rare sarcoma cancer since 2013," her mother, Yvonne Giordano, wrote in an email over the weekend.

"Genevieve served in her church and was well-loved by her family, classmates, many friends, medical professionals and co-workers," Yvonne Giordano said, adding that

her daughter touched many others through "amazing courage against cancer and her ongoing commitment to bring joy and encouragement to others."

Giordano spent nearly 20 years as an emergency dispatcher in the Bay Area, including the past decade with the Alameda County Fire Department, where she earned several distinctions for her professionalism and standout work amid life-threatening situations.

"It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of recently retired dispatcher Genevieve Giordano," ACFD officials said in a post on the department's Facebook page. "We not only grieve the passing of a remarkable, selfless and caring woman but also for the loss her family, friends and loved ones suffer."

Born in Castro Valley and raised in Pleasanton, Giordano graduated from Amador Valley High in 1994 and went on to attend Las Positas College, where she also played goalie for the soccer team for two years.

She began her dispatcher career with American Medical Response in Burlingame in 1998 and continued there until being hired by the

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a fire dispatcher in 2005.

Giordano formally joined ACFD in January 2008, when the department took over the dispatch center at the lab. She served as a decorated member of the ACFD 9-1-1 dispatch team until retiring before her death.

Achievements for Giordano during her career included receiving the lab's Rookie of the Year award and winning Dispatcher of the Year, as well as being recognized for her work on the Berkeley balcony collapse in 2015 and ACE train derailment in Niles Canyon in 2016 (for which she received a 2016 Life Saving Award from Alameda County EMS).

She also received a certificate of recognition from State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and a commendation award from the city of Pleasanton for her years of public service and courage during a trying battle with cancer.

Giordano is survived by her mother Yvonne, father Joseph, brothers Giacomo and Giuseppe, and beloved dogs Stanley and Foxey.

A memorial service for Giordano will be held at 2 p.m. this Saturday (Feb. 17) at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave. in Livermore. ■

Unity of Tri-Valley welcomes new minister

Rev. Chapman joins Dublin church after serving at Unity of San Leandro

Unity of Tri-Valley in Dublin has announced the hiring of a new senior minister, Rev. Dinah Chapman, who will start in her position this Sunday.

Chapman, who served the past two years as associate minister for Unity of San Leandro, said she is passionate about inclusivity, empowering and inspiring others to live abundant, joyful and meaningful lives that make a positive difference in the world.

"I am happy to be coming back to UTV, this time as their minister, and being part of this welcoming, inclusive faith community," Chapman said. "We want and need a world that works for all, that embraces and celebrates all of our diversity."

Chapman earned a Master of Divinity degree from Unity Institute and Seminary and became an ordained Unity minister in June 2016. Also a singer-songwriter with two original CDs to her credit, including 2011's "Rivers of Living Waters," Chapman



UTV

Dinah Chapman, new senior minister at Unity of Tri-Valley.

said she plans to incorporate her musical talents during her Sunday services in Dublin.

Unity of Tri-Valley is affiliated with Unity Worldwide Ministries, publisher of the Daily Word magazine. The church is located at 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108 in Dublin. Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. For more information, call 829-2733 or visit UnityofTriValley.org. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

MAP

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achievement," said Pam VandeKamp from the district's assessment and accountability department. "And if they would answer incorrectly, it would move them down. So it tries to find that appropriate level for students for their instruction."

The system, she said, clearly matches Pleasanton Unified's "Response to Instruction and Intervention" model, a tiered process that dictates how teachers should support all students to meet state standards.

MAP would also "communicate" directly with the district's data collection system, meaning that teachers would not be responsible for data entry for the MAP assessments. The results would be processed and be available immediately as well.

An 18-month contract for the program would cost \$139,377.50 from the general fund, according to staff.

VandeKamp and the other staff members who presented at the meeting are looking to implement a district-wide "Early Adopters" pilot program starting in March. Pending board approval and the results from the pilot program, they are looking to begin implementing MAP at the elementary level in the 2018-19 school year. The secondary school timeline for implementation is still being worked out.

While trustees voiced enthusiasm about the adaptive component of

MAP, they also had many questions about the specifics of the roll-out, and cautioned staff that all teachers needed to be on-board with the new system if implemented.

Board member Joan Laursen said she wanted to avoid a situation "where we've got something where a group of teachers has piloted and loved, but the rest of the group of teachers hasn't seen it and don't necessarily appreciate what the early adopters' experiences are."

"I would just caution us to make sure that it's hands-on for everyone to get a chance to see the value in it before we move forward on something like that," she added.

Board member Valerie Arkin brought up that some teachers appreciate being able to assess students one-on-one and in-person.

"There's a feeling out there that this is taking away that human component," Arkin said.

To which, VandeKamp replied, "These are the more formal assessments, the formative assessments that we're giving three times a year. Teachers on a daily basis are listening to students read, are engaging with them in their daily instruction. And so they have that opportunity to observe and also to gather data in different ways."

Staff said that they would take the feedback they received from the board Tuesday and return with an updated proposal at the Feb. 27 board meeting. ■

Thank you Pleasanton!



Your strong support for our vision of an intentional community for individuals with developmental disabilities is exactly why Pleasanton is a community of character. We're grateful to all city and community leaders, our families, partners and vendors, staff and volunteers, employees, advisors and donors who've joined us on this incredible journey. Thank you for helping us change the world!

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A Sustainable Special Needs Community

Genevieve Rochelle Giordano

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Genevieve was born in Castro Valley to parents Joseph and Yvonne.

Genevieve attended Pleasanton schools and was a 1994 Amador High School graduate. Genevieve chose a career in public service.

She was a 911/Fire/ Ambulance Dispatcher recently retired from Alameda County Fire Dept.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her sister Julianna.

She is survived by her parents, and brothers Giacomo, and Giuseppe. She also leaves her faithful companions Stanley and Foxy. (No flowers please, we prefer donations to Escalon Covenant Church 1155 Escalon Rd. Escalon, CA95320 Alaska Missions Trip Scholarship, in her honor.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 17, at 2:00pm at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave. Livermore, CA.



PAID OBITUARY

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Driver charged with murder for fatal crash

A Livermore woman was arrested last week on charges of murder and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated stemming from the late-night rollover crash just outside Pleasanton on Thanksgiving eve that killed two people, including a Village High School student.

Lauren April Davis, 26, was taken into custody without incident at a Livermore home at 3:35 p.m. Feb. 8 on an arrest warrant issued following a two-month investigation, according to California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Tyler Hahn. She was booked into the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin with a no-bail order.

Authorities allege Davis was drunk behind the wheel of a Kia Sorrento with four passengers on Nov. 22 around 11:45 p.m. when the Kia veered off westbound Stanley Boulevard just west of Isabel Avenue/ Highway 84, flipped several times and ended up north of Stanley.

Violet Campbell, a 16-year-old Village High School student, died at the scene after being partially ejected from the Sorrento, Hahn reported at the time.

A second passenger, 25-year-old Alexis Garcia, sustained serious injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital, where she died one week later on Nov. 29.

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

Officers who responded to the crash reported Davis smelled of alcohol, according to Hahn. She refused all field sobriety tests at the scene, but a blood test about three hours after the crash showed that she had a blood alcohol content of

0.16 (twice the legal driving limit) and tested positive for marijuana.

Prosecutors say Davis has two previous convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Authorities had said earlier in the investigation said Davis' prior DUI arrests were reduced to reckless driving convictions.

Davis was placed under arrest on the night of the fatal crash but released from jail custody while officers worked to complete their investigation, which included getting a toxicology report on Davis, obtaining witness statements and reviewing footage from surveillance cameras in the area.

Officers from the CHP Dublin Area and Golden Gate Division wrapped up the investigation last month and presented their findings to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for review Jan. 16, Hahn said.

Prosecutors ultimately charged Davis with murder and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for the deaths of Campbell and Garcia, with an arrest warrant issued Feb. 8, Hahn said. Davis was arraigned in court Tuesday but has not yet entered a plea.

In other business

• A Modesto couple were arrested in connection with the death of a 19-year-old Tracy woman who was found stabbed on Tesla Road in rural unincorporated Livermore in eastern Alameda County early Monday morning, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Lizette Andrea Cuesta was found by a motorist at about 2:06 a.m. near Tesla Road about two miles west of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area, Alameda County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

Cuesta was stabbed multiple times and was airlifted to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where she was pronounced dead at 4:30 a.m., according to Kelly.

Investigators believe the young Tracy woman was killed with malice aforethought and that she was dumped out of a vehicle and left for dead, Kelly said.

Authorities think Cuesta was able to crawl on her stomach for about 100 yards or more before she was spotted by the driver who reported the stabbing to authorities, according to Kelly.

Before she died, Cuesta was able to give what Kelly described as "a very compelling dying declaration" about who stabbed her.

That information led them to arrest a man and woman in Modesto as suspects in her death, Kelly said. The pair were identified as Daniel Gross, 19, and Melissa Leonardo, 25. Both are now in custody at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin with a no-bail hold.

• A 45-year-old San Lorenzo man was arrested at Stoneridge Shopping Center for allegedly hiding a camera inside a store fitting room and filming a woman trying on clothes inside.

The incident unfolded around 4:10 p.m. Saturday, when police received a report of a man illegally recording inside a fitting room at Hollister Company on the lower level of the mall, Sgt. Aaron Fountain.

A camera was found concealed on the floor in the fitting room and recording a customer while she tried on clothing, according to Fountain. Store employees then allegedly saw Juan Jose Martinez-Levy leaving a nearby fitting room and detained him.

The sergeant alleged Martinez-Levy was positively identified as the man in the fitting room and was found in possession of recording devices containing footage of the victim. He was booked into the Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of criminal invasion of privacy. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

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The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 11

Auto theft

- 1:01 a.m. on the 500 block of Del Sol Avenue
- 4:53 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 11:41 p.m. on the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Other thefts

- 10:33 a.m., 3700 block of Grillo Court; theft from auto
- 5:31 p.m. on the 3500 block of Brent Court
- 6:52 p.m. on the 1000 block of Vintner Way

Domestic battery

- 11:46 a.m. on Foothill Road
- 10:42 p.m. on Capewood Place

Drug violation

- 3:09 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 10:37 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

- 2:05 a.m. at Gray Fox Circle and Crellin Road

Feb. 10

Drug violation

- 8:29 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Shoplifting

- 12:40 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Fraud

- 11:30 a.m. on Shelley Avenue

Domestic battery

- 12:04 a.m. on Springhouse Drive

Feb. 9

Theft

- 10:20 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 5:31 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 8:24 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 7:28 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Domestic battery

- 7:49 a.m. on Andrews Drive
- 6:02 p.m. on Johnson Drive

Drug violation

- 7:42 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 5:02 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Feb. 8

Drug violation

- 10:55 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

- 11:29 a.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto
- 2:52 p.m. on the 3700 block of Boulder Street
- 5:35 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:36 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

Domestic battery

- 11:16 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Burglary

- 10:27 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Knowledge is imperative to creating inclusive society



ERIKA ALVERO

Fairlands fifth-grader Kalia Kiyoi chose to spotlight Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel in space, for her display at the school's "African-American Living Museum."

Black History Month, which celebrates achievements and contributions of African-Americans in our nation's history, is commemorated around the country every February since President Gerald Ford made it official in 1976.

Carter G. Woodson, known as the "father of black history," created the precursor to Black History Month, "Negro History Week," in Washington, D.C., in February 1926. Woodson felt strongly that knowledge of the contributions and history of African-Americans was essential for social change.

This is still true 90-plus years later.

"It is critical for us as educators to provide students with a broad perspective of the world, which includes those of individuals and movements honored during Black History Month," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said.

Haglund said students are introduced to a diverse array of literature that exposes them to "experiences and perspectives of significant events and issues both past and present," such as segregation and the Black Lives Matter movement.

"Our educators lead students in critical discussions, which allow young people to reflect on these experiences and not only understand how these events have shaped the world today, but how they can go on to act, engage, and influence it," he added.

Kelly Lack, a fifth-grade teacher at Fairlands Elementary School, created an "African-American Living Museum," where students were able to step into the shoes of the person they were portraying. Students learned of the prejudice and obstacles those prominent African-Americans had to overcome, which Lack said establishes an "immediate empathy."

"In most schools, Black History Month is synonymous with February. It's a time when schools put an emphasis on teaching K-12 students about African-American culture and history," said Phillip McLeod, chairman of the Diablo Black Men's Group (DBMG). "In my opinion, the teaching of African-American culture and history should be an integral part of the K-12 school curriculum all year."

The DBMG was founded in the late 1990s by area black men with differing backgrounds who found commonality in shared experiences. The mission of the members is to "leave a positive imprint in a world where they still struggle for respect and unbiased acceptance themselves." What started as more of a social group has become a service organization.

"One of DBMG's focuses is providing scholarships to college-bound African-American male students graduating from high schools in Alameda and Contra Costa counties," McLeod said. "We view the scholarship program as a vehicle for developing the next generation of African-Americans who will make future contributions to our country."

Seeing African-Americans currently contributing to society as

elected officials sends a positive message to young people. While there have been many African-Americans elected to serve at the local, state and national level — most notably former President Barack Obama — there have been few African-American elected officials in the Tri-Valley over the past decade.

This puts Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley in a unique position to affect change.

"I am honored to serve my constituents in the Tri-Valley and as an African-American elected official, I am proud to support policies that would promote all communities," Miley said. "I bring my cultural heritage to the position to encourage more inclusion, diversity, leadership and public service in the office."

Several local opportunities exist to increase your knowledge of black history, including visiting the "Black and White in Black and White: Images of Dignity, Hope and Diversity in America" exhibit that runs through March 18 at Museum on Main. The exhibit is comprised of photographs taken during the early 1900s "New Negro Movement," which promoted a renewed sense of racial pride and called for an end of Jim Crow racial segregation.

We agree that knowledge is a catalyst for social change. Being aware of the past and those who influenced it is imperative to understanding the present and bringing a future of equity and inclusion. ■

TAKE US ALONG



A lot of hot air: Pleasanton residents Jim and Linda Plack (left) join former Pleasanton residents Kathleen Lawrence and Dave Thayer at the 2017 Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, where more than 650 hot air balloons participated in the 46th annual event.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- **Public Hearing:** Adopt a resolution approving the Citizens' Options for Public Safety program (COPS) Year 21 appropriation
- Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and other related audits for the year ending June 30, 2017
- Presentation of new California Housing Legislation

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Museum holding discussions on photo exhibit

Lectures explore 'Black and White in Black and White'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main is holding two "Discussion with ..." lectures relating to its current exhibit, "Black and White in Black and White."

Photographer and exhibit creator Doug Keister will discuss how the exhibit came to be, at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 24. Then two weeks later, Ruth Wilson, professor of African-American studies at San Jose State University, will discuss how the photographs fit into the context of American and African-American history, at 4:30 p.m. March 10.

Keister, as the curator of the exhibit, will be discussing his relationship with the photographs and his decades-long journey to identify the people and places depicted in the photographs. His story, which began in 1965 when as a teenager he acquired several hundred 5x7 black-and-white glass negatives, is one of curiosity, hard work, dedication and some good old-fashioned luck.

Five decades of ongoing research has slowly revealed the locations, the identities of many of the subjects, and the name of the African-American photographer who took these photographs a century ago in Lincoln, Neb., John Johnson.

Keister will share his research, his process, and the impact these photographs have had — including how 60 of them came to join the permanent collection of the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Johnson used his camera to reveal a vibrant community and more importantly an ennobled and hopeful African-American and immigrant population. These images are visual documentation of a little known chapter of American history known as the New Negro Movement of the early 20th century.

Professor Ruth Wilson will build on Keister's lecture and delve deeper into the New Negro Movement, its lasting impact and its current relevance.

Both programs are free, but pre-registration is required as seats are limited. Call the museum at 462-2766 to reserve a spot.

From 5:30-6:30 p.m., after each of the presentations, there will be a public reception with refreshments and wine, with the speakers available to answer questions.

The presentations and receptions will be held at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. ■



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Improv FACE-OFF 2018

Bay Area teen improv teams will compete against Pleasanton's own Creatures of Impulse in this pro-wrestling-themed run of shows, which has five performances, five different bouts, and an interactive format that gives the audience a chance to win prizes, at the Firehouse Arts Center. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, 23, 24; plus a matinee at 2 p.m. Feb. 24. A preview show that is \$2 cash only at the door will be held at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday. Regular shows are \$5 for students, \$10 general. Tickets can be purchased at the door; at www.firehousearts.org; by calling 931-4848; or at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

U.S. Navy Band coming to Bankhead

No tickets left for free show but wait list is available

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Navy is coming to Livermore, one of 12 cities in three states to host a performance by the U.S. Navy Band during its 2018 tour.

The concert by the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters, the Navy's official chorus, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Bankhead Theater. The ensemble performs music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway and contemporary music.

The Sea Chanters chorus, at home in Washington, D.C., is frequently at the center of high-profile national events. It was formed in 1956 to perpetuate the songs of the sea and now comforts the nation in times of mourning, at memorials, dedications and days of remembrance. Members have appeared in national Memorial Day concerts at the U.S. Capitol.

Countrywide tours by the U.S. Navy Band are one of the signature outreach programs of the Navy. All of the band's primary performing units go on concert

tours each year, allowing the band to reach out to audiences in areas of the country that cannot see the ensembles on a regular basis.

The concerts are family-friendly events, meant to be entertaining to veterans, families, individuals and those interested in joining the Navy. All Navy Band performances are free and open to the public.

The Livermore performance is currently sold out. To request tickets for the wait list, go to lvpac.org/event/us-navy-sea-chanters-concert. ■

Welcome to Year of the Brown Dog

Free family celebration in Livermore this weekend

A free, family-friendly Chinese New Year celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to noon this Sunday in the Bankhead Theater lobby with traditional dancing, demonstrations, food and crafts.

According to Chinese tradition, a different animal represents each year in the 12-year Chinese zodiac, and 2018 marks the Year of the Brown Dog.

The event will include a colorful and dramatic lion dance, one of the most familiar Chinese New Year traditions, by KungFu Dragon USA, which will also provide an exhibition of

martial arts. And members of Xiaopei Chinese Dance will entertain.

Two presentations will be offered: Margaret Zhao of the Life Renewing Center will speak on "Chinese Health and Healing: The Art of QiGong"; and a representative from the Dragon School in Oakland's Chinatown will talk about the success of its innovative community street art program for young people and artists.

Throughout the morning, an art activity station will be open for people to create a Chinese New Year craft to take home. Food,

including authentic Chinese dim sum and noodles, will be for sale in the concessions area, and a festive community altar will be set up so visitors can offer gifts such as fruit, flowers or money for good tidings of health and prosperity in the coming year.

This event is sponsored by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Although it is free, online registration at lvpac.org is recommended. Everyone who registers will be entered in a drawing to win a colorful Chinese calendar. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill hires Haubner as new football coach

Economics teacher, former Falcons assistant ready to fill big shoes left behind by Sweeney

When replacing an iconic coach at any level or sport, continuity can be of the utmost importance.

Such was the case when longtime legendary Foothill football coach Matt Sweeney stepped down recently. Saying whoever took over the Foothill program had big shoes to fill is a vast understatement.

Where did that leave Foothill to go? Obviously, you want a quality coach, but at the same time, you want to find someone who keeps the iconic status of the Foothill program alive and well.

It looks like the Falcons have done just that with the hiring of Foothill teacher Greg Haubner to guide the

football program that Sweeney built.

Much along the same lines as Amador Valley did when officials there hired former Dons quarterback Danny Jones to take over for longtime coach Rick Sira a couple years back, the answer for Foothill was right on the campus.

For Haubner, it's the perfect situation.

"I talked with both (Sweeney) and John (Mannion, another former Foothill coach) and to be able to coach at a place where your kids go to school is a career goal," said Haubner, who currently has a freshman daughter at Foothill.

Haubner was an assistant coach

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Greg Haubner, new Foothill football head coach.

with the varsity Foothill Falcons and is a teacher at the school as well. He spent six seasons as the head coach at Livermore from 2010-15, all the while maintaining his economics teaching job at Foothill.

Having coached with Sweeney, as well as against him, Haubner knows the daunting task in front of him.

And he also knows he needs to be realistic in his approach to the job.

"Matty has set the bar so unbelievably high," Haubner said. "He's the best coach I have ever seen — just a fantastic coach. Moving forward, I can only focus on working hard and being the best coach I can be."

There was no shortage of qualified applicants for the job, but to me Haubner was the right choice on many levels. He certainly has the skill set to be a successful coach, but perhaps even more important — he's an on-campus coach.

Haubner spent his six years as an off-campus coach at Livermore while working at Foothill. There were trials and tribulations, but there was also room for growth.

"It was a totally different experience (at Livermore)," he said. "I had to improve my communication skills and it made me a better coach. Being on campus is great, especially with the numbers in football."

Haubner knows comparisons with Sweeney are inevitable, as is the case in life with any results-driven endeavor. He also knows he needs to put his stamp on the program while maintaining the integrity instilled by Sweeney.

"Like anything else, you keep some things and change some," Haubner said. "But the ID for Foothill is 'battle,' and that will always be the same. We will speak in the same language."

Foothill girls soccer

Foothill entered the final week of the regular season looking to improve their North Coast Section seeding and an offensive attack that had been struggling.

In their first game of the week of Feb. 5, the Falcons started quick and took an early 1-0 lead over Livermore with Megan Guerra getting the goal.

The Falcons were able to maintain the advantage throughout the first half and well into the second before Livermore tied it, leaving the match as a 1-1 final.

On Senior Night for the Falcons, the match against cross rival Amador was tight all the way ending in a 1-1 draw. Amador took the lead, but Foothill answered quickly, tying it off a Taylor Noval goal from close range.

That result, along with the earlier victory over the Dons, helped propel the Falcons to the top of the East Bay Athletic League's Valley Division and a third-place overall EBAL finish for Foothill. ■

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Applications are available at the Pleasanton Unified School District Business Office, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or by calling (925) 426-4307, or emailing jwolfinger@pleasantonusd.net, mochoa@pleasantonusd.net, or website (www.pleasantonusd.net) and are available at all school site administrative offices.

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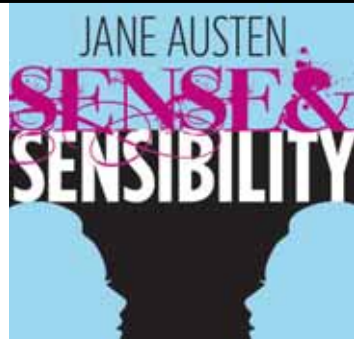
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MIKE SEDLAK

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne highlighted a range of city accomplishments in 2017 and goals for 2018 during his State of the City address this week.

State of the City

Mayor Thorne talks housing, transportation, downtown, local economy during annual address

BY JEREMY WALSH

2017 was filled with achievements throughout Pleasanton, and city leaders are positioning themselves for another year of highlights in 2018, Mayor Jerry Thorne said during his State of the City address Tuesday afternoon.

The third-term mayor covered a range of topics during his 35-minute speech, from housing and the Pleasanton economy to regional transportation and city infrastructure to interacting with state and federal officials to advance Tri-Valley priorities and engaging local stakeholders to improve the city's downtown.

"Here in Pleasanton, as a 'City of Planned Progress,' we do tackle these big issues, but we do it our way — we do it carefully, thoughtfully and with great deliberation," Thorne said to nearly 275 city officials, regional government representatives, business professionals and other community members at the luncheon event.

"I'm very pleased and honored to be able to report to you today that the state of our city is very, very strong, and our accomplishments in 2017 were substantial and remarkable," he added.

Local economy

The Pleasanton economy experienced another robust year in 2017,

Thorne told the audience in a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel ballroom during the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce-sponsored presentation Tuesday.

"Partially in response to the overall national economic recovery and partly through our own fiscal prudence and initiatives, Pleasanton saw progress on a number of fronts through vision, planning, and fiscal discipline," the mayor said.

The city finished the 2016-17 fiscal year last summer with a \$6.5 million surplus, money the city set aside toward operating reserves, capital improvements and its unfunded pension liabilities.

Of pension debt, Thorne said though Pleasanton is better positioned than most cities in the state, the problem will still be tough for the city to handle. "We're getting close to a light at the end of the tunnel, but folks, it's a long tunnel," he said. "But I think we have the ability to get there with our staff."

Around Pleasanton, unemployment stands at 2% (half the state level) and commercial and industrial vacancy rates remain low, at 6% and under 1%, respectively, the mayor said.

Thorne highlighted private sector achievements such as Gritstone 12 Oncology opening a new

bio-manufacturing facility in Hacienda with a focus on finding new therapies to cure cancer.

Supporting the biotechnology industry in Pleasanton will be among his leading priorities for the year ahead, Thorne said. "I think cities should be partners with business. Too often, they're at odds with each other. And hopefully our government here in Pleasanton is working very, very hard to be partners with the business community."

Housing

The housing shortfall will continue to impact Bay Area cities in 2018, and Pleasanton is no exception.

"We're all concerned about what we see going on and having its impact on the small-town character of this city," Thorne said. "But it's short-sighted to think that Pleasanton doesn't have a role in creating more affordable housing opportunities."

"Because, let's face it," the mayor added, "in order to have a vibrant economy, you need jobs. And if you're going to create jobs, you have to have a place for them to live."

California ranks 49th out of the 50 states for housing units per capita, and home ownership is at its lowest point since the 1940s, Thorne said.

The goal for Pleasanton will be to create a variety of housing stock while maximizing the city's local control as much as possible about land-use decisions, according to the mayor.

"Each community is different, and there is no 'one size fits all' solution when it comes to housing. I want to make that very, very clear to our folks in the State Legislature," Thorne said. "Rest assured that we're doing everything in our power to retain as much local control as we possibly can," he said.

Thorne also said he was proud the city worked to support affordable housing for some of the most in-need populations during the past year, including completing Phase I and starting Phase II of the Kottinger Gardens senior complex and endorsing the Sunflower Hill residential community for adults with special needs.

Transportation

"Considerable progress" was made in the past year toward key city and regional transportation improvements, according to Thorne.

At the forefront was the state approving legislation co-sponsored by local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker to create the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, an agency whose sole task is to deliver a BART to ACE Train connection.

That project could provide vital traffic relief throughout the region, on top of other long-standing efforts already built or under construction, the mayor said.

“We all know that interstates 580 and 680 and State Route 84 continue to be some of the busiest routes in the Bay Area, but with the new express lanes, we made progress,” Thorne added. “And while the widening of State Route 84 began many, many years ago, I’m happy to report that as of yesterday the project is fully funded.”

At the local level, the city implemented a variety of transportation infrastructure and safety projects in 2017.

“We updated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan last year and made it a priority to create more and safer connections to the city’s bicycle network system. Because you know what? Riding a bike shouldn’t be just for the fearless and the strong,” Thorne said. “It should be for all of us.”

The \$34 million in capital improvement projects included completing renovations on Stanley Boulevard between First and Main streets, repairing the Old Bernal Bridge and starting work to fix Valley Avenue soundwalls, according to Thorne.

“We got a lot done last year, and as you can see, we’ll keep it up,” he said.

Downtown

Thorne also highlighted ongoing efforts to enhance and encourage the evolution of downtown

Pleasanton — “the heart of our city,” as he put it.

“But why do a few blocks, and some historical buildings, create such deep feelings in a community like this? How is it that an entire community is defined by a handful of streets?” Thorne asked, rhetorically.

“Because that’s what public spaces do. They create a sense of place. They invite people to gather ... to sit, talk and connect,” Thorne said. “Most importantly, public spaces influence the look and feel of the entire community. And, they set the standards by which the entire community defines itself.”

To that end, a City Council-appointed task force remains hard at work to draft a proposed update to the city’s Downtown Specific Plan, Thorne said.

“Things do change over time. That’s inevitable,” the mayor added. “How we evolve our public buildings, streets, landscapes and other spaces to keep pace — while keeping true to Pleasanton — is the real challenge before this task force.”

Central to the downtown discussion will be whether to support a new library and civic center, relocating those city functions to the Bernal property and allowing the current city buildings downtown to be redeveloped in the future.

“Now, there a lot of facts and figures to support the need for a

new library,” Thorne said. “And I’m looking for someone in the community — that’s not elected or not part of a commission — to champion that activity.”

That debate, along with discussions on the draft Downtown Specific Plan update, will follow in the months and years ahead, according to the mayor.

“Today, though, I want us to agree that if public spaces define a city and our job is to make books and learning and hiking and biking and playing available, we want Pleasanton to be defined by something other than 30-year-old portable buildings and an over-crowded library, which, by the way, is the most-visited building in the city of Pleasanton,” Thorne said, adding:

“The example we set by the public spaces — indoors and out — have the opportunity to create that.”

State and federal relations

Speaking of fine examples, Thorne lauded the efforts of the Tri-Valley’s two state representatives — Republican Baker and Democrat State Senator Steve Glazer.

“These legislators demonstrate just how bipartisanship should work, and I think they can provide a very good example for the rest of Sacramento and the city of Washington, D.C.,” Thorne said to applause. “I can’t imagine either of

them being more supportive or a better friend to Pleasanton.”

Thorne also talked about his recent trip to Washington, D.C., with the four other Tri-Valley mayors to advocate for regional priorities with federal officials.

He said the lobbying trip was productive, and he was encouraged by conversations with federal officials about funding for BART to ACE and proposed support programs for military veterans in need.

Thorne also said that visiting the nation’s capital reminded him of what it will take to advance true progress on widespread goals.

“Whether you’re a fan or foe of the new administration or of Congress, I think we can all admit that there’s really something different going on in Washington, D.C. in how people communicate with each other — it’s very disruptive. And I think we in this city, we’re really trying to unify,” Thorne explained. “There’s a direct link I think between civic interest and being civil, because without civility, we just can’t make progress. All we’re going to do is alienate each other.”

‘Community of Character’

“Pleasanton truly is a ‘community of character,’ made up of people who take great pride in the services that we are able to provide to our community,” Thorne said during

his closing remarks.

The mayor commended the efforts of all city employees during the past year, while also singling out several standout achievements.

Thorne highlighted Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department firefighters Glen Doty, Scott Otvos and Jim Schulz for serving on a strike team that battled devastating wildfires in Napa County.

He told the story of Pleasanton police officers Keith Batt and Ken McNeill surprising two young brothers from Donlon Elementary School by picking them up at home, taking them out for donuts and dropping them off at school with lights and sirens blaring.

The mayor applauded City Manager Nelson Fialho for receiving recognition from his peers for 25 years of public service.

And Thorne thanked school district leaders and employees for maintaining Pleasanton’s high-quality schools, including Amador Valley High School being named the state’s only National Blue Ribbon School among comprehensive high schools.

“To be ‘Pleasanton Proud’ is to recognize we are a community of people who are civil, generous, productive and caring,” Thorne said. “That’s the community that I’m ‘Pleasanton Proud’ to serve. Thank you for the opportunity to do so.” ■

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Programs introduce middle-schoolers to scientific possibilities

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Girls! You, too, can thrive in science, technology, engineering and math.

The local branch of the American Association of University Women does not just speak this message; its members are passionately involved in three programs each year to encourage and nurture young females in these areas.

"One area of deep concern for us is the low number of women pursuing careers in STEM fields," explained Wendy Ping, a board member of the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of AAUW. "Our society all too often subtly tells girls and women that they don't belong in science, technology, engineering and math."

Next Saturday, Feb. 24, is the annual Expanding Your Horizons daylong conference at the Diablo Valley College San Ramon campus, for girls in grades 6-9 to learn what

STEM careers can be all about.

"The Expanding Your Horizons conference is open to everyone, with online registration," Ping said, although this year's event is full. "Girls can do walk-ins on the day of the event, and pick up workshops from girls who are no-shows."

Although the conference is put on by the Expanding Your Horizons Network, AAUW provides volunteers to help each year.

"AAUW has a lot of human resources, people with time, some older members retired from STEM careers or careers in education, and who have a passion for this type of thing," Ping said.

For more information, visit www.tveyh.org. The second STEM program is Tech Trek, a one-week residential camp organized by

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Interpretive pavilion planned for Shadow Cliffs

Harringtons donating \$200,000, some in matching funds

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area — the 266-acre park on Stanley Boulevard in east Pleasanton — just keeps getting better. Water enthusiasts enjoy swimming, boating, fishing and beaches at the 80-acre lake. The park's variety of trails are frequented by hikers, bikers and horses.

Now, the East Bay Regional Park District is planning an interpretive pavilion near the entrance to the park, and Nancy and Gary Harrington of the Harrington Art Partnership not only championed the project but donated \$50,000 toward its design. The Harringtons, generous art benefactors in Pleasanton, also have pledged another \$150,000 in matching funds for the project.

"We've been working with East Bay Regional Parks for four-plus years and finally have a draft plan," Nancy Harrington said.

The pavilion will be an inviting gateway to welcome visitors, which the Harringtons see as the finishing touch on a park that has been gradually developed as a community project. It is the site of a former quarry and became a public park in 1971, donated to East Bay Parks by Kaiser Sand and Gravel.

This project has been part of the park's land-use plan for some time, said Regional

Parks Foundation development director Juliana Schirmer.

"What revitalized this for us was the enthusiasm of Nancy and Gary Harrington, who are lifelong educators and members of the community," she said.

When facing the park from its entrance on Stanley Boulevard, the popular lake is to the left. The parking lot, with solar panels that offset power usage for the entire park system, is to the right, as are the hiking and biking paths.

"That side of the park is the wild and beautiful side, and we have found that a lot of people don't know it is there," Schirmer said. "We thought it would be great to have a staging area — when groups use the park, they can learn its history."

The vision, she explained, is to have the pavilion in a prominent spot, with interpretive panels.

"It will have informational panels to talk about the natural history of the site," she added, "and the philanthropy of the site."

The goal is to also have interpretive panels along the trails with information about the wildlife.

People who contribute more than \$1,000 will have their names on a donor exhibit at the pavilion. Individuals or corporations can sponsor an exhibit or give to the overall



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Early concept rendering of the proposed interpretive pavilion at Shadow Cliffs park among those published in the Regional Parks Foundation magazine, *Compass*; the next phase of the design process is scheduled for the spring and likely the final design will be different.

construction of the project.

"They can talk to us about what they are interested in doing, if there is a specific element they are interested in," Schirmer said.

The district is capping the project at \$950,000, which will include the hardscape, softscape, construction, interpretive panels, ADA access and landscaping.

"Our goal is to get the majority of funds in hand this spring, engage an architect for the next round of design, and break ground in

the fall," Schirmer said.

Shadow Cliffs offers naturalist programs free to schools in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which are expected to increase when the pavilion is completed.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Pavilion should call Schirmer at 510-544-2212, or email jschirmer@ebparks.org. Checks can be sent to East Bay Regional Park Foundation, P.O. Box 21074, Crestmont Station, Oakland, CA 94620. ■

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AAUW at universities across the country for girls going into the eighth grade.

"It started in California," said Ping, who has been involved from the start 20 years ago and is branch coordinator. "We have 22 campuses in California. Our branch attends at the Stanford campus."

The branch chooses eight to nine girls from the Tri-Valley each year to attend Camp Marie Curie at Stanford University. Science teachers from the area's 10 middle schools each nominate four candidates, who go through a selection process including an interview with an AAUW committee.

AAUW pays the cost of the camp but campers are not necessarily chosen based on financial need.

"The objective is to choose girls upon whom this camp can have the most impact on their lives," Ping said. "Last year, we had three from Pleasanton, five from Livermore, and one from Dublin."

At Tech Trek, the girls live in a dorm and eat in a dining hall, just like a college student. Hands-on activities in the mornings explore engineering design, cybersecurity, forensics, marine biology or computer coding. Afternoons and evenings include field trips and workshops led by Bay Area women working in a variety of STEM fields.

Ping was a dorm mom at Camp Curie last summer.

"It is a truly remarkable program," she said. "It changes girls' perspectives on what's available to them and what they can do."

"They spend every day surrounded by 79 or more other girls who have the same interests — cool girls, girls who are fun to be

around," she added. "Many don't find a lot of female peers that share that."

The third program, STEAM Divas, kicked off last fall, a collaboration between Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin AAUW and the Expanding Your Horizons Network, for Livermore girls in the fourth - and fifth-grade age range. (STEAM is STEM subjects plus arts.)

"We wanted to engender excitement in STEM at a younger age, since it is known that girls' interest in STEM fields can begin to fade as early as elementary school," Ping said.

At the all-day STEAM Divas, girls rotate in small groups through three workshops: Fun with Energy; Prisms, Colors & Angles; and Get Creative with Code.

"Our objective was not only to set up a hands-on STEM/STEAM event for girls in this valley, but also to develop a template for this type of program that could be used anywhere in the country," Ping said.

Ping, a Pleasanton resident, is a materials engineer by training and worked for 30 years at Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp.; early in her career she worked as a presenter at the Expanding Your Horizons conference. The event is now in its 40th year to encourage girls into enter STEM fields, where women still are a low percentage of the work force.

"It boggles my mind that we haven't made more inroads," Ping said.

Seven of the 108 local AAUW members are on the STEM committee, but all contribute to the efforts with their fundraising, including writing grant proposals, Ping noted.

The mission of the AAUW, founded in 1881, is to advance equity for women and girls and to empower them as individuals and as a community.

"We strongly believe that our mission and programs are more relevant than ever," Ping said. ■



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BINGO BASH FUNDRAISER Italian Catholic Federation Br. 285 Bingo Fundraiser, Saturday, March 3, St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave., 6 p.m. Reservations required by Feb. 26, limited seating. RSVP: Christine, 462-3704. \$10.00 per bingo packet (10 games), pizza, snacks and beverages available, prizes and raffles. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital treatment of Cooley's Anemia.

Community Groups

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.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Livermore Valley Coin Club is for anyone in the Tri-Valley interested in coin collection. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Community Room B, Livermore. Meet and greet at 7 p.m., business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Lessons & Classes

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday

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available to you. Your facilitator will take you on a tour of the Center grounds and surrounding Centennial Park. At the end of the tour you will receive a coupon for a free lunch at the Sage Cafe. For more information, call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Volunteers

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES On Jan. 8, the American Red Cross launched an urgent appeal for blood and platelet donations nationwide to help address a winter blood donation shortage. Red Cross blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals as fast as donations come in, and in particular platelet and type O negative and B negative blood donations are critically needed right now. Winter weather can have a tremendous impact on the blood supply this time of year, when brutally cold temperatures keep many donors home and snow and ice storms often result in the cancellation of blood drives. The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center is located at 5556-B Springdale Ave.

Government Meetings

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PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Pleasanton City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE Advises Parks and Recreation Commission and City's Traffic Engineering Division on bicycle, pedestrian and trail related items. Committee reviews and prioritizes potential projects, provides input on policies related to bike ways and trails, and promotes community education. Next meeting, Monday, Feb. 26, 6:45 p.m., 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton Senior Center, www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.



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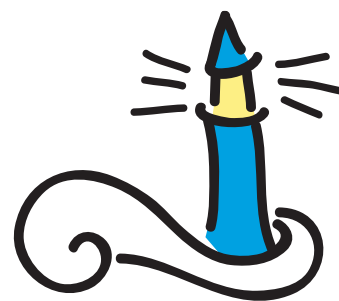
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Winners Bingo FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 539699
The following person doing business as: Winners Bingo, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the

following owners: Padrino R. Lopez, Sr., and Debra J. Lopez, 14629 Pueblo Dr., Manteca, CA 95336. This business is conducted by Padrino R. Lopez, Sr., and Debra J. Lopez, a married couple. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 9, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Padrino R. Lopez, Sr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2018.)

Deepti Beauty Studio FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540503
The following person doing business as: Deepti Beauty Studio, 4625 First Street, Suite 225, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Deepti Dobhal, 231 Dixon Landing Road, Apt. #181, Milpitas, CA 95035. This business is conducted by Deepti Dobhal, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Deepti Dobhal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018.)

Level Up Professional Development FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540617
The following person doing business as: Level Up Professional Development, 3857 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Janice Finn Weekes, 3857 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Janice Finn Weekes, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein May 15, 2016. Signature of Registrant: Janice Finn Weekes, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 2018.)

Rinnie and Rocket FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540273
The following person doing business as: Rinnie and Rocket, 3768 Nichols Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Erin Nohava, 3768 Nichole Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Erin Nohava, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Erin Nohava, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 2018.)

Scott's Painting FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540911
The following person doing business as: Scott's Painting, 2250 Fairfield Road,

Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: William Scott Smiley, 2250 Fairfield Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by William Scott Smiley, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein March 1987. Signature of Registrant, William Scott Smiley, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 2, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 2018.)

PERFECT SIGNINGS MOBILE NOTARY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540922
The following person(s) doing business as: PERFECT SIGNINGS MOBILE NOTARY, 5410 MONTALVO COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: JUDY JEONG, 5410 MONTALVO COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on FEBRUARY 5, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: JUDY JEONG, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, FEBRUARY 9, 16, 23, AND MARCH 2, 2018)

Monkera FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540930
The following person doing business as: Monkera, 4307 Valley Avenue, Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Gurdeep Singh, 4403 Valley Avenue, Apt. F, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Gurdeep Singh, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of registrant: Gurdeep Singh, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 5, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2018.)

Hitched Co.; The Hitched Co.; Hitched Company; The Hitched Company FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 539750-753
The following person doing business as: Hitched Co.; The Hitched Co.; Hitched Company; The Hitched Company, 640 Division St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Grace Lauren Henry, LLC, 640 Division St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Grace Lauren Henry, LLC, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Katlyn Alegria, Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2018.)

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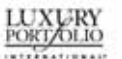
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