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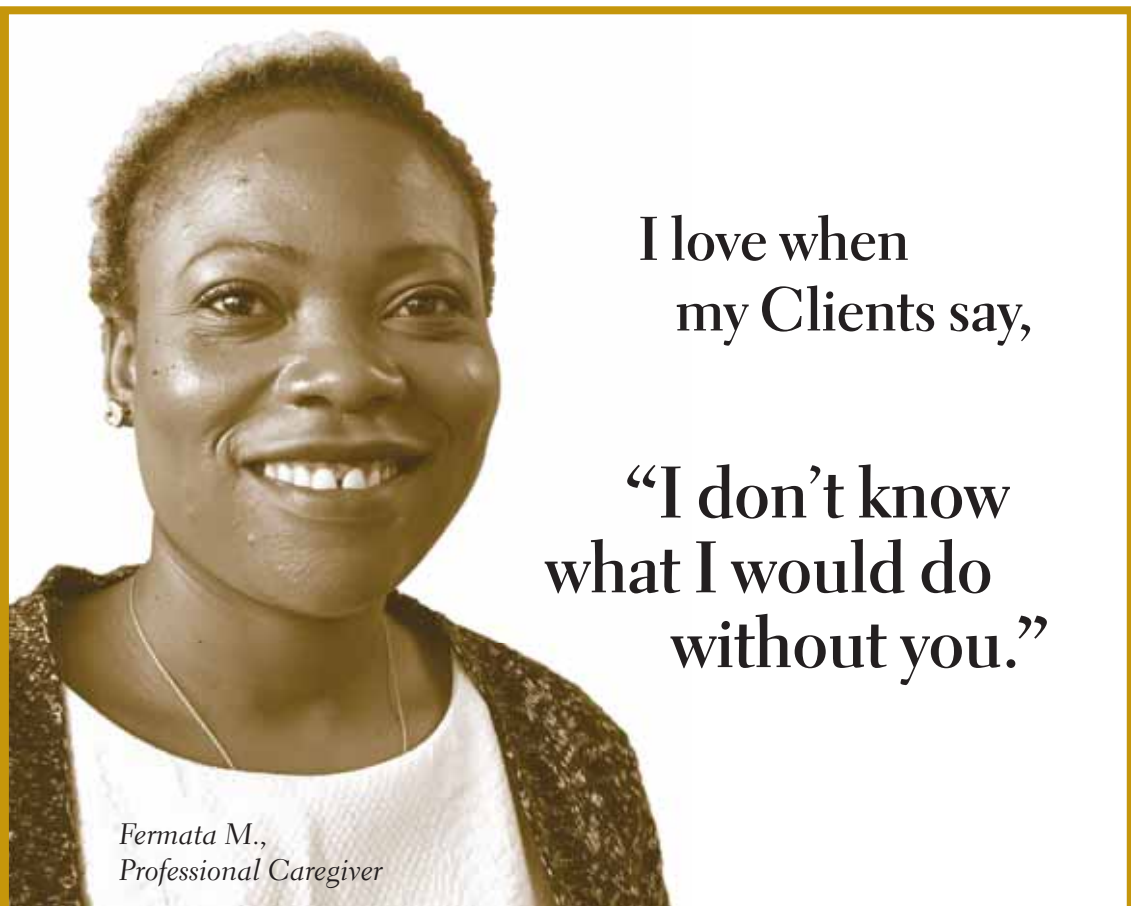
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Thorne launches bid for re-election as mayor

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne launched his campaign for re-election to a fourth and final term as mayor at a sold-out fundraising breakfast last week at the Alameda County Fairgrounds' Palm Pavilion.

Voters won't see Thorne's name on the municipal ballot until Nov. 6, some nine months from now. Still, he's taking no chances on gaining support early in what promises to be a donnybrook of national, state and other Tri-Valley municipal elections this year, starting with the California primary on June 5.



Mayor Jerry Thorne

Thorne was first elected to the City Council in a special election June 7, 2005, and then re-elected by wide margins in November 2006 and again in 2010. In 2012, he was elected mayor, a position that in Pleasanton is limited to a total of eight years with the mayor facing voters for re-election every two years. Re-elected in 2014 and again two years ago, Thorne would be termed out in 2020.

Thorne kicked off his campaign in a room filled with supporters, reviewing his achievements and spelling out his agenda for his last two years as mayor.

Thorne said he has put his 40 years of business experience to work as mayor to bring fiscal sustainability and pension reform to Pleasanton.

"I've been and will continue to be your mayor all day, every day," he said. "I have no other job priorities that will get in the way of being your full-time mayor."

He cited as major achievements the ongoing financial success of Pleasanton, which closed the last fiscal year with a surplus of more than \$6.5 million, spending less than budgeted and gaining \$115.7 million in revenue overall, primarily from higher property and sales tax receipts. He said that was the result of "vision, discipline and planning."

During his current term in office, the city's unemployment rate dropped to "an exceptionally low 2%," with commercial and industrial vacancies at 6% and 2%, respectively.

"The good news is that we're almost 'full up at the inn,' so to speak, in commercial space," Thorne said. "But the bad news is that we have limited places for new companies or those that may be looking to expand."

So, in his final two years, Thorne plans to focus on finding ways to expand Pleasanton's vibrant and growing life sciences sector by bringing together the leaders of medical, biotechnology and device firms now here. Together, they will "make sure we are meeting their needs and to grow this vitally important industry cluster."

Other issues he plans to address include:

- Stem the intrusion into local planning by state lawmakers who seek to allow more high-density housing on vacant properties, including on Pleasanton's largely empty 400-acre east side.

- Complete the planning process for a new civic center and library.

- Build the final leg of a four-lane Highway 84 between I-580 and I-680.

- Finish \$350,000 in upgrades to Pioneer Cemetery.

- Continue the progress being made to extend BART to Isabel Avenue and an ACE Train connection to relieve traffic congestion on I-580.

- Finding new and better ways for the city's government to help support Pleasanton schools.

- Address concerns over the lack of diversity in local government to ensure everyone is represented in the decision-making process.

"I am proud of this city," Thorne said in concluding his campaign launch remarks. "I believe that we are headed in the right direction and that we will remain a city of planned progress deserving of the high rankings that we have achieved in national polls. With your help and support, I plan to keep it that way." ■

Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly.

His "Around Pleasanton" columns run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

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The leadership team for the newly formed Tri-Valley Asian Association. Photo by Erika Alvero. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

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Becki Mathers

Busy mom, Valley Humane Society volunteer

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Josephine Raizen

Registered nurse

There are a few hospice locations I really don't want to go back to because I feel I gave the patients all I had, and while the patient was incredibly grateful, the family members treated me like dirt.



Xavier McKay *Middle school student*

There is a Japanese restaurant I feel uncomfortable to return to because my dad had an outburst there. He got really mad because the server brought out all of the adult meals really quickly, but then totally forgot about the kids' meals — and we were the hungriest of all! Had they been at all apologetic, I'm sure it would have been fine. But they weren't, so it wasn't.



Quinn McKay

Elementary school student

There is a yogurt place I can't go back to because my mom told off the server. There was definitely something wrong with the yogurt that day; it was very white and tasted and smelled like bleach. My mom told the server about that, and she totally didn't care and even seemed annoyed. We haven't been back since.



Howard Smythe

Mortician

There is a cemetery I can't go back to. I helped to prepare a body for burial, but no matter what I did, he still looked totally dead — as opposed to alive in a state of restful repose. It was like he was saying, "Wait! I'm not ready." I will never get over that.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Costco lawsuit

Last week marked the first court appearance in the lawsuit challenging the city's environmental clearances for its new Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ), a rezoning that paves the way for Costco, two hotels and other businesses to potentially be developed near the I-580/I-680 interchange.

The case management conference before Alameda County Superior Court Judge Robert McGuinness in Oakland on Feb. 14 was a fairly routine initial check-in before the next court appearance was scheduled, according to representatives on both sides.

McGuinness signed an order allowing Costco to join the case as a real party in interest and then scheduled the parties to return for another case management conference April 5, according to Pleasanton city attorney Dan Sodergren.

Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth, a local resident coalition spearheaded by former City Councilman Matt Sullivan, sued the city in December, arguing the City Council-certified JDEDZ environmental impact report was deficient.

Teen job fair

The Pleasanton Senior Center is set to host the annual Teen Job & Career Fair next weekend.

The free event open to all Tri-Valley teen job seekers, with lunch included, is set to run from 1-4 p.m. March 3 at the senior center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. It is a partnership between the cities of Pleasanton, San Ramon and Dublin, the town of Danville and the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club.

The job fair gives local youth 14 to 19 years old the chance to meet with more than 20 employers, pick up job applications and apply for some positions on the spot. The event will also include mock interviews, resume and interviewing workshops, and career panels.

For more information, call 931-3432 or visit www.ptownlife.org/teen-job-fair.

Lunar New Year

The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs local chapter and the city of Pleasanton are joining together this weekend for a Lunar New Year celebration at the Pleasanton Public Library.

The free public event will feature dance, music, calligraphy and other Asian traditions in honor of the Year of the Dog.

The event is set to start at 2 p.m. Sunday at the library at 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information, call 931-3400 or visit www.pleasantonlibrary.org. ■

City Council discusses impacts of recent state housing legislation

Short-term effects seem minimal, but that will change during next RHNA cycle, officials say

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council received a recap from city staff this week about the probable local impacts of the so-called "housing package," a group of state legislation signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown last fall to address housing availability and affordability across California.

The conversation Tuesday night focused on three of the bills that city officials anticipate will have the most impact on the city's housing development review procedures

— new laws that target streamlined approvals for certain project types, housing density and affordability, and inventory of land for residential development.

And even those bills might not have as significant an effect on Pleasanton as on other cities in the next few years in light of multi-family housing projects recently built or approved here, but the key impacts will start to be felt more and more as the city enters the 2020s, city staff told the council.

"The playing field has changed,"

City Manager Nelson Fialho said during the hour-long discussion at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

"Housing production in general is a touchy subject in our community, invites extreme reactions from both sides," Fialho added. "The new legislation really does change the way we go about addressing these issues going forward ... (so) it's important to have these discussions, not only tonight but periodically over the coming months."

More than 130 bills were introduced in Sacramento during the

last legislative session to address the state's housing situation. Of those, 15 were signed into law by Brown in September and started taking effect in the new year.

The legislation covers a range of specific requirements, but the three of most immediate concern for Pleasanton are Senate Bills 35 and 166 and Assembly Bill 1397, according to city community development director Gerry Beaudin.

SB 35 creates a new streamlined approval process for high-density housing projects in cities and counties that haven't seen the construction of the numbers and types of

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CITY OF PLEASANTON

Rendering of proposed Surf-Thru Express Car Wash station on Stanley Boulevard. The company uses a hybrid service model with an automated wash for the car exterior and rows of free vacuums for customers to clean their car's interior themselves.

Commission approves new car wash

Business uses hybrid model with automated exterior wash, customers vacuuming own interior

By JEREMY WALSH

A new car wash is on its way into town after the Pleasanton Planning Commission last week signed off on a proposal from Surf-Thru Express Car Wash to build its first Bay Area service station at a long-vacant property along Stanley Boulevard.

Surf-Thru, based in Bakersfield, uses a hybrid service model with an automated wash for the car exterior and rows of free vacuums for customers to clean their car's interior themselves — a type of car wash business not currently seen in Pleasanton.

"I think it's an attractive design, it's the best use of a vacant property that's been vacant for a long time, and I'd be excited to see it built," commissioner Justin Brown said during the evening hearing in the council

chamber on Valentine's Day.

"I know I struggle with car washes in Pleasanton; I always like to shop local but I find myself sometimes going to Dublin or San Ramon," Brown added. "This gives a new blend and something I'd be excited to try."

Surf-Thru plans to develop a 1.5-acre property at 3598 Stanley Blvd., an empty parcel about half a block from the Stanley-Bernal-Valley intersection that has been used seasonally over the years as a Christmas tree lot. The site was the subject of two approved retail center proposals whose permits lapsed without being built in 2010 and 2012, respectively.

Located in the Stanley Business Park, the property sits at the southeast intersection of Wyoming Street and Washington Street (which runs parallel

to Stanley). It is next door to the small shopping center that includes a multi-tenant building and McDonald's, and it's across the street from Central Self Storage.

The company would develop the vacant 1.5-acre site to add an automated car wash tunnel, small pay station building and two freestanding vacuum station canopies, topped with solar panels, with 25 total vacuum stalls.

Customers, who remain in their cars the whole time, would pay the attendant at the station and then drive toward the wash tunnel where the exterior is prepped by two workers and the car is attached to a conveyor before it is pulled through the automated wash and dry cycle. The

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Baker, Glazer hosting town hall

Pleasanton meeting part of legislators' bipartisan series

By ERIKA ALVERO

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-Dublin) and State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) are coming to Pleasanton next week as part of their joint town hall tour.

The hour-long meeting at Foothill High School on Tuesday evening will be the legislators' 15th since they began to hold these bipartisan conversations with constituents in their mutual East Bay districts.

"Nowhere else in the United States have two elected officials from opposing parties joined together in such a sustained effort to listen to voters' concerns without regard to party affiliation," Glazer's office said in a statement last week.

The Pleasanton meeting is scheduled to run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Foothill High multipurpose room, 4375 Foothill Road.

In recent weeks, Baker and Glazer have held several joint meetings in their districts, including town halls in Livermore and Walnut Creek earlier this week and a forum in San Ramon last month on California's growing pension liabilities crisis, with guest expert David Crane.

The next town hall after the Pleasanton meeting is set to be held in Orinda on March 5, at the Orinda Library Auditorium. ■

City OKs partial street closure to curtail cut-through traffic

Change coming this summer to stop drivers turning from Dublin Canyon into The Preserve

By JEREMY WALSH

Drivers soon won't be allowed to turn from Dublin Canyon Road onto Laurel Creek Drive after the Pleasanton City Council this month voted in favor of the move after hearing complaints from residents in The Preserve about speeding commuters cutting through their neighborhood.

The permanent ban — which expands upon a right-turn restriction for commute hours implemented at the fickle intersection just over a year ago — came as a compromise for the council after some Preserve residents opposed the original plan, supported by other neighbors and city staff, mainly because it would have also prohibited all left turns from Laurel Creek onto Dublin Canyon.

"This is distressing, what I've heard tonight," Vice Mayor Arne Olson said while voting for the intersection changes Feb. 6. "My view is that (traffic) volume and speed are the same. They go together. And I think we need to do a better job of monitoring speed through this neighborhood."

"Safety trumps convenience any day of the week, and I think this does at least deal with some of the safety issues," Mayor Jerry Thorne added. "I'm concerned that the speeding might not stop, so in the after-study, I would like to see some results for the speeding as well."

Located in northwest Pleasanton, Laurel Creek is an undulating, two-lane public street that runs throughout The Preserve between Dublin Canyon Road and Foothill Road. (Laurel Creek turns into Stoneridge Drive at the Foothill intersection.)

Laurel Creek at Dublin Canyon, the only entrance or exit for The Preserve on the neighborhood's north side, is a T-intersection with eastbound and westbound Dublin Canyon free-flowing while drivers on northbound Laurel Creek have a stop sign.

With Dublin Canyon running parallel to Interstate 580 in the area, Laurel Creek has been a popular cut-through route for commuters hoping to avoid freeway traffic,

especially around the I-580/I-680 interchange nearby.

With high traffic volumes and speeds in The Preserve already on the city's radar, traffic-calming measures were implemented in December 2016 — two radar speed signs along hilly parts of Laurel Creek and a restriction prohibiting drivers from turning right from eastbound Dublin Canyon onto Laurel Creek between 6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. weekdays.

But those moves didn't cut down on cut-through traffic and speeding nearly as much as estimated, according to city staff and many Preserve residents.

"These people took my road, our community road ... to reduce the amount of time it took them to get home," resident Stan Willis told the council Feb. 6. "They had no regard for our 25 mph speed limits. They had no regard for the dog walkers. They had no regard for the bikers. They had no regard for the signs that said please slow down kids live here."

City staff studied the effectiveness of the initial traffic-calming measures in January and April of last year, noting an early improvement in January 2017 (when Pleasanton police were also conducting targeted traffic enforcement in The Preserve) but a significant regression in April, according to Mike Tassano, the city's deputy director of community development.

Tassano said prior to December 2016, cut-through drivers accounted for 84% of traffic on Laurel Creek during afternoon peak commute hours. After the calming measures were implemented, those cut-through levels dipped slightly, between 45% and 73% depending on the commute day and time.

The Weekly went out to Laurel Creek and Dublin Canyon on a recent Thursday, to get a glimpse at how the intersection fares during the afternoon commute.

Of the scores of cars driving on Dublin Canyon past the intersection from 4:25-4:45 p.m. Feb. 8, two made the legal left turn onto Laurel Creek and nine made the illegal right



JEREMY WALSH

This BMW sedan made an illegal right turn from Dublin Canyon onto Laurel Creek around 4:30 p.m. Feb. 8. That turn is now being permanently outlawed after the commute-hours-only restriction was deemed ineffective.

turn onto Laurel Creek, including a maintenance pickup truck with a faded "City of Pleasanton" decal on the driver-side door.

Eight cars approached the intersection on northbound Laurel Creek, and all but one made a left at the stop sign onto westbound Dublin Canyon. As residents mentioned during the Feb. 6 council meeting, that left turn is much busier during the morning when commuters are going to work.

With a traffic problem still on their hands, the Laurel Creek Drive Traffic Calming Steering Committee last summer polled the 145-house neighborhood to see if residents would support either closing the Laurel Creek-Dublin Canyon intersection entirely or blocking off just the southbound side to prevent drivers from turning from Dublin Canyon Road onto Laurel Creek.

The partial-street closure — which also included prohibiting drivers from turning left from Laurel Creek onto Dublin Canyon — received support from 67% of residents who responded to the committee's petition, the threshold needed to advance the proposal to the council, Tassano said. Under that plan, all traffic wanting to enter The Preserve would need to come in on Foothill Road on the opposite side.

Council members heard from 16 resident speakers on Feb. 6, with about 40 more Preserve neighbors sitting in the audience.

The group in the council chamber seemed split, with a little more than half endorsing the recommended partial closure while others wanted to be allowed to turn left out of The Preserve onto Dublin Canyon or turn left from Dublin Canyon into the neighborhood.

Residents in favor of the partial closure said they didn't mind having their entrance-exit options limited. Reducing the often dangerous — and sometimes rude — cut-through drivers took precedence, they said.

"My house is about as far from the intersection of Foothill and Stoneridge as is possible, so if anyone is going to be inconvenienced, it'll be me," Preserve resident Andrew Gelb said. "I am more than willing to accept that inconvenience because I'll

take inconvenience over danger any day of the week."

"I feel the benefit for the entire neighborhood far outweighs the inconveniences that this closure will impact upon me," Orson Leong added.

On the other side were primarily Preserve residents who use Dublin Canyon to commute toward Oakland or San Francisco and argued that having to drive all the way around to Foothill Road to get in and out would add significant time to their commutes.

"We haven't really done any assessment on the impact to the residents of The Preserve ... We'll have to follow the same rules for entry and exit as all non-residents would too. And that does pose an inconvenience," Ed Swetavage said. "I'd hate to see us try to solve one problem

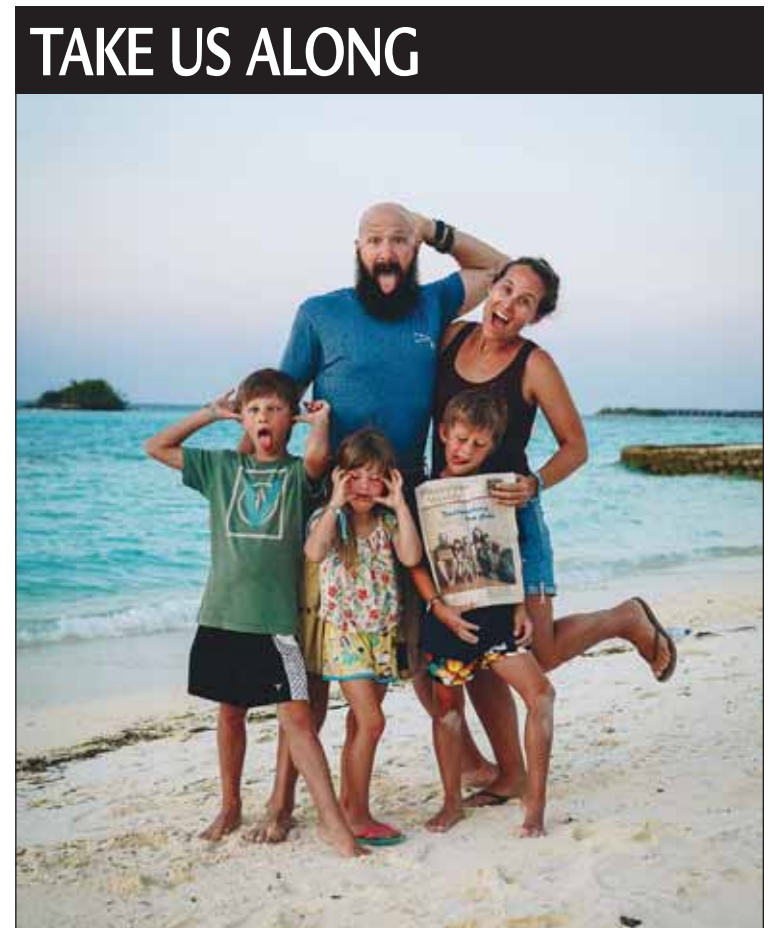
but at the same time create another problem, a larger problem."

"That is my time. Five minutes in the morning means my breakfast, I cannot have breakfast. Ten minutes in the afternoon means dinner hours," Joanna Lee said of increased commute she would face. "I am a busy working mother, so that time is very important."

In the end, the council members opted to support a modified version of the recommendation.

They directed staff to move forward with closing off southbound Laurel Creek to all turns from Dublin Canyon (except bicyclists) but still allow left turns from Laurel Creek onto Dublin Canyon.

The intersection changes are scheduled to be implemented during the summer, Tassano said. ■



Backpacking the globe: The Swenson family checked in this month from a beach in the Maldives, an island nation in the Indian Ocean near equator, four months into their trip around the world. Holding the Sept. 29, 2017 Pleasanton Weekly (in which their story was featured on the cover) are William and Jess Swenson with children (from left) Ezra, Vesper and Theo.

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customer then can choose to leave or park under the canopy and use the vacuum to clean the car's interior.

Not only would the new station be the first hybrid car wash in Pleasanton, it would also be Surf-Thru's first foray into the Bay Area, expanding upon sites in the Fresno area, north of Sacramento, Reno, Bend, Ore. and Tucson, Ariz., according to company president Scott Howry.

The building architecture incorporates a mission-style design and a color scheme common in the business park, according to city

associate planner Natalie Amos. The project also features a landscaping plan that includes 45 new trees throughout the site.

As proposed, the car wash isn't expected to generate unacceptable traffic, parking or noise conditions that would negatively impact the neighborhood, according to Amos.

With water recycling and re-claiming systems in place, the Surf-Thru station would use less than 17 gallons of water per car, compared to the 40 to 100 gallons per car at non-recycling car washes and 70 to 100 gallons typically used when residents wash at home, according to Howry. ■



POST 237

'In a New World'

"I became an American citizen last Wednesday." Those were the opening words of Robin Hwang's speech that won the annual American Legion Post 237 oratorical contest held last month in Pleasanton. The Amador Valley High junior's speech, "In a New World," shared his story of becoming a new citizen and learning the civic responsibilities as an American. For the local win, Hwang received a \$250 scholarship and spot at the District 10 level contest — which he also won. He is set to participate in the next round, the American Legion Area 2 competition, this Sunday in Pacifica.

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Capt. Bretzing retiring from Pleasanton PD

Career policeman rose to second-in-command during 26-year tenure here

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Police Department is saying goodbye to one of its longest-tenured members, Capt. Jeff Bretzing, who is retiring from the department today.

Bretzing has served in law enforcement for three decades, including the past 26 years in Pleasanton, where he climbed the ranks during a decorated career to ultimately become the department's second-in-command.

"It was truly a privilege to work with so many wonderful people and to serve such an amazing supportive community," said Bretzing, who turned 50 last Friday.

"When I look back at my time at the Pleasanton Police Department, I will always fondly remember those who I had the opportunity to influence and mentor," Bretzing added.

"There is a strong culture of succession planning and focus on the future here at PPD; there is no greater compliment than to see someone you mentored, mentoring someone else," he said. "I know I am leaving this agency and this community in great hands."

Police Chief Dave Spiller said Bretzing will be missed, but the whole department is happy the captain has reached a well-deserved retirement.

"Everyone in the police department family will miss Jeff's sense of humor, quick wit and experience," Spiller said. "Above all, I will personally miss the steadfast loyalty Jeff has demonstrated and the trustworthy, honest perspective he has always shared."

"In a tough and challenging

environment, Jeff has made everything easier. He brought calm to chaos, he brought positivity to dark situations and he made long days a little shorter," Spiller added.

Bay Area native Bretzing, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Saint Mary's College, began his law enforcement career in December 1988 as a Hayward Police Department officer. He worked there for a little over three years before being hired in Pleasanton in March 1992.

As an officer with PPD, Bretzing served in a variety of assignments including patrol, motorcycle officer, field training officer and detective. He also served as a motorcycle riding instructor and crisis negotiator.

In 2002, Bretzing was promoted to sergeant and served as a field supervisor, team leader for crisis negotiation

and manager of the code enforcement division at various times as sergeant.

He was ascended to the rank of lieutenant in 2008, serving as watch commander, terrorism liaison officer and investigations division manager as well as overseeing the department's peer support program.

Two years ago, Bretzing graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., and was later promoted to the rank of captain, where he served as the operations division manager and as Spiller's second-in-command.

Bretzing said he and his family expect to remain in the Bay Area for the foreseeable future. He plans to work in the private sector and also wants to become an instructor at a police academy or community college.

As for filling Bretzing's position in Pleasanton, Spiller said city human resources officials are conducting an executive search with a contracted recruitment firm. ■



Capt. Jeff Bretzing is retiring from the Pleasanton Police Department today to cap a 30-year career.

State pensions, renter support and pet safety

Glazer introduces bills targeting variety of issues last week

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley State Senator Steve Glazer introduced three bills last week aimed at addressing issues on the minds of people across the state: public pensions, renters' budgets and pet safety.

The pieces of proposed legislation would, respectively, allow new state employees to opt into a 401(k)-style retirement plan, double the California renter's tax credit and let first responders render medical aid to dogs or cats in emergencies without fear of legal repercussions.

All three proposals are designed as commonsense laws to help residents and taxpayers in the state, according to Glazer.

The first bill, introduced by the Orinda Democrat on Valentine's Day, would allow new state employees to opt out of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and instead choose a self-directed and portable retirement plan.

"This pension reform idea would be good for employees and provide a more stable fiscal foundation for the state," Glazer said. "This new retirement plan would be especially attractive to millennials who do not intend to work for the state their entire lives."

Under Senate Bill 1149, new state employees would be offered a 401(k)-style plan in which their own contributions would be fully

matched by the state at the same level the state now contributes to the CalPERS-defined benefit plan, according to Glazer's office.

The change in law would allow those workers, if they leave state employment, to take with them the entire balance in their retirement plan, whereas now state employees who leave pre-retirement can only receive refunds of their own contributions, plus interest.

Glazer said his proposal is modeled after a recently created University of California plan, plus several municipalities in the state (including Danville and Glazer's hometown of Orinda) offer a 401(k)-style retirement plan instead of CalPERS.

The next bill, which has co-sponsors on both side of the aisle, would double the state renter's tax credit to \$120 for renters filing their taxes as individuals and \$240 for joint filers — the first increase to the credit since 1979, according to Glazer's office.

"This increase is long overdue,"

Glazer said in announcing SB 1182. "The last time renters got a break, Jimmy Carter was president and Jerry Brown was 41 years old. Rents have skyrocketed since then but the renter's tax credit has remained frozen in time."

The credit goes to individuals with adjusted gross incomes of \$40,078 or less and to joint filers with incomes of \$80,156 or less.

Glazer noted that state legislators have approved or introduced a range of bills recently to address housing affordability and availability, with the potential to help renters over time as more housing is eventually built.

His new bill, however, directs "relief to the monthly budgets of struggling renters," he said.

The final bill, SB 1305, would allow emergency responders to apply "mouth-to-snout" resuscitation — or other urgent care — to dogs or cat in immediate need without fear of criminal or civil action.

It is currently illegal for anyone

without a veterinary license to perform veterinary medicine in California, meaning firefighters and paramedics are not permitted to provide basic first aid to dogs and cats rescued from emergency situations, according to Glazer's office.

The new bill, which has bipartisan support, would change that.

The proposed legislation would make it so a first responder or their employer would not be liable for civil damages or criminal prosecution if they rendered pre-veterinary emergency care to an injured dog or cat at the scene of an emergency — care that could mean the difference between life and death.

"Any first responder who puts mouth to snout to save a poor pooch's or kitty's life deserves only high praise and encouragement," Glazer said. "Our pets are so important to us, that we all would appreciate any effort to save them in an emergency. We should reward, not punish, those who protect our pets." ■

HOUSING

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units called for by their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) — which quantifies each local jurisdiction's "fair share" of the statewide housing need.

Eligible apartment or condo projects would need only staff-level approval within months, and without a full public consideration process, full environmental review or being subject to a referendum, Beaudin said.

To qualify, a developer's project must meet specific criteria, including the site being residentially zoned and surrounded by development on at least 75% of its borders. It also can't be in environmentally sensitive areas, the developer must pay prevailing wages to construction workers and 10% to 50% of the units must be low-income affordable — 50% in Pleasanton's

case short-term, Beaudin said.

"So you're telling us that in our city, it would have to be 50% affordable ... and also you'd have to pay prevailing wage," Mayor Jerry Thorne said, with a chuckle, to confirm city staff's conclusion that a streamlined project is highly unlikely in the short-term.

Given the requirements, city staff thinks only five high-density sites in Pleasanton's Housing Element site inventory are currently eligible for streamlined processing, though no proposals are on the table.

The locations are the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton parking lot on Owens Drive, Stoneridge Shopping Center, the vacant Roche property at 4300 Hacienda Drive, the vacant Kaiser site at 5600 Stoneridge Mall Road and the Sheraton/Marriott hotel site at 5990 Stoneridge Mall Road.

Pleasanton's east side would not qualify under SB 35 in the short-term because the site is not surrounded by

other development and could be environmentally sensitive, Beaudin said.

But the impacts of SB 35 could really start being felt after the city's Housing Element update in 2023, which will incorporate new RHNA mandates, including new marks for total housing and affordable units that will need to be generated in Pleasanton over the following eight years, he added.

SB 166 targets affordable housing requirements for new residential projects across individual cities.

Prior state law included "no net loss" provisions, which allowed cities to "down-zone" a site or approve projects with less density than specified in the city's adopted Housing Element as long as adequate alternative housing sites in the city existed, Beaudin said.

The new legislation requires cities to demonstrate those findings not only for total housing numbers,

but also for different affordability income categories identified for the site in the Housing Element inventory, Beaudin said. That means if an apartment project comes forward with fewer affordable units than designated for the site, the city would need to rezone other sites as replacement locations for high-density housing.

SB 166 is another bill that isn't expected to have much impact during the current RHNA cycle, but that could change when the numbers are updated in four years, according to Beaudin.

And AB 1397 stipulates that potential housing sites must have a realistic capacity to accommodate new development, and it prohibits repeating proposed housing sites in the city's inventory for more than two RHNA cycles, Beaudin said. That means the five aforementioned high-density potential sites might have to

be removed from the 2023 Housing Element and new sites identified.

Beaudin said city officials would monitor the forthcoming new Department of Housing and Community Development regulations while also working to prepare for the 2023 Housing Element update and potential review of the city's land-use policies and standards.

They also plan to watch for new legislative proposals from Sacramento.

Among the new housing bills already introduced early in 2018 is SB 827 from Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), which would eliminate discretionary review of projects around transit stations and transit corridors and institute no density limits, no parking requirements and building heights of 55 to 85 feet tall for those projects — a proposal council members bristled at Tuesday night. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Reported Foothill threat was actually directed at different school

Pleasanton's Foothill High School was searched by police and cleared of danger last Friday morning after a phone call alerting authorities to a threatening social media post was soon determined to have actually pertained to a different Foothill High School.

"While this turned out not to be a local threat, we're grateful to the PPD and commend school administrators and front office staff for their quick response. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we take these situations very seriously," Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon said.

In a week when school safety is on minds across the country (following the Valentine's Day mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., during which 17 people

were killed), the situation unfolded in Pleasanton around 8:45 a.m. Friday.

Foothill High received an anonymous phone call regarding a Snapchat post that allegedly showed bullets on campus, according to Gannon.

School officials immediately called Pleasanton police, who responded, searched the Foothill Road campus and found no immediate threat, Gannon said.

Upon further investigation, Gannon said, authorities determined the Snapchat post and tip call actually related to Foothill High School in Bakersfield.

23ABC News Bakersfield reported on Friday that their community's Foothill High had an increased police presence after bullets were found in a bathroom sink at that campus.

Meanwhile in Pleasanton, Foothill principal Sebastian Bull sent an email to parents later Friday morning alerting them to the investigation and determination the threat wasn't directed to the Pleasanton school.

He said students and families should reach out to school staff and counselors for support if needed Friday.

"We encourage you to speak with your students regarding responsible use of social media and the real consequences that can result from its misuse," Bull added. "It also continues to be important that if you or your child(ren) view any similar posts regarding any alleged threat, to report it to the Police Department and/or a school administrator."

In other news

- Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced this week that her office has identified approximately 5,900 criminal cases related to marijuana offenses that are now eligible for dismissal or reversal in the wake of marijuana legalization under Proposition 64.

After Prop 64 was passed by California voters in November 2016, O'Malley's office established a policy, protocol, and a process to redesignate and dismiss prior cannabis-related convictions.

"California is offering a second chance to people convicted of

cannabis crimes, from felonies to small infractions, with the opportunity to have their criminal records cleared," O'Malley said in a statement Tuesday. "We join our state officials and intend to reverse decades of cannabis convictions that can be a barrier for people to gain meaningful employment."

Just over 600 petitions to overturn cannabis-related felony or misdemeanor convictions were granted in Alameda County Superior Court between November 2016 and Dec. 31, 2017, according to O'Malley's office.

County prosecutors have been handling such petitions on a weekly basis since Prop 64 was passed, and they continue to work to identify the remaining people whose cases are eligible for review, according to the DA's office.

O'Malley's protocol for cannabis cases is up on her office's website, www.alcoda.org. Anybody who thinks their criminal case might qualify for redesignation, dismissal and/or sealing can email CannabisDismissal@acgov.org.

- The undocumented Mexican immigrant who was acquitted of state charges of murdering

Pleasanton native Kate Steinle on a San Francisco pier pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court last week to two federal gun charges.

Jose Ines Garcia Zarate is accused of being an ex-felon in possession of a gun and being an undocumented person in possession of a gun at the time of the shooting of Steinle on July 1, 2015. He was charged in state court with murder for Steinle's death but acquitted of those charges by a San Francisco jury late last year.

Garcia Zarate entered the plea before U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria in San Francisco through defense attorney Maria Belyi.

His next court appearance will be a hearing before Chhabria on April 24 on a motion by Belyi and fellow defense attorney Tony Serra for dismissal of one of the two charges. The motion contends that the two counts are redundant because they both refer to the same alleged offense of gun possession.

Belyi also told the judge that the defense plans to file an additional motion seeking dismissal of the case on the grounds that it is vindictive prosecution. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 18

Missing person report

■ 8:22 p.m. on Hansen Drive

Vandalism

■ 6:27 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 1:25 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft
■ 3:50 p.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
■ 6:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

■ 8:38 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive

Feb. 17

Trespass/prowling

■ 10:37 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Alcohol violation

■ 3:28 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Burglary

■ 7:18 a.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Theft

■ 1:52 a.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
■ 8:49 a.m., 5100 block of Case Avenue; auto theft

Drug violation

■ 1:36 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Feb. 16

Drug violation

■ 2:57 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Fraud

■ 2:40 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 1:27 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 1:38 p.m. on the 600 block of Division Street

Alcohol violation

■ 2:38 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Feb. 15

Burglary

■ 6:49 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Alcohol violation

■ 9:51 a.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

Theft

■ 12:31 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 5:19 a.m. on the 100 block of Birch Creek Terrace

■ 8:36 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 9:55 a.m. on Vintage Circle; theft from auto

■ 11:12 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft

Fraud

■ 7:48 a.m. on the 4700 block of Sutter Gate Avenue

Child abuse

■ 2:48 p.m. on Owens Drive

Feb. 14

Burglary

■ 5:57 p.m. on Vintage Circle

Theft

■ 11:33 a.m. on the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

■ 12:11 p.m. on the 4200 block of Churchill Drive

■ 3:30 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 4:37 p.m. on the 6800 block of Via Quito

■ 5:07 p.m., 500 block of Kottinger Drive; theft from auto

■ 6:54 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

■ 5:31 p.m. on the 2400 block of Via De Los Milagros

Sex offense

■ 1:22 p.m. on Sonoma Drive

Burglary

■ 2:39 p.m. on the 2600 block of Minton Court

Assault/battery

■ 10:17 a.m. on the 3100 block of Washoe Way

Alcohol violation

■ 6:40 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Feb. 13

Burglary

■ 10:42 p.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

Domestic battery

■ 12:35 a.m. on Valley View Court
■ 9:54 p.m. on Vintage Circle

Theft

■ 7:28 a.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft of bicycle

■ 10:46 a.m., 400 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto

■ 8:04 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

Shoplifting

■ 11:57 a.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 12:27 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 2:41 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 2:50 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:13 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:11 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 7:19 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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Don't tune out; turn out for the June 5 primary

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, voter turnout in the June primaries hit an all-time low in non-presidential primary year of 2014. Lack of interest and time constraints were the top two reasons given by registered voters who said they do not always vote.

Absentee balloting makes the lack of time excuse a non-starter. Lack of interest? Not being interested in who is representing your interests in the federal, state, county or local board is flat-out negligence.

Every eligible voter should be engaged and understand the offices and the candidates they're voting for; that includes the local lower-visibility offices like, for example, the state Board of Equalization.

The filing period is underway for the June 5 statewide primary election, which could involve many races for Alameda County representatives.

U.S. Congressional District 15, which includes Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon in the Tri-Valley, is currently represented by Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), who will seek re-election. Swalwell was first elected in 2012 when he defeated incumbent Pete Stark.

The term for state Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) is also ending and she is running for third straight term. At least two Democrats have already declared their intent to unseat Baker.

Of course there are high-visibility state offices on the ballot, too, such as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer and Attorney General. These will get a lot of attention from media and residents.

Local elections, though — like those on the county level and offices with less visibility — are just as important, if not more. It's these positions that have an impact on everyday life.

The terms for four of the seven members on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors end in June. Zone 7 is responsible supplying water and providing flood control to Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. That's a pretty important factor in our day-to-day existence.

Currently only three candidates have filed paperwork to run in this election: Dennis Gambis and incumbents Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens.

On the county level, the Alameda County District Attorney race will be competitive. Current County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, who has had the job for eight years, will have to compete in the June 5 primary to defend her seat against challengers Pamela Price and Frederick Remer. If O'Malley (or a challenger) receives more than 50% of the vote in the June primary, they will win the seat outright in June. Otherwise a runoff between the top two vote-getting candidates will take place in November.

The terms of several other high-level county officials are also ending including: Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Karen Monroe, Sheriff-Coroner Gregory J. Ahern, Assessor Ron Thomsen, Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Steve Manning and Treasurer-Tax Collector Henry C. Levy.

County Supervisor Nate Miley, who represents Pleasanton, is not up for election this year, but two of his board colleagues are.

The term for Pleasanton's representative on the Alameda County Board of Education is also ending. Trustee Yvonne Cerrato is currently the trustee for District 7, which includes Pleasanton, Livermore and the eastern portion of Dublin.

The term for Alameda County's representative on the California Board of Equalization is up, too. While this post is a lesser-known state office, it is nonetheless an important one. Many people are unaware of this board, which is comprised of five members. Four members represent districts of approximately 9.5 million people; the fifth member is the State Controller, who is elected statewide. These are the people responsible for ensuring county assessors are in compliance with property tax laws, regulations, and assessment issues.

Be honest: Did you know the county superintendent of schools is elected? Did you know how many members there are on the Zone 7 board?

Please fulfill your civic responsibility by being educated, engaged and by voting in the primary and the general elections.

Or become a candidate. The nomination period ends at 5 p.m. March 9, with an extension to March 14 for any seat for which an incumbent officeholder does not file. ■

LETTERS

StopTop2 petition

Dear Editor,

Do you have a choice in California?

The definition of autocracy/fascism is the bundling of people to be controlled by one group.

When Prop 14 was passed in 2010 with deceptive language, the choice of the voter was taken away. Prop 14 states only the top two candidates in the primary election go on to the general election ballot, regardless of party.

This carefully crafted scheme creates a one-party government. Everyone else has no voice-no choice.

Join the StopTop2 petition campaign and help correct this injustice to our voting system and to the people of this state. Visit StopTop2.com for more information and to download a petition. Consider gathering other signatures. Send signed petitions to StopTop2, P.O. Box 1901, Pleasanton, CA 94566 by April 16.

—Phyllis Couper

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For additional information contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

P17-0907, Robert Lyman for Dennis Winslow
Workshop to review and receive comments on a Design Review application to construct an approximately 3,841-square-foot, two-story, two-unit apartment building behind the existing residence (to remain) at 4722 Harrison Street.

P17-0922, Diane McIntyre, Appellant; Alex Faber, Applicant
Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an Administrative Design Review application to construct an approximately 1,161-square-foot first- and second-story addition and 211-square-foot garage addition to an existing residence located at 588 E. Angela Street.

P17-0766/P17-0783, Don and Noel Anger, Appellants; Erich Pfuehler and Sara Barth, Applicants
Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an Administrative Design Review application to construct an approximately 665-square-foot, single-story addition to include a new Accessory Dwelling Unit, and an approximately 426-square-foot second-story addition with 77-square-foot terrace to the rear of the existing residence located at 565 St. Mary Street.

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee
Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Trails Master Plan Update

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Amador boys win EBAL basketball title

Dons win NCS opener, set up rematch with Dublin

What a week it was for the Amador Valley boys basketball team.

The Dons started their week with Senior Night on Feb. 13, hosting crosstown rival Foothill.

The game was slow moving through most of the first three quarters, with the Falcons leading 33-22 about midway through the third. But at that point, the Dons flipped the defensive switch, holding Foothill to just two points the rest of the game, coming away with the 45-35 win.

KC Tompkins led the scoring with 12 points for Amador. Tommy Kramer and Demetrius Williams had nine each, with Mitch Benson (seven), Jaden Sheppard (six) and Mitch Lawrence (two) rounding out the scoring.

The win advanced the Dons into the East Bay Athletic League playoffs and a first-round date with De La Salle. Once again, the

senior-laden Dons pulled off the win, knocking off the Spartans 57-55.

With the score tied at 55-55 and time running down, Kramer got the ball inside to Tompkins, who scored with two seconds left to give the Dons the win. Kramer led the way with 24 points for the Dons.

The victory sent the Dons into the EBAL title game on Saturday at top-seeded Dublin. It was another thriller, with the Dons coming away with a 69-68 win to stun the Gaels. Williams had 17 points, with Tompkins adding 14 and Kramer knocking home 13.

The Dons rode the wave into the North Coast Section tournament Tuesday, defeating James Logan 52-41. Next up for Amador is a rematch with the Gaels in Dublin tonight for a spot in the NCS semis.



CINDY LAWRENCE

The Amador Valley boys basketball team celebrates after upsetting top-seeded Dublin to win the EBAL title last weekend.

Foothill girls soccer

The Falcons entered the NCS tournament as the No. 2 seed and won a pair of games last week.

In the wacky brackets of NCS, the Falcons had to go on the road to No. 15 seed James Logan in the first round. Undaunted, Foothill blasted Logan 4-0.

After a scoreless first half, Foothill blew the game open. Allison Casey started the scoring with a strong shot from distance, followed by Audriana Templeman's finish from close range. Taylor Noval and Allie Marzocco got the final two goals for Foothill.

The win sent the Falcons into a quarterfinal game with Clayton Valley.

It was a much tighter game than the first round, with the Falcons pulling out the 1-0 win.

The season-long formula for the

Falcons was on full display against Clayton Valley, with a stout defense and opportunistic attack. Even though Foothill controlled much of the play, a first-half goal from Allison Casey was the only score the Falcons could muster.

A missed penalty-kick in the first half and several other quality scoring chances came up short leaving the Falcons with another nail-biting win — this time to clinch a spot in the NCS semifinals.

Foothill was scheduled to host No. 3 seed Carondelet in the semis Wednesday night at 7 p.m., with results pending as of press time.

Amador tennis

The Dons found a lot of success early in their game last week, downing De La Salle 8-1.

Casey Guan, Eswar Ramineri,

Vedhant Kaliyur, Pranav Praveen and David Alber all posted straight set wins in the singles matches. Ben Deriquito turned in a valiant effort but dropped his match at the No. 1 singles.

In doubles, the teams of Dario Tommasini-Nithilan Muruganandham, Sankalp Sharma-Vishesh Pithadiva and Manas Aavula-Jae-wook Lee all posted straight-set wins over the Spartans teams.

The Dons' doubles teams only lost four games total in their matches.

Amador JV girls soccer

The Dons finished their season with a 0-0 final against Foothill, leaving the team with a 12-3-5 final mark for first-year junior varsity coach Laura Burton, a former Amador player. ■

Lady Blue Devils capture gold, silver medals in San Jose

10U team wins another title; 12U squad earns hard-fought second place

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Lady Blue Devils — the Tri-Valley's all-girls ice hockey club — competed in several age groups at MLK Girls/Women's Ice Hockey Tournament in San Jose and returned home with one championship title and a silver medal.

Leading the way as the Lady Blue Devils 10U team, which swept through its division to earn their second championship of the season and the Best of the West Cup.

The Lady Blue Devils 12U team battled through a tough A division to clinch their first-ever runner-up finish and take the silver medal.

The club's players also starred individually, with Lady Blue Devils finishing as point leaders in all other divisions at the tournament held over the Martin Luther King Jr Day holiday weekend. That included Cali Byrd leading the 10U-B Division with seven points (four goals, three assists) and Isabella Herbek with 10 points (seven goals and three assists) to lead the 14U-A Division.

"I was pleased to see our players

evolve their teamwork and passing skills which were critical to the team's success," club director and head coach Alex Kaplenko said in a statement. "Lady Blue Devils teams were competitive in all their games. Their achievements are indeed results of strong team play and effort by everyone on the team."

For the championship-winning 10U team, the tournament featured five consecutive victories, including beating the Anaheim Lady Ducks 3-2 in the finale.

That marked the second title for the young girls who earlier in the season posted the Lady Blue Devils program's first-ever championship — at the 2017 Lady Ducks Fall Classic in Southern California over Thanksgiving weekend.

For the 12U team, the San Jose tournament last month marked a hard-fought run to the team's first ever championship game.

Tri-Valley advanced out of round-robin play with a 5-2 win over the San Jose Jr. Sharks on the strength of Riley Jiang's hat trick and two goals from Hannah Statham.

That set up a rematch in the semifinal with the San Diego Jr. Gulls, who beat the Lady Blue Devils 2-1 during group play. And Tri-Valley would get their revenge, in thrilling comeback fashion.

San Diego held a 2-0 lead entering the third period, but Tri-Valley fought back with goals from Jiang, Statham and Raquel Soltis to knot the game at 3-3 at the end of regulation. The semifinal went to a shootout, where goaltender Sejal Patel shined and Statham ultimately won the game in the sixth round with a sneaky backhand deke.

The victory propelled the Lady Blue Devils into the championship game against the undefeated Portland Jr. Winterhawks. Statham got Tri-Valley on the board first, but Portland used a heavy third-period surge to win the gold medal.

Jiang led the division with nine points (five goals and four assists), with Statham tallying five goals and Patel finishing as the division's No. 2 goalie.

"This tournament was undoubtedly special for the team and it was



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The Lady Blue Devils 10U team were again No. 1 after winning the MLK Girls/Women's Ice Hockey Tournament in San Jose.

amazing to see all their hard work pay off," coach Leslie Wagley said. "Throughout the weekend, the girls were the embodiment of team spirit and sportsmanship. They improved in each game and never stopped pushing themselves yet continued laughing and smiling and supporting each other."

In addition to Jiang, Statham and Patel, the 12U team is comprised of Lauren Bergman, Desirae Borris, Alexa Brown, Cali Byrd, Adriana Fernandez, Andrea Fernandez, Jazlynn Jefferson, Amber Kaplenko, Soryn Kim, Cameron LeBow, Jasmyn Shane, Raquel Soltis, Lyla

Tichauer, Sofia Tichauer and Mia Wagley, with coaches Kaplenko, Wagley and Matthew Jefferson and team manager Amy Statham.

The championship 10U team featured Kayla Baumann-Norris, Cali Byrd, Kylie Crabb, Adriana Fernandez, Alexandra Fernandez, Andrea Fernandez, Natalia Frost, Jazlynn Jefferson, Amber Kaplenko, Cora Kerton, Anna Markova, Evie McFarlane, Sofia Tichauer, Madison Wingerd and Haley Woelkers. Assisting coach Kaplenko were Matthew Jefferson, Reto Baumann, Derek Kerton and Nick Byrd. ■

BUILDING A BRIDGE

New Tri-Valley Asian Association hopes to help new immigrants raise their voices

By ERIKA ALVERO

Sylvia Tian wants to be a “bridge” for new Asian immigrants in Pleasanton. To build a platform for them to become active community members and have their voices heard.

And she and 10 companions hope to turn that goal into a reality through the newly founded Tri-Valley Asian Association.

“We help the community a lot,” she said of the city’s Asian residents. “But also at the same time, we want to voice out, say what is not right, we need to change, we need to improve.”

Tian has lived in Pleasanton for six years and works as a Realtor, after spending more than a decade as a news reporter in Los Angeles and China.

She serves on the city’s Economic Vitality Committee and the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Local Control Advisory Committee — she’s not an invisible presence. And through her new role as president of TVAA, Tian plans to encourage other Asian immigrants to join her in participating.

The nonprofit is in its infancy, with its grand opening taking place just a month ago. They have already stepped into the community spotlight since then, though, by publicly opposing proposed math class changes in the PUSD.

Currently, all of their members are Chinese-American, but they would like to bring in others too — in the short-term they are looking to expand to other Asian demographics and in the long-term, incorporate

other immigrant communities as well.

“I want to help new immigrants to know our society, and also help our society to accept the new immigrants,” said Ying Ma, another TVAA board member. “We want to be the bridge for both sides, to know each other and understand each other. I want to do this, based on my experience.”

The organization has roots in another collective: the Pleasanton Parents Association (PPA), a group of Asian parents in PUSD who discuss school and education-related issues among themselves primarily through WeChat, a Chinese messaging phone application. They have existed since 2015, and currently consist of over 450 members.

But early last year, some of their members took on more of an advocacy role, in response to a new enrollment form implemented at the state level.

The form asked parents to mark whether their child’s ethnicity was or wasn’t Hispanic or Latino, and then went on to direct parents to select a race for their child. Of the racial categories, nine boxes referred to specific Asian nationalities, five to Pacific Islander groups and one box each was designated for American Indian or Alaskan Native, Filipino/Filipino American, African American or black, and white or Caucasian.

Several parents felt that Asians were being unfairly targeted or “subgrouped.”

“Both of my sons were born and raised here in California,” Tian said.



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Several local officials attended the TVAA grand opening, including Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (center), seen here with Tian and Lucy Ye, another TVAA board member.



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Sylvia Tian, president of the Tri-Valley Asian Association, speaks at the organization’s grand-opening ceremony in January.

“They don’t think they’re Chinese, they always say, ‘I’m an American. But of course, I’m proud to be Chinese-American.’”

“But they are American,” she continued. “They have no connection to China at all. So why should I label them as Chinese in this context? It’s totally wrong. Chinese is me, it’s not them — they are American. And I respect their nationality and identity.”

PUSD board member Jamie Yee Hintzke is the only elected official of Asian descent in Pleasanton, and one of the few Asian-Americans ever to hold elected office in the greater Tri-Valley. While she said that the school board was only following state law with the enrollment form, she understood how the parents felt.

“It feels like they’re being segregated,” she said, adding that some of

the parents coming out of the Chinese cultural revolution in the 1960s and ‘70s said the form was reminiscent of those they had been forced to fill out in their homeland, forms that dictated how they were treated under “stringent Chinese rule.”

Tian added that many of the Asian countries separated out in the form actually shared a great deal culturally and linguistically, in contrast to European countries. So, she asked, why should Americans of European descent share only one box?

Some friends suggested that she establish a nonprofit, in order to make their platform more formalized and to get their voice heard in the “mainstream.”

And thus was born the concept of the Tri-Valley Asian Association.

“I think previously Chinese

parents were a silent community,” said Grace Li, another TVAA board member, who moved to the U.S. with her family from China three years ago. “We talked in Chinese, we talked in WeChat, but nobody outside heard our voice.”

While TVAA members do maintain cultural traditions with their families and friends — such as celebrating the Lunar New Year last week — as an organization they are focused on advocacy rather than on hosting cultural events.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that residents who identify as Asian alone consist of 30% of Pleasanton’s population — a 7% increase from the latest Census count in 2010.

The percentage of Asian students in PUSD, as of October 2017, is just shy of 41%. That represents a 10% increase over 2012, according to



TVAA gathers with friends, family and local officials for a “thumbs up” shot to usher in the organization’s founding.



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The band "7 PM," comprised of Tri-Valley high school students, performed at the grand opening.



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Pleasanton parents also engaged in discussions with TVAA leaders and local elected officials last month. Education has so far been a focal point for the young organization.

district officials.

Establishing as a nonprofit is a hefty, paperwork-heavy process, and hiring someone to take on that task would cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000, TVAA board members said. One of their board members, Chong Wang, took up the mantle himself.

"For me, I'm trying to save money for everyone," Wang said, now the secretary of TVAA. "That's the reason I spend my time to process the paperwork, which takes a huge amount of time, a huge learning curve. If you think about it, (you're constructing) a company."

They officially announced their formation with a grand-opening ceremony on Jan. 20, an event attended by a handful of local officials and a few dozen families and accompanied by a potluck.

"I am committed to increasing the diversity and representation on our commissions and committees, and we have seen changes there, though things are always slower than we might want," Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said in remarks during the ceremony. "But more now than ever, I believe that we need to say in

a loud, clear voice that we embrace diversity in our community and we all benefit from the many different cultures we now see in Pleasanton."

"From the opening of Pacific Pearl (shopping center) to the growing number of Asians who are choosing to make Pleasanton their home for all the reasons I made it mine so many years ago, we celebrate you and look forward to bridging our cultures," he added.

PUSD Superintendent David Hagglund, school board president Mark Miller, local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum were also present.

"The Tri-Valley Asian Association is a welcome addition to our community, promoting not only culture but also our shared values," Baker said in an email. "I look forward to the contributions and leadership TVAA will make."

Now that they are established, TVAA are looking to grow their organization beyond the current 11 board members. They don't have a formal office space, instead making decisions and communicating via WeChat.

They are planning on holding a variety of workshops, including English classes and job presentations, in order for their children to see the different career options available.

It can be difficult for many new immigrants to feel comfortable voicing their opinions in public settings, in new systems and in unfamiliar political terrain. Not to mention language differences. Cultural norms also differ greatly, Tian said.

"A lot of Asians are so shy," she said. "They're not used to standing in the spotlight or standing on the stage, to say whatever. As a tradition (culturally), we think modesty is the value, not saying anything is the value. In America, it's totally different."

"We're learning," she added. "It's opposite from how we're trained."

For Hintzke, any chance for parents to become more comfortable being civically engaged in the community is a welcome sight. "We need the different viewpoints and perspectives," she said.

Most recently, TVAA came out publicly against a recent PUSD proposal that considered the phasing

out of an accelerated middle school math program, which allows students to complete math 6/7 in sixth grade, math 8/algebra in seventh grade and honors geometry in eighth.

Tian and Li noted that their mini-campaign, which included turnout at the Jan. 30 school board meeting, had gained traction and support from the larger parent community.

"It's not only Asian parents that care about education," Li said. "Many others, a lot have the same opinion with us."

"Our school board greatly values input from the community, and groups like TVAA provide an excellent forum to collect and present constructive input from important constituencies," Miller said in an email. "Most recently, their feedback on our math pathways provided us with valuable input to help in shaping district direction."

And through their efforts, TVAA hopes to dispel misconceptions about Asians in Pleasanton — especially when others say that they don't contribute or participate enough. This especially frustrates Tian and her friends, as they feel that the

Asian community often does lend a hand, in particular pointing to significant donations PPA members have made in the past.

Even some of the more positive-seeming stereotypes can have negative connotations, TVAA members said, like when they are asked if their children are successful academically because their parents "force them as a slave," Tian said.

"It's really a biased opinion," she said.

Many parents who have moved here from China are highly educated themselves, she noted. "And of course, they pass on the tradition and the knowledge themselves. They value education very much," she continued.

With a greater presence in community politics, TVAA hopes to address these stereotypes and misconceptions.

"We want to communicate with the community," Tian said. "Come to know us. Maybe we speak a different language, and that language is so hard to translate into English sometimes, so you don't understand what I'm saying. But come and get to know us." ■



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ERIKA ALVERO

Ye brought apples emblazoned with fortunes for her fellow TVAA board members in honor of the Chinese New Year last week.



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Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne speaks at the opening ceremony, expressing his commitment to "increasing the diversity and representation on our commissions and committees."

Divorce- proofing a young marriage

**'Hold on! Another stage is coming,'
says Pleasanton therapist, author**

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

James and Amy were new clients of marriage therapist Laura Taggart when they came to see her on a hot August day. They sat on opposite sides of the couch in her office.

"James oozed hostility — legs extended, arms crossed against his chest," Taggart recalled. "Amy curled into the couch corner as if to protect tender wounds."

When Taggart asked how they met, both became animated relating the beginnings of their love story.



Laura Taggart

Her next question was: "Where did things start to go wrong?"

James said Amy had become more demanding when his workload increased.

Amy said he left her alone a lot, not just to work but to go out with his friends.

"When I'd complain, he'd tell me I was trying to control him," she shared.

Hurt, she became critical and pulled away emotionally and physically.

James felt he couldn't do anything right and stayed away from home more.

Taggart has been a marriage therapist for 30 years, but their story made her sad, she remembered, because she'd noticed a rise in troubled young marriages during the previous five years. Also, the current statistic is that one-third of couples divorce before their 10th anniversary.

Falling in love is easy, Taggart noted — staying married for a long time is harder.

"But when a couple is willing to do their own personal work and take responsibility for the dance, it works," she said.

Taggart, a Pleasanton resident, is director of the marriage and family ministry at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, and last summer she released a book, "Making Love Last: Divorce-Proofing Your Young Marriage."

"The book does have a spiritual aspect, but it is written in such a way that anyone could glean a lot even if they are not religious," she said. "I am hoping couples can use it to find hope and healing. There are issues that are causing them to stumble."

Taggart, a trauma specialist, said at this point three-quarters of her caseload is couples.

"Young couples today are used to quicker answers," she said. "I am hoping to encourage couples to see that even though they might be in a disillusionment period, hold on, another stage is coming."

Couples in love focus on what they have in common, she noted, but after entering the commitment of marriage, their differences surface.

"The people who cross my threshold all have wounds from childhood," she said. "Oftentimes we get to marriage, and marriage is so intimate that it triggers early childhood wounds. Our mate has access to the most vulnerable parts of ourselves."

In the case of James and Amy, he came

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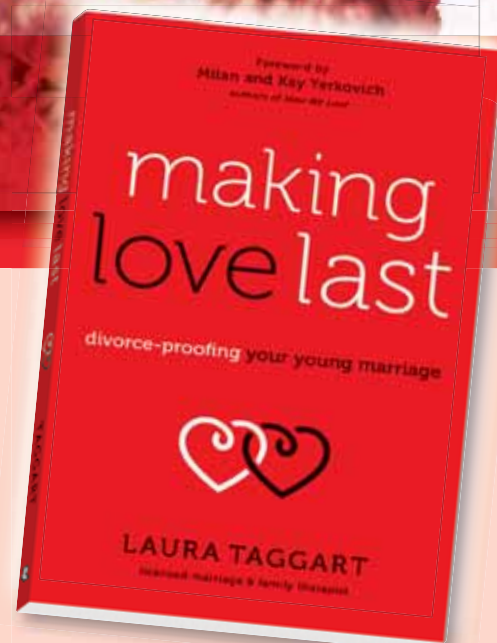
Laura Taggart,
Pleasanton author

from a family that tolerated clutter and he never knew which parent would drive him to school. But Amy was raised with clear expectations about chores, emphasizing order and cleanliness. She saw his casual attitude as laziness, and he rebelled at her efforts to change his behavior.

"Every couple has adjustments to make in marriage due to differences in family backgrounds," Taggart said. "They have idealized expectations, and disillusionment happens when expectations aren't met. They have a serious conflict and don't know what to make of it."

"I did survey of 264 young married couples," she added, "and what is most surprising, they all said, 'It is so much harder than I ever anticipated.' They also said they didn't realize they'd have such significant differences."

She noted that most couples have conflicting needs from day to day.



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Pleasanton's Laura Taggart, an author and marriage therapist, has penned a new book, "Making Love Last," designed to help young marriages thrive.

"Kids need to be fed. Baths to be done. Our needs come into conflict on an almost daily basis," she said.

Taggart hopes, with her counseling and her book, to make it less difficult.

Taggart was in high school when she became interested in the interplay of marriage, observing her parents' tempestuous relationship — and even helping them to overcome their difficulties.

"I could see that two good people could really fail to communicate with each other," she remembered. "I thought it was important to learn to do this better."

One thread throughout the book is the fact that marriage is the most transformational opportunity of people's lives. Spouses

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Film fest features Sammy Davis Jr.

Trailblazing entertainer faced controversial challenges

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The newly released documentary film, "Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. March 15 at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse in Livermore as part of the 23rd annual East Bay International Jewish Film Festival.

"Many of this year's films explore themes related to prejudice and societal marginalization," said film festival director Riva Gambert.

The Davis documentary, directed by Peabody Award-winning filmmaker Sam Pollard, explores not only Davis' relationship with the famed Rat Pack, but also the prejudice he faced as a black man who was a trailblazer from the

Depression era through the 1980s.

The film features rare photographs from Davis' personal collection, excerpts from his performances in television, film and concert, as well as interviews with Frank Sinatra, Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Harry Belafonte and Jerry Lewis.

Other films in the festival also depict racism, antisemitism and the Holocaust.

"Bullying, stereotyping and discrimination are just plain wrong," Gambert said. "We must do our own part in encouraging civility and tolerance."

"These films focus on the negative impact of narrow-mindedness and extremism on individuals from



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"Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me" is among the highlights of next month's East Bay International Jewish Film Festival in Livermore.

many different ethnicities, races and religions."

For more about the International Film Series of the East

Bay and to purchase tickets, visit eastbayjewishfilm.org or phone 240-3053. Festival-goers are encouraged to purchase tickets in

advance for this and other films. Vine Cinema & Alehouse is located at 1722 First St. in Livermore. ■



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Left: Friends Tree leaves are a lasting reminder of those who've contributed to the Senior Center. Right: Event speaker Richard Caro, co-founder of Tech-enhanced Life.

Senior Center celebrates Friends Tree

Speaker explores how to use wisdom of older adults

More than 125 seniors gathered at the Pleasanton Senior Center recently to celebrate the anniversary of the Friends Tree tribute program.

The event was sponsored by the Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center, a nonprofit group dedicated to enhancing its programs and services.

The Friends Tree is a beautifully designed work of art on permanent

display at the center, a lasting, visible reminder to all visitors of those individuals, businesses or organizations that have made significant donations to the center.

For contributions of \$250 or more, a leaf is added to the tree engraved with the donor's name.

The celebration included lunch and a talk by Richard Caro, co-founder of Tech-enhanced Life, who

spoke on dealing with aging and leveraging the wisdom of older adults to have a positive impact. Caro will be returning in March to introduce a new program called "Longevity Explorers."

For more information on contributing to the Friends Tree, go to www.seniorcenterfriends.org or contact the Senior Center at 931-5365. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

'Art of Peace' project

Dismantled firearms to become 'beacons of light'

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, in partnership with the Robby Poblete Foundation, has announced a project entitled "The Art of Peace — Alameda County."

This collaborative effort will engage local artists to create three-dimensional art pieces out of the remains of dismantled firearms.

"Gun violence continues to plague our communities. This project brings renewed awareness and attention to our ongoing efforts to end this crisis," O'Malley said.

"Over the past 30 years, the DA's Office has amassed over 1,000 firearms that were collected as evidence in criminal prosecutions. The time has come to turn these objects of violence into beacons of light."

Currently, there are more than

700 of those firearms due for destruction. Rather than incinerate them and emit pollution into the air, the DA's Office has engaged a licensed company to make the firearms inoperable and separate the parts. Selected local artists will now create art from the firearm pieces.

Alameda County-based artists are invited to participate in turning those gun parts into art work that reflects a message to end gun violence and create different and positive pathways for all.

Seven artists will be chosen for the projects, to result in commissions for six table-top size sculptures and one larger free-standing piece.

For more information, visit www.artofpeacealameda.com. ■

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Each chapter includes questions to discuss and others to ponder individually, so couples can read it and find hope for their marriage, Taggart said.

"The couples' questions are for those willing to dive in and do the work in their own relationship," she explained.

Also she knows of groups that meet in each other's homes to discuss the book, chapter by chapter.

"Making Love Last: Divorce-Proofing Your Young Marriage" is available at Towne Center Books and Amazon.com.

"Marriage is a marathon, not a sprint, and we have to be intentional," Taggart said. ■

YoungArts Foundation tags three Pleasanton teens

Program nurtures accomplished artists in many fields

Three Pleasanton high school students have been named by the National YoungArts Foundation as emerging artists.

The foundation identifies and nurtures the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts and assists them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development. YoungArts' signature program is its

application-based awards for emerging artists across the country ages 15-18 or in grades 10-12.

This year's group was selected from the most competitive pool of applications to date, according to organizers, and it represents artists from 47 states.

Three high school students from Pleasanton are among the 2018 National YoungArts winners:

- Helen Chen, Amador Valley High: Finalist in Design Arts.
- Solomon Alber, Amador, saxophone (tenor): Honorable Mention in Jazz.
- Arushi Avachat, Foothill High, selection from novel: Merit in Writing.

To learn more, visit www.youngarts.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Music

2018 FUNDRAISING CONCERT Play for PPIE, Sunday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. Admission is \$15. For tickets go to: playforppie.eventbrite.com

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Pleasanton Library is pleased to announce a Free Lunar New Year celebration for the Year of the Dog, Feb. 25, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 400 Old Bernal Ave. People of all ages are invited to come and learn about Asian cultures through traditional dance, music, and more, along with a demonstration of calligraphy.

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 p.m.-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.

Talks & Lectures

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS

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

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GARDEN CLUB

will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8, starting at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Visitors are welcome.

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. 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 from Trader Joe's. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Fundraisers

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.

Dance

COUNTRY WESTERN LINE DANCE Dust off your boots and come on down for an evening of line dancing. No partners needed. Sponsored by the National Charity League. Saturday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Food & Drink

CITY SERVE OF THE TRI-VALLEY Free, fresh produce and more on the third Thursday of each month, beginning Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m. -- 1 p.m. at Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave., Livermore. Information on CalFresh and MediCal enrollment will also be available. For information call 462-1755.

Seniors

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME' Are you new to Pleasanton or the Senior Center? Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. discover all the programs, classes, and services available to you, including 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. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

SENIOR MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups. We meet for lunch the first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Road, San Ramon. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Carl Churilo at 967-8177 or trivalleysir@gmail.com. Go to branch34.sirinc2.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS, MARCH FOR MEALS Spectrum Community Services joins Meals on Wheels programs across the country in the 16th Annual March for Meals Celebration, with an awareness event on March 2, 8:30-10 a.m., at 1119 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore, Life Style Rx Building. Spectrum staff and volunteers check on the safety and well-being of each of their Meals on Wheels recipients. Please reach out to Victoria at VCristobal@SpectrumCS.org to RSVP by Feb. 26 for a ride-along. For more information,

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Active Candy

Candy is a super-sweet girl in search of an active family. This 3-year-old American pit bull mix is eager to please and ready to go. You'll often find her with a toy (she loves to show off her toys), and she is also a great jogging buddy. Most importantly, she is looking for someone to love, and be loved in return. Think that might be you? Come meet her at the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. For more information, visit www.eastbayspca.org.

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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

1 CLOSET TEEN TO TEEN GIVING 1Closet is hosting an Eastbay Dressday providing teens with free prom attire on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4 at 1 p.m. in the Alamo Plaza Shopping Center. We need donations of prom dresses, accessories (jewelry and purses) and shoes, tuxedos, suits, shirts, ties and dress shoes for men. Donations can be delivered to Hyatt House at 4545 Chabot Road. They need volunteers and local business donations too. For more info, contact info.1.closet@gmail.com, www.1-closet.com.

2018 TEEN JOB AND CAREER FAIR Saturday, March 3, 1-4 p.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission is free to all teen job seekers and lunch will be provided. Tri-Valley teens ages 14 - 19. This event gives teens

the opportunity to meet with over 20 local employers, pick up applications, and apply for jobs. The event will also feature mock interviews, resume and interviewing workshops, and career panels. For more info, contact Nicole Thomas, recreation supervisor at 931-3432 or visit www.ptownlife.org/teen-job-fair.

Government Meetings

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave., cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the District Office Board Room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN TASK FORCE Next week's meeting is canceled. The task force's next meeting will be March 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m., 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 bikeways and trails, and promotes community education. Next meeting, Feb. 26, 6:45 p.m., 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton Senior Center. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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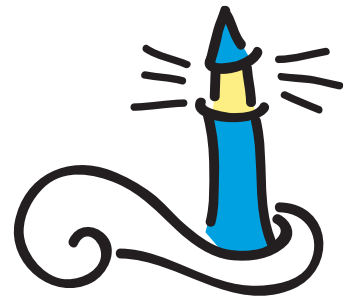
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Untamed Australia

Journalist-writer-photographer April Orcutt will present a slideshow about the untamed Northern Territory of Australia, at 2 p.m. this Sunday at Livermore's Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. At the free event, Orcutt will share stories about the remote city of Darwin and quirky Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. She will also cover Sydney and Australia's more accessible east coast, but the real fun is north with powerful crocodiles, cute wallabies, Aboriginal rock art and the water buffalo from the movie "Crocodile Dundee." The presentation is celebrating the library's "Livermore Reads Together" program.

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Winners Bingo
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 539699

The following persons doing business as: Winners Bingo, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owners: Padrino R. Lopez, Sr., 14629 Pueblo Dr., Manteca, CA 95336. This business is conducted by Padrino R. Lopez, Sr., and Debra J. Lopez, a married couple. Registrants began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 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. 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. 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 in 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., a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business names listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Katlyn Alegría, Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2018 Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2018.)

BENTOLICIOUS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 541036

The following person doing business as: BENTOLICIOUS, 4833 HOPPYARD ROAD, #E-2, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: HUNAN YUAN RESTAURANT, INC., 5231 MUIRWOOD DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by HUNAN YUAN RESTAURANT, INC., A CORPORATION. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: LEONARD HSU, MANAGER/ SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on FEBRUARY 7, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 2018.)

Bossy SF Entertainment
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 541337

The following person doing business as: Bossy SF Entertainment, 4507 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton, CA, 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marqui Martinez, 4507 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Marqui Martinez an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 15, 2018. Signature of Registrant, Marqui Martinez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 23, March 2, 9 and 16, 2018.)

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641 Martingale Court \$1,480,000
 Sat 1-4/Sun 12-3 Jennifer Branchini 463-9500

Dublin

5 BEDROOMS

5432 Crestridge Terrace \$1,475,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

7192 Newcastle Lane \$830,000
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

Fremont

4 BEDROOMS

41280 Vargas Road \$3,698,950
 Sat/Sun 1:30-5 Joseph Sabeh Jr. 415-385-6442

Livermore

4 BEDROOMS

3128 Hansen Road \$1,650,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Claudia Colwell 323-5031

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3274 Derby Court \$1,850,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

3140 Caramello Court \$798,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 463-9500

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784 East Angela Street \$1,200,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 463-9500

6570 Arlington Drive \$1,398,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 463-9500

5833 Hansen Drive Low \$1,100,000s
 Fri 10:30-1:30/Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

5397 Northway Road \$1,059,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

615 Romeo Court \$1,888,000
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

7426 Stonedale Drive \$809,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Stephany Jenkins 989-3318

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9302 Benzon Drive \$2,148,000
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Pleasanton (Jan. 2-22)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$497,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,160,000
Average sales reported: \$1,042,143

Dublin (Jan. 2-22)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$515,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,505,000
Average sales reported: \$937,800

Livermore (Jan. 2-22)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$560,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000
Average sales reported: \$851,515

San Ramon (Jan. 17-29)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$372,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,976,000
Average sales reported: \$1,060,840

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 2-22.

Pleasanton

- 6474 Alvord Way** Boring Trust to Y. Fu for \$755,000
- 4474 Bacon Court** B. & V. Snow to M. Fu for \$990,000
- 3849 Brockton Drive** B. Liddell to F. Wang for \$528,000
- 680 Concord Place** C. Hunrick to S. Mitra for \$570,000
- 5904 Corte Espada** W. Benner to P. Kumarasamy for \$1,144,500
- 4103 Graham Street** Lion Share Investments to E. & E. Lofgren for \$940,000
- 7472 Hillsdale Drive** Mccoy Trust to K. & H. Smalley for \$1,165,000
- 1618 Holly Circle** H. Cheng to W. Yang for \$907,000
- 4629 Jefferson Court** Tiemeyer Trust to H. Javed for \$855,000
- 3617 Kamp Drive** Lunning Trust to M. & B. Wainwright for \$927,000
- 3276 Monmouth Court** Sylvan Investments to Y. Lui for \$1,170,000
- 2216 Segundo Court #1** B. & R. Doorlag to G. Lui for \$497,000
- 228 Spring Street** J. & K. Johal to N. & J. Sollom for \$892,500
- 1035 Sycamore Creek Way** H. Dhillon to J. & H. Choi for \$1,800,000
- 1493 Trimmingham Drive** Defillo Trust to K. Das for \$750,000
- 6882 Via Quito** C. VanderMiller to P. Sanyal for \$1,050,000
- 3733 Angus Way** Myers Trust to D. & K. Tan for \$1,150,000
- 2455 Bay Meadows Circle** Cordero Trust to K. & L. Chen for \$835,000
- 5774 Belleza Drive** J. Strelo to K. Begur for \$710,000
- 1801 Crestline Road** J. & J. Silva to A. Balodi for \$730,000
- 819 Genevieve Place** Montez Trust to B. & A. Mikolaitis for \$1,620,000
- 4129 Grant Court** Sabhlok Trust to E. Brown for \$2,160,000
- 7589 Highland Oaks Drive** B. Mikolaitis to E. Bang for \$1,220,000
- 5775 Johnston Road** N. & M. McClelland to A. Sultan for \$1,300,000
- 3375 Morgan Court** C. Fitzmaurice to M. Amidi for \$1,260,000
- 2338 Willet Way** Williamson Trust to P. Fu for \$1,472,000
- 3503 Zenith Way** Ponderosa Homes to A. Vasilyev for \$1,062,000
- 4256 Zevanove Court** Zhang Trust to V. Kadiyala for \$720,000

Dublin

- 11374 Bloomington Way** J. Shafer to H. & J. Dennen for \$1,191,000
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Pleasanton Market Update - Hot hot hot!

Pleasanton, there are three words to describe the market right now, hot, hot, hot! If there's any slow down as a result of rising interest rates or uncertainty around the tax law, we're certainly not seeing it now. If we take a look at the Pleasanton market month to date, there are eight new listings under \$1 million, not much, it's hard to find single family homes under \$1 million in Pleasanton. There are eight new listings, which is down slightly from January, there are six pending, which is exactly the same as it was last month this time. The average sales price is \$639 a square foot, that's up 16%, that's for closed properties here, month to date in February. Six days on the market is the average days on...

Pleasanton Market Snapshot

February 20, 2018
Month to Date vs Last Month to Date
Single Family Homes

	Under \$ Million	\$1 Million - \$2 Million	\$2 Million Plus
New Listings	8 (down 11%)	32 (up 113%)	4 (Up 33%)
Pending Sales	6 (no change)	24 (Up 380%)	1 (No change)
AVG Days on Mkt Sold Properties	6 (down 25%)	5 (down 69%)	*
Avg \$ per Sq Ft Sold Properties	\$639 (Up 6.4%)	\$574 (Up 3%)	*
Sales price to List Price Ratio	105% (Down 5.4%)	104% (up 3%)	*

*No closed Sales in this price bracket month to date

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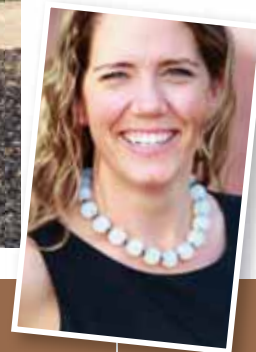
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Pending Sales in Pleasanton

- 7507 Driftwood Way - \$1,129,000
- 7857 Driftwood Way - \$938,000
- 340 E. Angela St. - \$799,000
- 7768 Creekside Dr. - \$779,000

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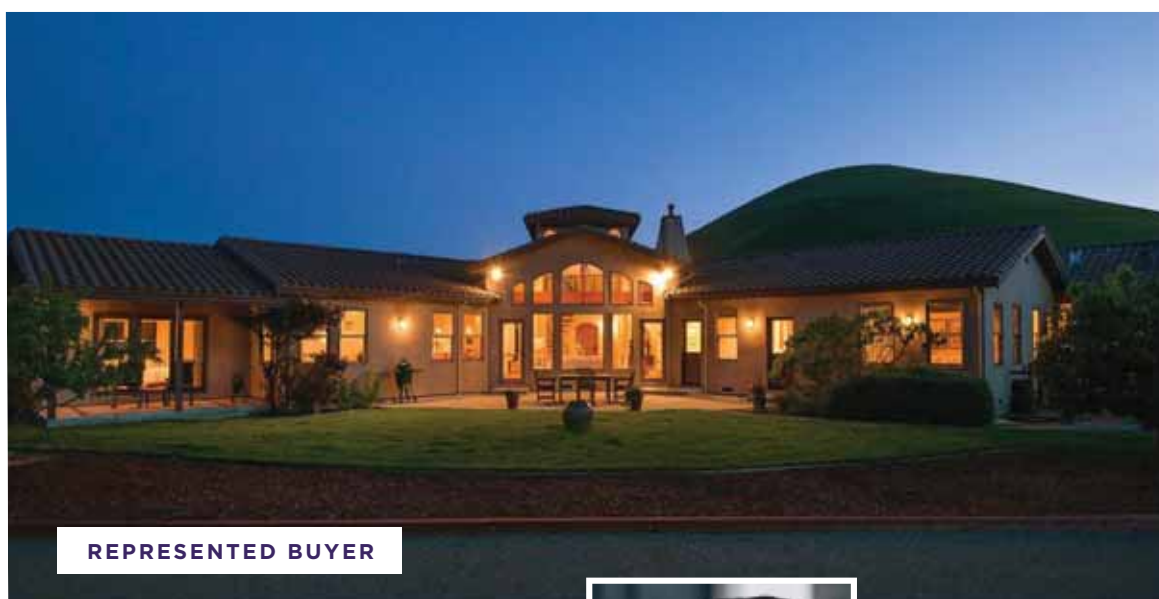
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