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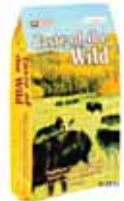
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Digital stalking for good

Growing up in Livermore, Kevin Adler loved his favorite uncle who wrestled with schizophrenia.

Mark was the guest of honor at family Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings despite struggling with mental illness. During his short life, he spent more than one period living on the streets. After Mark died at the age of 50, Kevin wanted to do something and launched Miracle Messages.

The nonprofit came about when Kevin visited with people living on the streets in San Francisco. He invited some to record a message to their family on his cellphone.

Utilizing social media, he then worked to find relatives and connect them with their loved one.

Speaking to the Barnabas Group of the Bay Area recently in Danville, the key question he asked himself was: "How would Jesus use a smartphone?"

He took a walk down San Francisco's Market Street in December 2014 with warm tea, hot biscuits and a simple question: "Do you have any family or friends you would like to record a message to for the holidays?"

When several people said yes, he recorded the messages and used social media to connect them with family and friends. That led him to found Miracle Messages with the key goal: to re-establish the social support system for people who have been living without one.

The lack of those social connections leaves people experiencing homelessness isolated and trapped in the loop of short-term programs that amount to bandages.

"They see themselves as worthless. Homelessness is not about housing — it's the loss of family and friends," Kevin said.

Kevin bootstrapped his organization until Miracle Messages received a grant from the Tipping Point Foundation. The nonprofit also has received corporate support from several companies and has ambitious goals.

To date, they have facilitated 100 reunions with 25 of the people now in stable housing and 90 receiving positive reactions. The goal is to reach 500 reunions by the end of 2018; 5,000 by 2019 and 50,000 by the end of 2020.

The stretch goal — worthy of a high-flying tech company — is 1 million connections by 2023.

Those goals are designed to serve people and drive down the costs. For the 100 connections, the expense was \$10,000 per individual. His goal is \$100 per connection.

Compare that with the \$40,000 to \$80,000 cities are spending annually per homeless person. Even at \$10,000, that's a bargain for taxpayers to say nothing about the huge victory for people who are reconnected with family and friends.

Those are ambitious goals that have a business focus — interestingly both Kevin and his operations director hold sociology degrees. I also hold that degree and have always considered it as one that is basically unemployable. (I already was working full-time at a newspaper when I went back to Cal to finish a degree and selected a major that I was interested in with no thought of employment — my view had not changed, until I met Kevin.)

Miracle Messages' core approach is first making face-to-face contact with a person on the streets and then moving to recording a message for their family with a cellphone.

Kevin is welcoming both volunteers who want to connect with people experiencing homelessness and those who want to be social media sleuths who search out potential connections for people who record messages.

"It's digital stalking for good," he said.

Kevin knows that some family relationships are broken beyond repair as well as connections with some former friends. In those situations, his organization will connect people with local organizations who can provide a social network.

For more information, visit www.miraclemessages.org. ■

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



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Pleasanton resident Nichelle Baviera (right) met her childhood pen pal Diana Harris for the first time last year. The pair spent time in New York, including this sight-seeing stop at the Top of the Rock overlooking Manhattan. Photo courtesy of Baviera. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XIX, Number 6

Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Did you follow the Winter Olympics?



Andrew Harpster
Bar back/college student

I did. But I was only able to tune in in earnest on Tuesday and Thursday nights, after work. I really enjoyed watching the alpine skiing events. I can only imagine how exhilarating it must have felt for the Olympians who actually participated in those events.



Gordy Lang
Soccer coach

Every chance I could. I really enjoyed watching both the men's and women's hockey, as well as all of the skiing and snowboarding events. And they did not disappoint.



Erin Parker
Bartender/sales

I didn't really have a chance to follow the Olympics. I'm just way too busy working two jobs to take time out to tune into anything that is discretionary as opposed to necessary.



Nick Cathcart
Chef

I have tuned into the Olympics in prior years. I love watching the half pipe and some of the other events where the skiers catch a ton of air. I did not follow this past Olympics though, as I was too busy with work. I basically live at my job.



Yvonne Chong *Electrical engineer*

I did follow the Olympics, and I was so disappointed. I always look forward to the ladies' figure skating events. The ladies made a pretty poor showing though, the men did, too, and I was really hoping the United States figure skating team would place better in the team competition. Oh well, I'll still be sure to tune in again in four years.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

PLAY for PPIE

Two nonprofits are teaming up this weekend to support Pleasanton public schools.

PLAY (short for Promote Leadership for Aspiring Youth) is spearheading the third annual Music Showcase Concert on Sunday at Harvest Park Middle School to raise funds for the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

The multicultural music showcase will begin at 5 p.m. with an "instrument petting zoo" sponsored by Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe to give curious children of all ages a hands-on experience with violin, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet, bell, snare drum and more.

The concert will follow from 6:30-8:30 p.m., featuring students from Northern California and state honor bands.

Tickets for the fundraising event cost \$15, with all proceeds going to PPIE. For more information, visit playforppie.eventbrite.com.

Gem Faire

The Gem Faire is returning to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton next weekend.

Arts and crafts exhibitors from all over the world will be onsite with a large selection of fine jewelry, crystals, gemstones, beads, minerals, fossils and more.

Jewelry repair, cleaning and ring-sizing service will be available as well. Attendees can also enter for a chance to win free door prizes, with drawings every hour throughout the weekend.

The Gem Faire begins next Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and continues through the weekend, with hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Sunday at the fairgrounds on Pleasanton Avenue.

Admission costs \$7, valid for the entire weekend. For more information, visit www.gemfaire.com, call 503-252-8300 or email info@gemfaire.com.

Family Fort Night

The Livermore Public Library will host a Family Fort Night from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 8, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Families with children of all ages are invited to the library to build blanket forts, make pretend campfires that really glow, and enjoy s'mores-style treats. Children will have the chance to read stories in their forts and play fun games.

Attendees are asked to bring a sheet or blanket and a flashlight. This is a free event sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library.

For further information, call 373-5504, or visit www.livermorelibrary.net. ■

School board reviews initial design for Lydiksen Elementary renovation

Enrollment data, MAP approval, policy updates, recognitions among other topics

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton school board discussed the conceptual design for the Lydiksen Elementary modernization project Tuesday night, a design that district officials said was created in collaboration with the school community and faculty.

Staff presented the design to the board at a 3-1/2-hour-long meeting, alongside the architects who won the bid for the project, Aedis Architects. The renovation, they say, will emphasize the natural beauty of the campus, create 21st century and collaborative classrooms and decrease nearby traffic congestion by adding

in a second student drop-off zone.

"When Lydiksen was designed, it was the 1960s, when most people walked or bused to school, so they had a shorter drop-off lane," said Nick Olsen, director of facilities and construction for the district. "And now everybody drives to school, and it backs up onto Foothill Road."

No action was taken on the design Tuesday night, with the board members receiving the presentation and then offering comments and questions. The design will return to the board for possible approval on March 13.

The Lydiksen Elementary rebuild

is among the projects included in the initial \$70 million Measure II bond issuance authorized by the board in August, with \$30 million earmarked for the Lydiksen project. About a third of that amount would go toward soft costs like pre-construction services and furniture while the rest would cover construction, according to staff.

A campus committee consisting of Lydiksen staff, parents and district staff worked with the architects to put together the conceptual design.

The proposed additional drop-off and parking space would be located alongside Sandalwood Drive, with

space for the addition taken out of the adjacent turf field.

In order to create more collaborative spaces, staff and Aedis Architects decreased the total number of regular TK-5 classrooms from 29 to 25, and added an extra 270 square feet for collaboration to classrooms for grades 1-5.

In their push to emphasize the "natural beauty" of the campus and surrounding areas, the conceptual design proposes an outdoor sort of "academic quad," along with a paved "symbolic arroyo" running through

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Remembering Dublin civic leader, Vice Mayor Don Biddle

Longtime resident served on City Council, school boards, nonprofits

By JEREMY WALSH

Dublin Vice Mayor Don Biddle, who was serving in his 10th year on the Dublin City Council, died last week after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 80.

A career engineer who spent decades giving back to the Dublin community through public service and nonprofit leadership, Biddle also previously sat on the Dublin Planning Commission for four years and before that served more than 12 years on local school boards.

"We are grieving the loss of our friend and colleague," Dublin Mayor David Haubert said in a statement last week after news of Biddle's death overnight Feb. 21.

"Don is in a class by himself," Haubert added. "He was an incredibly kind and giving person and served this community with distinction and integrity, not only as a member of the City Council but in so many ways that it is difficult to enumerate. My hope is that we will all honor Don by sharing positive stories and memories that shape his legacy."

Biddle had just begun serving his final year on the City Council due to term limits. Despite being set to be termed out this fall, Biddle in the past couple months found himself the target of a recall effort — along with Councilman Abe Gupta and school board member Dan Cunningham — from residents concerned about the impacts of continued development growth in Dublin.

Biddle listed among his proudest city accomplishments the creation of new Dublin public parks, supporting the new Valor Crossing affordable apartment complex for military members and veterans, helping Dublin pass a school facilities bond and serving on the Dublin Partners in Education,



CITY OF DUBLIN

Dublin Vice Mayor Don Biddle died Feb. 21 after battling cancer.

according to city officials.

The Dublin community remembered Biddle during a public celebration of life and community reception on Thursday.

"We have lost a great leader and a dear friend," Dublin Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez said last week. "Don was the epitome of a dedicated public servant. He was a part of our family, a fixture around City Hall and he had a profound and positive impact on our daily lives. We will miss him beyond words."

"It's a terrible loss for our community ... He was a true public servant, in every sense of the term," former Dublin

Mayor Tim Sbranti said of Biddle.

Sbranti, who was at the hospital where Biddle died Feb. 21, said his close friend and former council colleague had the kind of far-reaching and longstanding impact on Dublin that few, if any, have ever had in the city's history. But he will also be remembered for his "gentle nature, infectious smile, his approach and his demeanor; he was a unifier," Sbranti told the Weekly.

"He'll be missed, but his legacy will certainly live on," Sbranti said. "Anybody who knew him is a better person for having known him."

A Dublin resident since 1974 and a military veteran, Biddle joined the Dublin City Council in December 2008, appointed to fill the council seat left vacant when voters elevated Sbranti to mayor. Biddle was re-elected to full four-year terms in 2010 and 2014.

Among his council highlights was supporting the development of new Dublin city parks, including

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Community Service Award winners

Chamber's 55th annual ceremony taking place March 28

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has announced this year's recipients of its annual Community Service Awards ahead of the award ceremony taking place this month.

The program aims to recognize "deserving individuals, groups and businesses who have demonstrated excellence and community leadership in business, volunteer activities and achievement within the Pleasanton community," chamber officials said.

The winners will be honored during a ceremony March 28 at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

The 55th annual Community Service Awards will go to the following recipients:

- **Business Philanthropy: Gina Piper, Better Homes and Gardens Tri-Valley Realty.** "For businesses that have provided philanthropic service beyond the scope of normal business activity."

- **Excellence in Business: James Paxson, Hacienda.** "For businesses that have made a positive impact in the Pleasanton community through their achievement within the scope of normal business activity."

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Council confirms roadwork financing deal with Costco

Also: Sunflower Hill, 'Project Paint Box,' police equipment, I-680/Sunol Boulevard

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council last week approved a formal agreement with Costco that finalizes the broad term sheet council members endorsed last year outlining how to pay for road improvements around the Johnson Drive site the wholesale retail giant is eyeing for its third Tri-Valley warehouse store.

City leaders hope Costco will anchor a future commercial center in the newly formed, 40-acre Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ), southeast of the interchange of interstates 580 and 680.

But Costco and other new retail uses in the area will come with significant traffic increases, which left city officials figuring out how to fund the nearly \$21.47 million worth of roadwork needed to accommodate the JDEDZ.

As a result, the city and Costco agreed to a term sheet approved by the council last September to cover project costs.

The two sides then worked several months to formalize the terms into a final "transportation improvement and cost allocation agreement," which was brought to the council for approval last week.

The key provisions remain the same, including the sales tax sharing agreement that serves as the centerpiece of the financing deal to cover design and construction costs at \$19.97 million and \$1.5 million for right-of-way acquisitions.

Costco is paying \$6,785,000 in cash for roadwork as part of its developer fee package, and the city is paying \$6.4 million from its city traffic impact fee reserves.

For the other design and construction costs, Costco is fronting another \$6,785,000 and the city will repay that money with 40% of the sales tax revenue generated by the Costco until the debt is repaid.

The balance due to Costco will

be subject to 1.5% annual interest, and the 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement would remain in place until the balance is paid off with a maximum period of 25 years. The outstanding balance would be forgiven if Costco's Pleasanton store closes before the debt is paid off.

Any other developer who builds in the JDEDZ in the future would need to pay their proportional share of the infrastructure costs back to the city, and the city officials plan to use those funds to pay down their debt to Costco.

The agreement also calls for Costco to donate any of its right-of-way needed to complete the roadwork, and the city will ask other JDEDZ landowners to donate their right-of-way. Any remaining right-of-way will be purchased, and the costs split evenly between Costco and the city — and tacked on to the city's Costco debt balance without interest.

Construction cost overruns will also be split evenly between Costco and the city.

Under the final agreement, Costco will be responsible for design and construction of all JDEDZ road improvements, and the store could not open before "substantial completion" of the roadwork.

Final project design and construction details will be outlined in a future agreement between the city and Costco. The pending roadwork includes Stoneridge Drive and Interstate 680 northbound onramp improvements, Johnson Drive widening, improvements at the Johnson-Stoneridge intersection, and new traffic signals at Johnson and Commerce Circle and Johnson and Owens Drive (north).

Though the city has been sued over its JDEDZ approvals, Costco and other potential developers can apply to bring their project to the zone because no court injunction has been ordered to halt projects

with the case pending. No project applications have been filed to date.

The council's approval of the Costco agreement came with a 4-0 vote on Feb. 20, with Mayor Jerry Thorne continuing to recuse himself from all JDEDZ-related items. The agreement was part of the council's consent calendar, a collection of items deemed routine and voted upon all at once unless pulled for separate consideration.

Other consent business

- The council had a crowded consent calendar at last week's regular meeting — 18 items in all.

Other consent highlights, approved unanimously, included final adoption of an ordinance approving the development plan from Sunflower Hill to build Pleasanton's first-ever housing community for adults with special needs, just outside downtown.

The Pleasanton-based nonprofit, in partnership with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, plans to construct a two-story apartment building with 31 units (along with a community center, a central courtyard and other amenities) adjacent to a new neighborhood planned for the Irby Ranch site where Stanley Boulevard turns into First Street.

The council signed off on the project two weeks earlier — everything except for the ordinance's second reading and final adoption, which needed to occur at a separate meeting.

- More city utility boxes will be spruced up artistically after the council approved four painting designs as part of the city's "Project Paint Box" program.

"Poetree" by artist Molly Green is a design centered on an oak tree for a box at the corner of Black Avenue and Hopyard Road. Next, "Bicycle Box" by Irma Grant takes inspiration from cyclists' efforts at healthy



CITY OF PLEASANTON

"Stop and Smell the Flowers" by Ally McKay is one of four new "Project Paint Box" designs approved by the Pleasanton City Council last week.

and active living and will be painted on a box at West Las Positas Boulevard and the Iron Horse Regional Trail.

Coming to Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue, "Stop and Smell the Flowers" by Ally McKay focuses on living well and creating a stress-free life. The final design (untitled) by Pedro Mercado draws on Pleasanton's horse racing history for the corner of Bernal and Valley avenues.

- The council endorsed a mural project with Kaiser Permanente to bring local artist Mark Shawver's 12-foot-by-20-foot mural "live well, be well" to the hospital's north building at 7601 Stoneridge Drive.

Mural costs are being split between the city's public art acquisition fund (\$4,000) and Kaiser Permanente and Gary and Nancy Harrington, at \$3,000 each.

- The city extended its contract and lease with the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society for technical support and programming at the Museum on Main.

- Council members approved a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for work to produce a project initiation document for improvements to the Interstate 680 and Sunol Boulevard interchange — the first step in the state process for highway improvement projects.

- They signed off on a \$850,735 construction contract, plus \$127,100 for contingencies, with San Jose-based Northern Underground Construction for work to

replace fire hydrant laterals and various control valves, a key component of which is work in Hacienda along West Las Positas Boulevard. Construction is expected to start this month and wrap up in July.

- They also approved a maximum \$316,464 contract with FBD Vanguard Construction of Livermore to replace a deteriorating sidewalk on the east side of Foothill Road between Stoneridge Drive and Canyon Way, a project expected to be completed by May.

- The Pleasanton Police Department is on track to receive new equipment and training after the council supported allocating nearly \$193,000 in state Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) funding for specific efforts.

The new tools will include an integrated interview room camera system, TruNarc handheld narcotics identification system, less-than-lethal weapons, handgun lock box and advanced law enforcement training.

- The council also accepted the city's audited comprehensive annual financial report for 2016-17 (an item that was presented to the council, and not on consent). Third-party auditor Maze & Associates rendered an unmodified opinion, determining the city's financial statements were free of material misstatements and fairly represented the city's actual financial situation as of June 30 — the end of last fiscal year. ■

City seeks volunteers for commission, committee seats

Applications due March 20, with interviews to follow

Pleasanton city officials are looking for residents interested in serving the community on one of the city commissions and committees that oversee specific topic areas and make recommendations to the City Council.

Seats are available on seven groups, including regular seats on the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Civic Arts Commission, Human Services Commission and Library Commission.

The city is also recruiting for high school, middle school and

adult representatives for the Youth Commission as well as representatives from commercial real estate development, commercial real estate broker, financial services and medical services for the Economic Vitality Committee.

Terms vary for each of the commissions and committees, but they are typically four-year terms with a two-term maximum. Applicants should look at the individual commission or committee for which they are applying to get specific details.

All applicants must live within

the Pleasanton city limits.

Applications are due March 20 at 5 p.m. Mayor Jerry Thorne will interview candidates on March 26 and March 29. The mayor will make recommendations for all available posts, and his colleagues on the City Council will be asked to ratify Thorne's list, typically on the consent calendar.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 931-5027. Applications are available online at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

CHAMBER

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- **Excellence in Service: City-Serve of the Tri-Valley.** "For organizations that have contributed to Pleasanton."

- **Distinguished Individual Service: Kirstin Litz and Pam Yeaw.** "For individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community or philanthropic efforts."

- **Green Business: Go Green Initiative.** "For businesses that promote sustainable environmental business practices throughout

their organization for the benefit of employees, customers or the community."

The award ceremony will kick off at 6 p.m. at the Firehouse and will also feature a hosted bar, heavy appetizers and a silent auction. The event costs \$35 per person to attend, with tickets available at www.pleasanton.org.

The event is sponsored by the Alameda County Fair, Black Tie Transportation and Chevron. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities remain available. For more information, contact the chamber at 846-5858. ■

12 nonprofits receive \$79,192 in Holiday Fund donations

Rotary Club hosts luncheon for Pleasanton Weekly's program

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly distributed Holiday Fund checks totaling \$79,192 to 12 beneficiaries last week at a luncheon hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

The 2017 Holiday Fund campaign, which ran from last Thanksgiving to Jan. 12, received donations from 289 contributors. While most of the donations were in the \$25 to \$200 range, one was for \$5,000 with another of \$10,000 from an individual who preferred to remain anonymous.

"This was the 17th year the Pleasanton Weekly has conducted the Holiday Fund," Gina Channell, publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly and president of Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, told Rotarians at the luncheon event.

"In that time, we have raised over \$1.5 million in unrestricted funding for local nonprofits," she added.

Channell was joined in distributing the checks by Julianne Brown, associate manager of corporate responsibility at Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF).

The Pleasanton Weekly, which conducts and promotes the annual campaign, partners with SVCF, which handles and audits all contributions. That partnership allows donors to take advantage of a tax deduction on their taxes through SVCF's 501(c)(3) status, as well as removes administrative costs so 100% of the donations go directly to the nonprofit beneficiaries.

This campaign's Holiday Fund total was split between two tiers among the 12 recipients.

The four organizations in Tier 1 shared equally in 50% of the total funds with checks of \$9,899: Axis Community Health, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

The eight others in Tier 2 shared equally in the other 50%, receiving \$4,949.50 each. They were Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, REACH for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Sunflower Hill and the Tri-Valley YMCA.

As she received the contribution to Hope Hospice, Jennifer Pettley, director of development, said: "We saw a 48% increase in the need for hospice services last year. Many of these cases were dementia-related, which now surpasses cancer as the No. 1 need for Hope Hospice care."

Heather Greaux, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen, said her organization served 57,000 meals last year in Pleasanton alone. In addition to the Holiday Fund donation, she also thanked Rotarians for their support by serving on Open Heart's



OLIVIA SANWONG

The Pleasanton Weekly distributed checks totaling \$79,192 in Holiday Fund donations to 12 nonprofits at a Rotary Club luncheon Feb. 22. Seated from left are Shaké Sulikyan, ValleyCare Charitable Foundation; Jeremy Walsh, Pleasanton Weekly editor; Gina Channell, publisher; Jeb Bing, columnist and editor emeritus, and Eileen Manger, REACH for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley. Standing (from left) are Heather Greaux, Open Heart Kitchen; Steve McCoy-Thompson, PPIE; Jennifer Pettley, Hope Hospice; Valerie Jonas, Axis Community Health; Jennifer Oxe, Agape Villages; Kenny Altenburg, Tri-Valley YMCA; Roy Cook, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies; Robert Taylor, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley; Debi Zentner, Sunflower Hill, and Melanie Sadek, Valley Humane Society.

food lines and as sponsors "to make a large impact on the people we serve."

Axis Community Health, the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for low income or uninsured individuals, aids more than 14,000, said Valerie Jonas, chief development officer.

"Holiday Fund support is a vital part of Axis' budget," she said. "This donation from the Holiday Fund will help us pay for medical visits for many families without health care."

Agape Villages trains foster parents to provide a stable home for children under their care.

"Many of those we serve don't qualify for Medicare, so the Holiday Fund contribution gives us funds to help pay for social workers Agape hires to check on foster care homes at least once a week," said Jennifer Oxe, the organization's community engagement director.

Steve McCoy-Thompson, executive director of PPIE, said the contribution from the Holiday Fund will help in PPIE's financial aid to keep elementary school libraries open longer.

REACH (an acronym for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley) provides developmental facilities for adults with special needs. Eileen Manger, tenant coordinator, said the Holiday Fund aid will help the organization acquire more properties to house adults with developmental disabilities.

According to REACH, the need is growing exponentially, predicting that by the end of 2023, there will be a need for 529 units in Pleasanton and Livermore alone.

The Sandra J. Wing foundation supports cancer patients by

providing therapies of acupuncture, acupressure, therapeutic massage and more. Roy Cook, a founding board member, said contributions from the Holiday Fund have now helped the nonprofit provide alternative treatments for 1,000 cancer patients in the Tri-Valley.

Robert Taylor, executive director of Pleasanton-based Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, also thanked the Pleasanton Weekly for its support of the services his group has provided to seniors since 1981.

"More than ever before, the demand for senior services is growing," Taylor said.

Holiday Fund contributions also help Stanford Health Care-Valley-Care meet the growing needs of the Tri-Valley communities, said Shaké Sulikyan, executive director of the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

The foundation raises funds to support a wide variety of initiatives that enhance patient care. Since the affiliation with Stanford in May 2015, the foundation has provided more than \$1.1 million in donations to the hospital, including supporting 24 departments and programs.

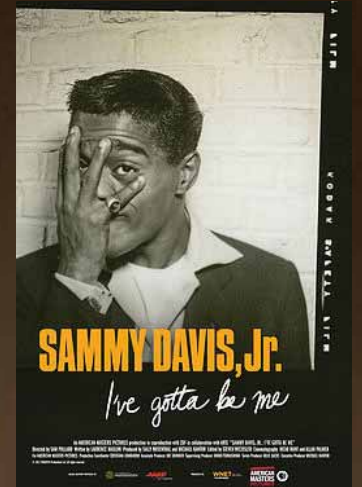
Also receiving Holiday Fund checks were Debi Zentner, for Sunflower Hill; Kenny Altenburg, branch operations director for the Tri-Valley YMCA, and Melanie Sadek, executive director for the Valley Humane Society.

"This Holiday Fund program is just another example of why it's so important to have a newspaper like the Pleasanton Weekly," said Richard Fitzmaurice, president of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. "It also gives us local news that we don't get anywhere else." ■

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Women's Hall of Fame class of 2018

Ceremony to honor Alameda County inductees later this month

By JEREMY WALSH

Local leaders are recognizing 12 women and one teenager from throughout the county later this month with induction into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame.

The annual program, organized by the county's Board of Supervisors and the Commission on the Status of Women, aims to spotlight the accomplishments and inspiring stories of women in Alameda County while also raising funds to support organizations serving local women and families.

"The outstanding achievements of this year's Women's Hall of Fame honorees will inspire us all as we celebrate Women's History Month, and our 25th year of recognizing the many contributions women make in our communities," County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi said.

The 2018 Hall of Fame Class will be honored during a luncheon and awards ceremony March 24 in Oakland.

The honorees include Pleasanton resident Beena Ammanath, in the Science, Technology and Engineering category.

The global president of AI, data and innovation at Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Ammanath has been instrumental in bringing analytic innovations to some of the world's top companies, while leading longstanding efforts to increase the ranks of women and minorities in technology and to make artificial intelligence accessible to all, county officials said.

Another Tri-Valley hall of fame this year is Dublin resident Rona Popal for Community Service. Popal leads the Afghan Coalition, a Fremont-based nonprofit supporting Afghan refugees.

The 11 other members of the 2018 class are:

- Hilary Bass, Emerging Leader. Bass received the honor in this new category for her work as executive director of the Alameda County



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Members of this year's Women's Hall of Fame class gathered last month for an introductory reception ahead of this month's award ceremony.

Deputy Sheriff's Activities League.

- Shonda Scott, Business and Professions. Creator and CEO of 360 Total Concept, an Oakland-based management and marketing firm, Scott also serves as a civic leader and philanthropist whose efforts include supporting Oakland schools, cancer research and help for cancer survivors.

- Winda I. Shimizu, Culture and Art. Shimizu is a creator, coordinator and supporter of the arts who has had a significant impact on expanding arts programming in communities of central Alameda County and beyond.

- Trina Ostrander, Education. Now executive director of the East Bay STEM Institute at Cal State East Bay, Ostrander has spent more than 20 years promoting education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

- Wendy Sommer, Environment. Executive director of Alameda County's Waste Management Authority (StopWaste), Sommer has been at the forefront of sustainability leadership for more than 25 years and has launched standard-setting programs for green building, bay-friendly landscaping and resource conservation.

- Janet Liang, Health. Liang is president of Kaiser Permanente's

Northern California Region and a leader in the use of technology to advance clinical excellence, health access and affordable care.

- Amanda Berger, Justice. A Berkeley resident, Berger oversees gardening programs at eight California state prisons that bring vocational gardening and landscaping training to incarcerated people.

- Liisa Pine Schoonmaker, Non-Traditional Careers. She is chair of the welding department at Laney College in Oakland, and the department's only female instructor.

- Nicole Curran, Philanthropy. Curran is board president of the Warriors Community Foundation, the charitable arm of the Golden State Warriors.

- Leilani Shaffer, Sports and Athletics. The San Lorenzo resident is a longtime volunteer coach and team manager with Special Olympics of Northern California.

- Roxana Perez, Youth. At just 17, Perez has already assumed the role of community leader in the city of Oakland, serving on the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission, an Oakland police explorer and a leader at the East Oakland Youth Development Center — all while thriving in the classroom and on the soccer field at Aspire Golden State Preparatory Academy in East Oakland. ■



TOWN OF DANVILLE

Snow dusts peaks around Bay Area

Tri-Valley residents and others throughout the Bay Area awoke Tuesday to find snow dustings on several mountain peaks, including Mount Diablo (shown), Mission Peak and Mount Hamilton. The snow fell amid continued cold and damp weather throughout the region.



BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC PROCESS – VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY COMMISSION

In April and September of each year, the Mayor and City Council recruits and appoints residents of Pleasanton to a variety of boards and commissions, allowing them to contribute to and influence decisions affecting the city, providing advice and feedback on important community issues. Applications are now being accepted for the following.

Civic Arts Commission

Committee on Energy and the Environment

Economic Vitality Committee

Categories include: Commercial Real Estate Development, Commercial Real Estate Broker, Financial Services and Medical Services

Human Services Commission

Library Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning Commission

Youth Commission

Categories include: High School, Middle School and Adult Representatives

For more information or to apply, please visit cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/clerk/boards/default.asp

Applicants must reside within the Pleasanton city limits. Applications are due March 20, 2018. Interviews will be held March 26 and March 29, 2018.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

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

- Approve the mid-year FY 2017/18 operating budget
- Review the BART to Livermore project and the project alternatives
- Approve the Emergency Operations Plan update

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Agreement with the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre for theatrical production services
- Allocate Civic Arts community grant funds for FY 2018/19

Human Services Commission

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

- Allocate Housing and Human Services grant funds for FY 2018/19

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- Legal guidance for public meeting procedures and commission service
- Proposed cricket pitch at Ken Mercer Sports Park

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Students recognized for winning DAR essay contest

The Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently honored students across the Tri-Valley who stood out in the group's annual student essay contest.

The Pleasanton chapter hosts the DAR Good Citizen Program for high school seniors selected by their school for dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. This year's local winner was Kylie Burke from Dublin High School. Runner-up was Michelle Yoon from Amador Valley High School.

The group also holds the American History Essay contest, open to students in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. This year's topic was "World War I: Remembering the

War to End All Wars" — in honor of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Local winners were advanced to the California State Society of DAR District IV competitions, where some received top billing and earned a spot in the statewide judging.

The winning eight-grade essay was written by Eva Shen from Windemere Ranch Middle School in San Ramon.

The seventh-grade winner was Anshul Kumar Chennavaram from Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon — also a district winner.

Winning the chapter and district levels as well were Sanika Saleem from Gale Ranch Middle School

in San Ramon (sixth grade) and Leanne Liz George from Lydiksen Elementary School in Pleasanton (fifth grade).

Chapter winners were presented a recognition certificate and a monetary award. On-hand for the award ceremony in Pleasanton on Feb. 10 were Mayor Jerry Thorne, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell.

Founded in 1890, the DAR is a nationwide, lineage-based, nonprofit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and ensuring the nation's strong future by supporting education. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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the campus, said Thang Do, CEO of Aedis.

“The idea here is to create a lot of open space, to preserve the natural asset of the site, and to bring in what is beautiful about Pleasanton — the hillsides all around there — into the campus,” Do said.

Board vice president Valerie Arkin expressed some concern about the reduction of turf field in order to make way for drop-off.

Lydiksen principal Jake Berg, who was on the panel of presenters, said the field reduction would not pose a problem based on present use.

“I would say that even on the busiest days, like field day or fun run, things like that — our field is very large, it does not get fully utilized ever,” Berg said.

Staff added that they will be discussing the field reduction with the city of Pleasanton as well, which also uses the field for various activities.

During public comments on this item, Erica Holdren, a Lydiksen parent and neighbor of the school, said she was excited for the project, but also was apprehensive about how the new drop-off zone would affect traffic on her street.

“I am concerned with the change

in traffic patterns. If we do it without a traffic study right now, Sandalwood is a smaller residential street compared to Highland Oaks,” Holdren said, referring to the street adjacent to the existing drop-off location.

“It wasn’t clear in the letter home, I would like there to be a chance for the traffic study to be done, and neighbors to know what’s coming,” she added.

Though not specifically responding to Holdren, trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke encouraged parents and community members to take a look at schools that do already have two student drop-off zones, like Alisal and Hearst elementary schools.

“Because it really works great,” Hintzke said.

Principal Berg also added that a good deal of student drop-off and pick-up already happens along Sandalwood.

Other modifications proposed include the construction of an outdoor covered lunch structure and creating additional space for an administration building, separate from the library and campus center.

Staff added that they are looking to minimize interim housing during construction, and keep classes in their rooms for as long as possible.

If approved in March, the schematic design phase will begin

immediately, followed by construction drawings, six months of review by the Division of the State Architect, and another two or three months for bidding and approval.

Staff anticipates that construction will begin summer 2019, with students and staff moved into the first completed classrooms by fall 2020.

In other business

- Staff from the student support services department presented enrollment data gathered over the course of five years, including from the 2017-18 school year thus far.

As of Feb. 20, district enrollment stands at 14,958, 112 students more than were enrolled as of October 2017. Over the past five years, Pleasanton Unified saw an enrollment dip between 2013 and 2017, but this school year numbers are back around their 2012-13 levels.

Ethnically, the district has seen some demographic shifts as well in the past five years — most noticeably, a 10% increase in Asian students and a 10% decrease in white students.

The annual demographer’s report and projections will be presented at the March 13 school board meeting.

- The board unanimously approved the pilot program of a new assessment system to take place

this spring. The system, called MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress), was discussed more intensively at the last school board meeting, at the pilot’s first reading.

- Trustees heard the first reading of updates to board policies and administrative regulations, to match the most updated state regulations.

Among the updates, included clarifying volunteer screening processes, grades and evaluation procedures, student conduct at extracurricular events and updating student testing policies to incorporate the CAASPP, the new state assessment.

- A handful of students were honored with character awards, after

their teachers nominated them for demonstrating exemplary honesty in the classroom.

Several teachers who had earned citizenship over the course of the past few decades were recognized, including Foothill principal Sebastian Bull, who was born in England and became a U.S. citizen in 2005.

And finally, the two competitive civics teams from Amador and Foothill were recognized for having taken first and second, respectively, at the state “We the People” competition on Feb. 1-2. Both teams will go on to represent California at nationals in Washington D.C. at the end of April. ■

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the most-recent Jordan Ranch Park, Passatempo Park and Positano Park, the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, Fallon Sports Park and The Wave, city officials said.

He was also proud of the redevelopment of the former Arroyo Vista site — a federal housing project — into Emerald Vista, the region’s first mixed-income housing development, which won several national honors and awards, officials added.

Prior to his council tenure, Biddle served four years on the Dublin Planning Commission and almost 13 years on school boards for Dublin — on the Murray School Board from 1977-85, Amador High School District Board from 1985-87 and Dublin Unified School District Board from 1987-90.

As a schools leader, Biddle was co-chair of the committee that helped pass the 2004 Dublin school bond measure that supported key facilities projects including the Dublin High School renovations, and he also co-chaired the committee that helped pass a Dublin school parcel tax measure in 2008.

“Don was a pillar in Dublin, supporting the community and always taking the time to mentor up-and-coming leaders,” said Amy Miller, current Dublin school board president. “He cared deeply for those he served and was the epitome of a true selfless public servant. Our thoughts are with Don’s family at this devastating time, and we will

honor Don by never forgetting all he did for our great city.”

Biddle also helped local nonprofits establish a strong presence in Dublin, including the School of Imagination, Tri-Valley YMCA and Hope Hospice, according to city officials. He was past president of Dublin Partners in Education and was active with the Dublin Historical Preservation Society, Dublin Rotary Club, Dublin Sister City Association and American Cancer Society’s Tri-Valley chapter.

An engineer by trade, Biddle earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Purdue University before spending 31 years with Bechtel Corporation and General Contractors as a field engineer, cost and schedule engineer, project manager, and project controls manager.

Biddle is survived by his wife Donnamarie, daughters Patricia and Sandee and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son Bruce.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), to honor Bruce Biddle, who was killed by a drunk driver in Dublin at the age of 17. For more information or to donate, visit www.madd.org.

Anyone who wants to send their condolences can do so by writing to the City Manager’s Office, which will collect the notes and provide them to the Biddle family. Mail or drop off those notes at 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568.

The Dublin City Council is expected to discuss how to address the vacancy created by Biddle’s

death at a future meeting.

Civic leaders from across the Tri-Valley lauded Biddle’s service to the Dublin community throughout last week.

“Don will be remembered for being a steady, conscientious leader as Dublin transformed from a bedroom community to a place known nationally for having the best jobs, schools, and services,” U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell told the Weekly. “Don made every decision through the same prism: ‘Is this what’s best for Dublin?’ And Dublin is better because a caring, selfless man like Don served us.”

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose district includes Dublin, said on Twitter, “Deeply saddened by the news of the passing of (Dublin) Vice Mayor Don Biddle. Don was an esteemed leader and friend. He will be dearly missed.”

“Don Biddle was deeply committed to his community, and he represented Dublin like the true guardian that he was. He was a great man with a generous heart and we will all miss him dearly,” Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

“His passing is a tragic loss for the Dublin community,” said DUSD Superintendent Leslie Boozer, Ed.D. “The only comfort we find in this news is the knowledge that his legacy of caring and commitment will live forever in the lives of the countless students that have passed through Dublin schools. The Dublin Unified School District and the people of Dublin are forever in Don’s debt.” ■

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) seeks eleven (11) volunteer community members to serve on the PUSD Local Control Advisory Committee (LCAC). Applications are due to the PUSD District Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018. Interested parties can find membership requirements and complete instructions for applying on the PUSD website, <http://pleasantonusd.net> or contact PUSD Business Services Department (925) 462-5500 or email lcac@pleasantonusd.net

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POLICE BULLETIN

Tri-Valley golf teacher accused of assaulting young student

A well-known golf instructor in the Tri-Valley area has been arrested on suspicion of the ongoing sexual assault of a minor, Dublin police said last Friday.

Kwangson "Sonny" Kim, 52, was arrested on Feb. 14 but is no longer in custody while the Alameda County District Attorney's Office contemplates filing charges against him and police try to find out if there are other victims, Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt said.

The abuse is alleged to have occurred over a three-year time period, starting when the young girl was 12 years old and continuing until her current age of 15, Schmidt said.

The girl told a school official about the abuse, who reported it to police and informed her parents, he said.

Kim is a longtime private golf coach in the Tri-Valley and was head of the Sonny Kim Golf

Academy. The girl is reportedly a former student of Kim.

Schmidt said he hopes that news of Kim's arrest will spur additional victims, if there are any, to come forward.

He said any additional victims and anyone with more information should call Dublin police at 833-6670.

The website for the Sonny Kim Golf Academy says it's "specialty-designed junior clinics accept young, budding golfers aged from 5 to 18."

The website also says, "These clinics are specifically designed to train junior golfers to compete in tournaments from local to national golf associations. Sonny Kim Golf Academy will help junior golfers achieve their full potential."

In other news

- Pleasanton police investigators announced last week that an Oakland teen has been arrested in connection with an incident from December in which a woman was attacked and robbed in her driveway on Chardonnay Drive.

The boy was taken into custody Feb. 16 on suspicion of robbery and elder abuse, according to a post on the police department's Facebook page. Two other teens suspected of being involved in the crime remain at-large.

The robbery took place on the evening of Dec. 7 when a woman returned to her home on Chardonnay Drive — located near the intersection of Vineyard and Bernal avenues — after shopping at Target in Livermore. Two black males approached her in her driveway and assaulted her while a third black male stole her purse, according to police.

The assailants then fled the area after being scared off by a neighbor, police said.

The department's criminal investigations unit soon took over the case and decided to re-interview two teen girls who were found in the neighborhood the night of the robbery, according to police.

During the new interviews, the girls admitted to being with the three teen boys the night of the robbery, although they denied knowing the suspects' names and said they only communicated with the boys via Instagram, police said.

The girls also allegedly admitted the suspects followed the victim from Target to her residence on Chardonnay Drive.

Investigators then received search warrants for several Instagram accounts and identified one of their suspects as a 17-year-old boy from Oakland. He was arrested around 6 a.m. Feb. 16 when police served search and arrest warrants at his home in Oakland, police said.

The investigation is still ongoing, and officers are working to identify and find the two other assailants, police said. Anyone with information about the case can call the department at 931-5100. Reference case No. 17-50063.

- The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is looking for residents interested in receiving emergency preparedness training through its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

The CERT classes begin in April, but pre-registration is required and the course tends to fill up fast, according to LPFD.

"When a disaster such as a major earthquake strikes, emergency responders will be focused on the most critical emergencies," LPFD officials said. "Fortunately, there

are many things that residents can do to help themselves, their families and the community around them, leading up to and following a disaster."

The CERT training involves classroom and hands-on instruction on disaster preparedness, basic response related to fire safety, disaster medical operations and light search and rescue. The seven-session program also covers disaster psychology, terrorism and the mission of the CERT organization.

The classes will be held on Mondays from 6-9:30 p.m. from April 30 to June 11, except for Memorial Day, as well as include a Saturday session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 2. The course culminates in a LPFD and CERT drill, putting what participants have learned into practice.

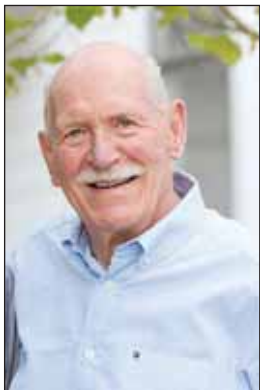
Free and open to anyone who lives or works in Pleasanton or Livermore, the classes will be held at the city's Operations Service Center and the LPFD training grounds on Busch Road in Pleasanton. To learn more or to register, call 454-2361 or email CERT@LPfire.org. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

Richard (Dick) D. Williams

Aug. 26, 1942 - Feb. 15, 2018

Richard (Dick) D. Williams, 75, passed away Thursday, February 15, 2018 at his home in Pleasanton, CA. Dick was born August 26, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Westmont, Illinois, the son of Clydell and Virginia Williams. Dick and his wife Carol (Vlietstra) were married on September 13, 1969. Dick graduated from Trinity Evangelical Divinity Seminary in Deerfield, IL and eventually moved to California to serve as associate pastor for 15 years at Centerville Presbyterian Church in Fremont, CA. He was ordained into the Presbyterian Church (USA) on September 25, 1977. Dick later received his M.A. in Counseling from Azusa Pacific University. In 1990, Dick opened Cornerstone Counseling, and focused on family, child, and marriage counseling in Fremont. Dick worked passionately for many years as a Christian family counselor and retired in 2015. Dick was incredibly warm and charismatic. He was a talented communicator and incredibly passionate about helping others. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather & friend, he will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Dick is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Scott and his wife Mistry of Mount Vernon, WA; grandsons, Dane & Cole; twin sister, Virdella Urban; sisters, Judy Smith & Sue Beckley; sister-in-law, Marlene Vlietstra; brother-in-law, Terry Vlietstra, and many friends. A celebration of life service will be held on March 2, 2018 at 2pm at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to World Vision Refugee Responder Fund by calling 1-888-511-6519 Source Code 31003797.



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 25

DUI

- 2:33 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway
- 4:02 a.m. at Bernal and Valley avenues
- 8:31 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Domestic battery

- 3:21 a.m. on the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway

Stolen car recovered

- 8:04 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 10:03 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 6:11 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Feb. 24

Missing person

- 7:32 p.m. on Golden Road

Burglary

- 7:12 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 9:27 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:06 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

Theft

- 7:04 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 6:49 p.m., 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft

Feb. 23

DUI

- 10:34 p.m. on the 700 block of Division Street

Assault/battery

- 7:42 p.m. on the 1200 block of Pineto Place
- 8:55 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Trespass/prowling

- 6:53 p.m. on the 7500 block of Rosedale Court

Vandalism

- 3:56 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

Shoplifting

- 7:31 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Robbery

- 2:12 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Feb. 22

Domestic battery

- 3:32 p.m. on Golden Road

Theft

- 1:15 a.m., 5700 block of West Las Positas Blvd.; theft from auto
- 2:03 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Feb. 21

Theft

- 6:53 a.m., 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 1:23 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 5:15 p.m., 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from structure
- 9:16 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 9:23 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Feb. 20

Vandalism

- 11:50 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

- 10:21 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 5:51 p.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 7:25 a.m. at Alder Court and Muirwood Drive; auto theft
- 3:40 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 5:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:43 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from structure

Burglary

- 1:29 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:21 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

- 10:37 a.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

- 8:13 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Feb. 19

Theft

- 10:29 a.m. on Vintage Circle; theft of bicycle
- 3:01 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:24 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

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LETTERS

A parent's worst nightmare

Dear Editor,

I know exactly where I was when I heard about the high school shooting. I had just dropped off my kindergarten and fourth-grader at school and was driving home on Bernal Avenue. That was April 20, 1999 and the shooting was Columbine (Colorado).

I had never thought much about guns and who owned them and why, until that day some 20 years ago. Since that time, I have had that same feeling of helplessness every time I hear of another school shooting.

To think that you drop your child off at school and never see them again is a parent's worst nightmare, but here we are again — one of the smartest and wealthiest countries in the world and we continue to do nothing to stop this epidemic.

Why is it necessary for any child to ever have access to a gun, of any kind? Why is it possible that gun shows are promoting weapons of mass destruction under the label of "sporting guns"? Why is it that money and politics mean more than our children? How can we, as a society, be so stupid to just go on with our lives thinking this could never happen to me?

I applaud the young people who have been protesting who aren't blinded by politics and are no longer waiting for their parents to do something — anything!

—Pam Silliman

Bike to Work Day

Dear Editor,

Bike to Work Day is coming up on May 10, and this is an opportunity for cyclists to leave their car behind and ride their bikes to work.

Unfortunately, for those that work in the Fremont/San Jose area, there is no safe route out of Pleasanton.

Cyclists used to take Calaveras Road but that has been closed since July 2016. Niles Canyon is a death trap.

I've made multiple requests to the SF water division to provide a 20-minute, truck-free window on Calaveras to no avail. Similarly, Caltrans will not consider any steps to make Niles a viable alternative for cyclists, even if it entails a 20-minute closure to motorists or some form of police escort on this day.

Cycling is one of the most green modes of transportation yet little support is being provided on the one day of the year that we are encouraging people to explore commuting by bike.

I think this is a shame and am hoping that pressure from the media might help us garner support to make Bike to Work Day a real possibility for our Pleasanton community.

—David Fisch

Lacking credibility

Dear Editor,

A Chinese group of 10 formed Tri-Valley Asian Association, added another 300 or so family and friends and claimed they want to "build a

bridge for new immigrants to Pleasanton" — quoted from Sylvia Tian.

Tian claims to be president of this association, but this article ("Building a bridge," last week's cover story) is not clear if she was elected, appointed or president by some default. There is much more to the Tri-Valley than Pleasanton.

Asia is subdivided into 48 countries. The population of Alameda County is 1.7 million. Of that 1.7 million, 550,000 are Asian.

Sylvia Tian lacks credibility because she made no effort to recruit talent from the other 47 Asian countries. Though, had she done so, she most likely would not be president of this association. With forming this association, Tian tends to insult those Asians that have been here for years, have successful careers, raised their children, that are now carrying on with their own careers.

I believe this is nothing more than Sylvia Tian's effort to get splashed on the front page of the local newspaper. There are more than 100 Asian organizations and associations already in place in the San Francisco Bay Area.

To name a few: Asian American Association, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Asian American Women's Alliance, Asian Immigrant Advocate, Asian Women's Resource Center and Bridge to Asia.

—Michael Austin

On diversity

Dear Editor,

I thoroughly enjoyed the "Building a bridge" cover story in last week's Pleasanton Weekly

The writer, Erika Alvero, presented revealing misconceptions about Asian immigrants. She helped put clarity to some of the misconceptions by interviewing Asian immigrants to get their perspectives.

She wrote well about the vision and purpose of the Tri-Valley Asian Association (what the organization hopes to achieve by reaching out and contributing to the Pleasanton community and speaking up for things that will make Pleasanton a great place to live).

A point that I would like to add, as an American-born Asian, is for folks not to assume because we're Asian that we're an immigrant. There are many generations of Asians that were born here and are Asian Americans.

It makes me cringe or laugh when I'm asked (even by immigrant Asians!) "When did you immigrate here" — assuming all Asians are immigrants. We're not.

The challenge of maintaining one's identity as an Asian American and not a "foreigner" has followed us all of our lives. To keep our culture and traditions on the one hand and contributing as all American do to their community has always been who we are. It's called diversity too.

I appreciate that the Pleasanton Weekly is an excellent way to share our stories and help our city to be one of diverse ideas and a diverse population.

—Kate Gong



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After four decades of corresponding, two women finally meet

The power of pen pals

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

“Dear Diana.”
“Dear Nichelle.”

So began a correspondence in the 1970s between two little girls on opposite coasts, launching a long distance friendship that spanned four decades until they finally met face to face last year.

“It takes commitment and love to commit to one thing for a long period of time,” said Nichelle Baviera, a Pleasanton resident. “And the rewards of getting to know her over the years have been comforting and enlightening.”

They were paired through the pen pal program of “Big Blue Marble,” a PBS show that aired from 1974-83, its name inspired by the Apollo 17 photograph of Earth from a

distance dubbed “The Blue Marble.” The TV program focused on introducing children to others in different parts of the country and throughout the world.

“This show marked a lifelong adventure that yielded a best friend and got me out of my shell,” Nichelle recalled.

Toward the end of each broadcast was a segment about pen pals.

“I decided to write in and request a pen pal,” Nichelle said.

The show sent her three candidates: one from abroad, another from Nebraska, and Diana Harris from New York. Two of the pen pal ventures were short-lived, but she and Diana kept on writing.

“I loved receiving mail when I was a kid, going to the mailbox, and I got a thrill out of receiving letters — and writing letters and sharing my experiences in California,” Nichelle said.

Diana, who had two much older brothers, recalled sitting in front of the TV on Saturday

morning watching the show.

“I remember seeing a thing one day that if you want a pen pal, send in a postcard with your name and where you live — and I got hers,” she said.

Nichelle noted that when they began writing in the 1970s, letters and expensive phone calls were the only ways to communicate long distance.

“One of the first photos I received from her was dated Aug. 3, 1979, when she lived in Brooklyn, New York, and I lived in Sacramento,” Nichelle said.

As a result of their correspondence, young Nichelle developed a fascination with all things New York.

“At one time I knew all the different mayors,” she recalled with a laugh. “I would get maps and check out the different boroughs. I got travel guides from AAA. I went to a book store one year and got a travel guide to New York.”

They continued to write through the “turbulent teen years,” young adulthood, their marriages and having children, she said. Nichelle has a son, Isaiah (Amador Valley High class of 2013), and Diana has a daughter, Victoria, 21.

They also began to telephone.

“I felt comfortable sharing with her,” Nichelle said. “Over the last few years, our calls have gotten more frequent.”

Diana credits Nichelle with keeping the friendship going.

“After I got married and moved away, she always initiated it and wrote,” Diana remembered. “She is the one who is so organized.”

“I made an effort to keep in contact and write her often and call on holidays,” Nichelle said. “There were moments in our communication where it wasn’t frequent but I kept her close to my heart. I secretly prided myself in maintaining this relationship for as long as I did.”

As the years passed, they frequently discussed meeting in person, hoping one or the other would make the cross country trip. For a long time, Diana kept a story on her refrigerator that Nichelle had sent about two longtime pen pals finally meeting in California.

“It never happened but we still wrote, and as we got older the phone calls became more frequent,” Nichelle said.

Eventually they began to email,



Matching tattoos representing our individual coast!



Pen pals today

Communication is now instantaneous but nothing inspires young ones to take pen in hand like the anticipation of a letter in the old-fashioned mailbox. Handwriting letters not only hones writing skills but broadens children's view of the world. Where to find pen pals?

- Many adults are in touch with old friends no matter where their lives have taken them. Ask friends living in other places if their children of the same age are pen pal possibilities.
- If your child strikes up a friendship while on vacation or at camp, get the address and encourage them to keep in touch via pen and paper.
- Some schools have pen pal programs. If there is none at your school, you can research how to start one and share it with the teacher.
- The Internet has free resources to connect pen pals. If you worry about sharing your address, consider renting a post office box.

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From left to right: Pleasanton resident Nichelle Baviera and her New York pen pal Diana Harris at a restaurant in the airport, where they couldn't stop talking after finally meeting in person after corresponding for 40 years. (Photo by Mike Martin) The two pen pals got tattoos to celebrate their friendship — and finally meeting in person. Nichelle and Diana love to remember that their friendship began with two little girls thrilled to find letters in their mailboxes. Nichelle introduces Diana to her hometown newspaper, posing for a "Take Us Along" with the Weekly.

communicated on MySpace and Facebook, and then moved on to texting, Instagram and SnapChat.

"A new world opened up to communicate and share our lives in a broader way. It strengthened our bond, and I believe it made us closer," Nichelle said. "As we got older and as our lives changed, we had more and more in common. We had all these different ways to support and encourage each other."

The year 2017 brought their 50th birthdays and they decided Nichelle would visit New York at the end of August.

"We decided to do it this year — it's a milestone," Diana said. "It's kind of crazy how it happened. We'd really started talking a lot the year before."

Nichelle flew in to Newark Liberty International Airport.

"I'm walking on that people mover and from the corner of my eye, I can see the other side, where people are waiting," Nichelle recalled. "I see her, she sees me, and she starts to tear up. We had the longest embrace!"

"It was great to meet her — just great!" Diana said. "We both kept saying, 'Oh my God!'"

They couldn't wait to begin their person-to-person visit and settled in an airport restaurant.

"We sat there laughing and talking," Nichelle recalled.

A man in an adjacent booth joined in their conversation and turned out to be a professional photographer who recorded the moment and emailed the photo. At last, the two women got on the freeway to travel to Diana's home in Florida, N.Y.

As they explored the local community during the next few days, they visited a tattoo shop to permanently mark their friendship on their forearms.

"We ended up with two different things because we had different ideas," Diana said. "We both decided on the heart — we both look at it and it reminds us of each other."

That weekend they drove into New York City.

"We walked all the way from the hotel down to Times Square," Nichelle said. "It was really just surreal."

She enjoyed the street performers, and they visited the Top of the Rock, the observatory atop Rockefeller Center. They went to museums, the 9/11 memorial, Greenwich Village, Washington Square Park and more.

Sometimes Diana perched outside a venue while Nichelle went exploring.

"She ran me ragged," Diana said. "I had had back surgery in 2016 and I was recovered but I couldn't keep up with her."

Now several months after the trip, they each mused on their connection and what made the friendship flourish.

"In a way, we couldn't be more different," Diana said. "She's on the West Coast, I'm on the East Coast; she's black, I'm white."

But they also have a lot in common. They each have one child, and have lost their husbands.

"We have both dealt with anxiety and financial issues," Diana said "We were able to help each other."

"I realized the power of female friends is a magnificent thing," Nichelle said. "She has picked me up when I'm down through text messages and phone calls, always being transparent, honest and loving."

And somehow they just clicked.

A recent study by a team from UCLA and Dartmouth has found that people who are friends have brains that see the world in the same way.

Although a regular on Instagram these days, Nichelle stills treasures snail mail and the written word.

"I think it's about what you value as a person and how you connect with someone else, whatever your connection is," she said. "I send out cards all the time. People are shocked they are still getting cards."

"I value the power of the written word and how it brings people together from all walks of life," she added. "A letter sent back in the '70s transformed into a beautiful, loving friendship."

Nichelle also believes women need to encourage each other as much as possible.

"I have a wonderful community of friends," she said. "We have to make time for each other."

Now the two pen pals are planning for Diana to visit California in a few years, when they turn 55.

"Since I have been back from my visit we have talked weekly via phone calls and text messages," Nichelle said. "I am thankful and grateful for my pen pal, who loved me unconditionally and has shown me what being a friend is all about." ■

Tri-Valley resident returns from deep sea expedition

Local museum educator served as liaison between researchers and global audience

By ERIKA ALVERO

Jen Runyan missed studying the ocean. She had her fill of the life sciences in her position as a museum educator at the Lawrence Hall of Science, but the science center nestled in the Berkeley hills didn't offer so many opportunities for marine biology, her focus in school.

"My current position I have at the Lawrence Hall of Science is more STEM-related," she said. "Which is great, but I was definitely missing that marine portion."

So when the opportunity came for her to join the exploration team on the USS Nautilus, the San Ramon resident jumped on-board.

The Nautilus sails every year as part of the ocean-exploration mission of the Ocean Exploration Trust, a nonprofit established in 2008 by Dr. Robert Ballard, an oceanographer most renowned for discovering the RMS Titanic in the '80s. Their expeditions have taken scientists from the Aegean Sea to the Caribbean and, for the past three years, to the waters of the Eastern Pacific.

As part of their mission, the organization sponsors a year-long Science Communications Fellowship program, for educators to serve as a sort of liaison between the Nautilus' scientific work and the ship's global audience. Last year, the fellows took turns aboard the Nautilus in two-week stints from May to November, as the ship traveled from British Columbia, Canada to Baja California, Mexico.

And this was Runyan's job.

She was officially accepted to the program in early 2017, and was able to participate

while continuing her work at the Lawrence Hall of Science. As a fellow, she has given talks at schools, prepared curriculum and organized scientific seminars.

But the real heart of the program was her two weeks aboard the Nautilus.

"What my role is on the ship, is to be able to help communicate and facilitate a lot of discussion that was amongst all of us," Runyan said.

She was on-board for two separate expeditions, each lasting a week. Both took place in the Gulf of California: the first, from Oct. 20-27, centered on the North Guaymas Basin and the second, from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 in Pescadero Basin.

Both expeditions also focused on researching hydrothermal vents.

Hydrothermal vents — which also happened to be discovered by Ballard, back in 1977 — occur at underwater fissures in the ocean crust, when seawater meets magma, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The seawater in these vents can reach temperatures of over 700 degrees Fahrenheit, according to NOAA, but doesn't boil because of the extreme pressure at the depths where they form — the vents studied during Runyan's first expedition were

about 1,800 meters underwater, she said.

And these warm waters give rise to a whole host of organisms and geologic compositions, despite being cut off from sunshine.

As a fairly recent discovery, there's still much to be studied about the phenomena, Runyan said.

"What they're realizing is that not all hydrothermal vents are all the same," she said. "Some of them spew out different kinds of minerals, so it forms different kinds of animal communities, it has different kinds of geological compositions."

Because the San Andreas Fault runs directly through the Gulf of California, it's an area that is particularly rife with hydrothermal vents, Runyan said.

Considering the incredible depths of these vents, the bulk of their research was conducted by remote operating vehicles, which collected a variety of specimens for their study. Many of the samples were gathered by a group of Mexican graduate students also aboard the ship, who had partnered with the trust for the research.

There were multiple aspects to the communications fellowship, Runyan said, but one of the most memorable ones was to answer questions from people around the globe, to explain the science behind the research to classrooms and ocean enthusiasts who had tuned in to the ship's livestream.

"I think we had on average about 12 different countries that were listening in, so that was really neat to be able to get questions from around the world, being able to answer them," she said.

"And then also getting a chance to talk to different classrooms, at least from all across the U.S., was very interesting," she added. "We couldn't see them, but they could see us, and it was just fun being able to answer a lot of questions that kids might have had about deep sea exploration."

One of her favorite parts of the journey was the collaborative nature of their work.

"I received my master's in environmental studies, and I chose it because it's a very inter-disciplinary topic," she said. "And so I think it was really great to be able to see inter-disciplinary studies in action."

But after she landed, her work was not over — the fellowship officially concluded last month. She's been sharing her experiences with students of all ages throughout the Bay Area, from high school students in Marin to a friend's kindergarten class in San Francisco.

And even though she may have finished up the fellowship, it will continue to be a part of her life, she said.

"You're part of this larger alumni organization, and so you can tap into the resources, you can work with potential future Science Communications Fellows to make different events happen, to support them in a variety of ways. You still will be able to continue expounding on the mission of Ocean Exploration Trust." ■



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San Ramon resident Jen Runyan spent two weeks aboard the Nautilus this past fall as part of her year-long Science Communications Fellowship.

‘It Must Be Pinocchio!’

Fun family musical at Firehouse on Sunday

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pinocchio, the beloved little puppet created and brought to life by kindly Italian woodworker Geppetto, will take the stage in Pleasanton this Sunday.

East Bay Children’s Theatre is presenting Ron Lytle’s family musical, “It Must Be Pinocchio!” in two performances, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., this Sunday at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The adventure begins with Geppetto, who creates the puppet Pinocchio and wishes he were his son. Enter the Blue Fairy, who brings Pinocchio to life with a wave of her magical wooden spoon, setting him on his journey to becoming a real live boy.

As in the traditional tale, the road is paved with trials and temptations, including a Fox and a Cat who are connen, a band of razzle-dazzle actors, a wicked theatrical producer named Strombaloney — and a giant whale.

The musical score by Ron Lytle includes “The Wonderful-Funderful Workshop of Geppetto,” “Believe,” “Little Boy,” “Be an Actor on the Stage,” “Why Settle for a Little (When You Can Have a Little More)” and “It Must Be Pinocchio!”



Corinna Rezzelle (as Blue Fairy), Kris Williams (Pinocchio), and Ken Woolfe (Geppetto) star in the East Bay Children’s Theatre production of Ron Lytle’s “It Must Be Pinocchio!”

The fast-paced action and broad comedy pleases children, but, as with all East Bay Children’s Theatre productions, a generous portion of the humor is aimed point-blank at adults.

The nonprofit theater company is known for its 85 years of bringing free musical theater to underserved elementary school children, with adult casts drawing from the Bay Area and beyond. ■

Presenting Verdi’s ‘A Masked Ball’

Italian favorite is one of opera’s most gripping tales

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A tragic love triangle and a sinister conspiracy — mixed with jealousy, betrayal, guilt and forgiveness — describes Verdi’s “A Masked Ball,” the March production of the Livermore Valley Opera at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore from March 10-18.

A classic Verdi Italian opera, “Un Ballo in Maschera” is the tale of King Gustav who falls in love with Amelia, his best friend’s wife, so he sends the couple away. The husband already suspects they are lovers and in a jealous rage joins a murderous conspiracy that climaxes at a masked ball in a moving finale.

This will be the first time LVO has produced this Verdi opera, which will be sung in Italian with English supertitles. Artistic director Erie Mills has sung the role of Oscar, the King’s page, many times.

“This is a gorgeous opera by Verdi, yet not often performed,” Mills said. “We are so excited to

have back with us LVO favorites tenor Christopher Bengochea and baritone Eugene Brancoveanu, both of whom are powerful and charismatic singers. Also, Adler Fellow soprano Sarah Cambridge will make her LVO debut as Amelia.”

Pre-opera talks will be held one hour prior to curtain time, and an artists’ reception will take place in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Tickets for the opera are \$42-\$90, with \$10 off for students 18 and younger. Purchase at LVOpera.com; at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or by calling 373-6800.

Performances are as follows:
 • 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10
 • 2 p.m., Sunday, March 11
 • 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17
 • 2 p.m., Sunday, March 18

An opening night gala celebration dinner begins at 4 p.m. at Uncle Yu’s at the Vineyard. Gala tickets are \$95. ■

Enjoy jazzy evening with All Stars

Teens chosen to perform outside school setting



East Bay Jazz High School All Stars will perform next weekend in Livermore.

The East Bay Jazz High School All Stars are appearing at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore for a single performance at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 11. Tickets are \$10.

More than 20 high school musicians are chosen for the All Stars from throughout the East Bay, selected through a competitive audition process each fall. They perform in two configurations: the Big Band and the smaller Jazz Combo.

Next week’s performance

will include a short break between musical sets, and guests will be free to mingle or sit during the performance. Refreshments will be available for sale.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center sponsors East Bay Jazz, now in its third year, which is the brainchild of trombonist, composer and teacher Spencer Sussman. The band gives students a chance to perform outside a school setting and fosters an appreciation

for jazz in the community.

The teen musicians rehearse for several hours each week and perform throughout the Bay Area. For availability and booking, contact Kiran Guleria, LVPAC’s education program manager at 583-2312 or kguleria@lvpac.org.

For tickets to next week’s performance, call 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org. Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 Eighth St. in Livermore. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

‘Get Your Funny On’ for a good cause



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Comedians (left to right) Regina Stoops, Tramane Webb and Stacey Gustafson will entertain at a comedy fundraiser for Pleasanton Middle School.

Everyone is invited to a night of laughter, “Get Your Funny On,” at Tommy T’s Comedy Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to benefit Pleasanton Middle School. Tickets are \$20; a table for eight is \$120. A two-item minimum purchase is required.

A silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will fund the school’s classrooms, library, wellness program, garden, student groups and school activities.

Three comedians will take the stage for the cause:

• Regina Stoops, born and raised in a town called Normal, takes a look at an ordinary life and redefines what it is to be normal. Her perspective on

life in the suburbs has made her a favorite at comedy clubs and fundraisers throughout the Bay Area.

• Tramane Webb is a young Bay-area comedian who riffs on both intelligent and seemingly ridiculous funny topics. He has performed in comedy clubs all over Northern California including Tommy T’s, the Purple Onion and Space 1582.

• Stacey Gustafson is a proud city slicker from St. Louis who turns everyday frustrations into hilarity. Her tongue-in-cheek humor resonates as she pokes fun at kids, parents, marriage and midlife. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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Both boys tennis teams start season off strong

Also: Foothill baseball opens with win, TV30 seeks Coach of the Year nominees

The Amador Valley boys tennis team kept their early season success going by taking the title at the James Logan tournament last week.

The Dons played four matches in the tournament and took all four easily. The victories were all by 5-2 finals and came against Mission San Jose, College Park, Campolindo and Tamalpais.

Meanwhile across Pleasanton, Foothill returned to the courts on Feb. 14 to begin the 2018 tennis season with a 6-1 defeat of Castro Valley.

The Falcons then rolled into East Bay Athletic League play with a 6-1 victory over Livermore before falling in a tough, 5-4 loss to Dougherty Valley.

The Dougherty Valley match was a classic as the Falcons took the defending EBAL and North Coast Section champions down to the wire in a 2-1/2-hour battle that was decided in the last match, the No. 3 doubles.

Shreekar Eedara, Adam Linette and Abhi Eedara won in singles, and Alex Yang and Dylan Weiglein took the No. 1 doubles.

The 2018 Falcons are led by seniors Kyle Thompson and Jared Tay, juniors Akash Patel, Shreekar Eedara, Weiglein, Brendan Hwang, Tanmay Gandhi, Matt Haskell and Yang, sophomores Andre Linette and Andrew Kwon, and freshmen Ani Pouri and Abhi Eedara.

Amador boys basketball

Amador's sensational late-season run came to end in the second round of the North Coast Section tournament with a 72-37 loss to Dublin last Friday.

The Dons had stunned Dublin a week earlier to win the EBAL title, then posted a 52-41 win over James Logan in the first round of NCS to advance to the rematch with the second-seeded Gaels.

Foothill baseball

Foothill kicked off its season with a 10-2 win over Castro Valley on Saturday.

Foothill started the scoring early in the bottom of the first inning with a single by Jeremy Lea followed by a double by Brett Hansen and a two-run single by Jake Simons. Castro Valley fought back in the top of the third against the flame-throwing Hansen to tie it at 2-2.

In the bottom of the fourth, Foothill put two more on the board with a walk to Hansen, a sacrifice bunt by Owen Camp and a single by Justin Lavell that advanced Hansen to third. Lavell then stole second, with Hansen scoring on the throw to second. Carson King finished the scoring in the fourth with a single, scoring Lavelle.

In the bottom of the fifth, Foothill would blow things open adding four more runs led by a double from Corey Steinhauer, a single by

Lea, a single by Hansen, a single by Camp, a hit by pitch on Lavell and a sacrifice fly by Max Masajlo.

The Falcons' final runs came in the sixth on a two-run homer from Lea.

Foothill's pitching staff started off the season right, allowing no earned runs for the game.

Hansen was the starting pitcher allowing two runs — both unearned — on three hits and a walk, while posting three strikeouts in three innings pitched.

James Kroll followed, allowing no runs and one hit while striking out one in two innings of work. Josh Anderson closed out the last two innings of the game allowing no runs, one hit and one walk and striking out three.

Coach of the Year nominations

Did you have a high school coach this academic year that made a difference in your sports training and will also have a positive impact on the rest of your life?

Now you have a chance to thank that person by nominating him or her for the Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding High School Coach of the Year Award.

This is the fourth year for TV30's Coach of the Year Award. Last year's winner was Amador volleyball coach Chris Kim, who was nominated by both students and parents for the work and inspiration he provided.

It's easy to nominate your favorite coach. Just go to tv30.org and click on the banner at the top of the website. Fill out the short form to nominate your favorite coach.

The winner will be announced at this year's Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding Athletic Awards ceremony taking place on May 24 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The deadline to submit the nomination is at midnight on April 22. ■

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

Quidditch regionals coming to Dublin

'Harry Potter' inspired sport drawing teams from across western U.S.



NIKKI SMITH

Cal Quidditch competes against BosNYan Bearsharks at US Quidditch Cup last year in Florida. This year's western regionals will be held in Dublin this weekend.

US Quidditch and Visit Tri-Valley are bringing the 2018 West Regional Championship to Fallon Sports Park in Dublin this Saturday and Sunday.

The sports tournament, inspired by the "Harry Potter" series, will feature more than 400 players from California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah vying for a spot in US Quidditch Cup 11 to be held in Round Rock, Texas, in April.

Admission is free throughout the weekend.

Quidditch is a full contact, competitive, mixed gender sport that brings to life the fictional sport played in the "Harry Potter" book and film series. It is played with seven players to a team all mounted on brooms. They score points with the quaffle (a volleyball) and the snitch, a neutral yellow-clad athlete who tries to avoid capture.

Now in its 13th year of real-life competition, quidditch is played by more than 300 college, high school and community teams nationwide, including by well-known university athletic powerhouses like Cal, UCLA, Ohio State and Texas A&M.

Teams compete throughout the year before regional tournaments crown champions to advance to the annual US Quidditch Cup. There are two divisions: collegiate and community.

The regional event in Dublin will also feature lessons both days for youngsters who want to try playing quidditch. Child and teen students can sign up onsite either day, and they must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. For more info, contact events@usquidditch.org. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Bay Area Corporate Games postponed

A Tri-Valley event set to feature Bay Area employees competing against each other while representing their companies has been postponed indefinitely, organizers announced this week.

The 2018 Bay Area Corporate Games were originally set to be contested in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore from March 15-18, but Corporate Games USA organizers notified local partner Visit Tri-Valley that the showcase would be rescheduled to a date not yet determined.

The event was expected to draw more than 2,000 athletes from Bay Area companies and organizations to compete in a range of sports including basketball, cycling, volleyball, tennis, golf, softball and running — in addition to featuring an opening ceremony, closing awards and a health expo.

For more information on the postponement, visit www.corporategamesUSA.com. ■

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FOR VETS

Support Veterans Memorial Building at Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 17, 5 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. This fundraiser includes dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and door prizes. All funds collected go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building Operating Committee to pay for the expenses of the Veterans Wing of the building, which helps support nine different local veterans organizations. \$40 per person. Order tickets from Lee Halverson at lhazmateer@aol.com.

Fundraisers

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. Come to watch our musical performance staffed with students from the Northern California and state honor bands. Before the performance at 5 p.m., there will be the instrument petting zoo sponsored by Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe, which gives curious children of all ages a hands-on experience with violin, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, flute, clarinet, bell, snare drum and more.

All proceeds will go to PPIE, a nonprofit organization that's been dedicated to supporting Pleasanton public schools.

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. Limited seating, RSVP: Christine, 462-3704. \$10 per bingo packet (10 games), pizza, snacks and beverages available, prizes and raffles. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital treatment of Cooley's Anemia.

Health & Wellness

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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 timeline. 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. March 8 and 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 1-3 p.m., the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111

E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, across the street from Trader Joe's. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR

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

Seniors

MEALS ON WHEELS, MARCH FOR MEALS

Spectrum Community Services joins Meals on Wheels programs in the 16th Annual March for Meals Celebration. Spectrum's celebration will focus on 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. For more information, or to request meal delivery, visit www.SpectrumCS.org. or call 483-1989.

MEN OF BREAKFAST Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest. No reservation necessary, just a good disposition and willingness to cultivate the art of a good conversation.

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING

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

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

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

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might

PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Luck of the Irish

Benny, a small adult Chihuahua, is ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and would love to do that in his new forever home. He is a quiet lad who enjoys being around his volunteer friends, going for a little walk or cuddling in a lap. He is neutered, and will be microchipped and up-to-date on shots. Benny is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. For more information, call 803-7040.

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

1CLOSET TEEN TO TEEN GIVING

1Closet is hosting an East Bay 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. They 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. We need volunteers to set up and help at the event, donations of dress racks and decor for the space for that weekend. For more info, please contact 1Closet at info.1closet@gmail.com. www.1-closet.com.

2018 TEEN JOB AND CAREER FAIR

Saturday, March 3. Admission is free to all teen job seekers and lunch will be provided. Tri Valley teens ages 14 - 19, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., 1-4 p.m. 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.

Community Groups

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GARDEN CLUB MEETING

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.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS

Virtually Speaking Toastmasters Club meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll

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MOM2MOM MEETINGS

Moms and grandmothers of all ages are welcome to join the Mom2mom group based on the Titus 2 women where the older moms are mentoring the younger moms. Parenting tips, guest speakers, crafts and practical life applications. Meetings are 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact Valerie Fleming at 484-2482 ext. 121 or valerie@harvestvalley.org.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

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

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated invite all women and men to our monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, March 8, to hear our Special Guest Speaker Judge Steven Bailey, who is running for Attorney General. Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill Banquet Room, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. Social: 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m. Reservations due by March 5, RSVP, call: Jo Molz: Cell/Text: 367-6155 include names and a phone # or email: rjm911@sbcglobal.net. TVRWF Members: \$30.00; Guests: \$35.00.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

Amador Valley Quilters will meet on Saturday, March 10. Peggy Martin will be the guest speaker. Her lecture will focus on how traditional quilting patterns can provide inspiration that leads to the creation of modern designs. AVQ meets on the second Saturday of the month from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.



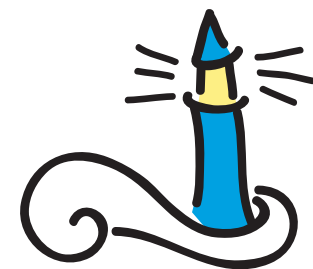
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 540617
The following person doing business as: Level Up Professional Development, 3857 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Janice Finn Weekes, 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
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PERFECT SIGNINGS MOBILE NOTARY
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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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 541546
The following person doing business as: Twinview Properties, 2677 Becard Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nita Scurria, 2677 Becard Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Nita Scurria, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Nita Scurria, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 22, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2018).

925 Pool
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 541403
The following person doing business as: 925 Pool, 5053 Kevin Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Brandon L. Riddell, 5053 Kevin Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Brandon L. Riddle an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Brandon L. Riddle, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 16, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018).

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY Case No.: RG18894342
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: GENIE CAROLE HOLLI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GENIE CAROLE HOLLI to GENIE CAROLE HOLLIE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: APRIL 13, 2018, 11:30 a.m., Dept.: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA, 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: FEBRUARY 22, 2018 WYNNE S. CARVILL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLEASANTON WEEKLY, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018)

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Brentwood

2 BEDROOMS
793 Franklin Drive \$712,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 321-6104

Castro Valley

3 BEDROOMS
2250 Grove Way \$617,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

Dublin

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

Fremont

4 BEDROOMS
41280 Vargas Road \$3,698,950
 Sun 1-4 Joseph Sabeh Jr. 415-385-6442

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
921 Laguna Street \$799,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Miranda Mattos 336-7653
4060 Pomona Way \$695,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

4 BEDROOMS
1879 Locust Street \$399,000
 Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Robin Young 877-371-1881

5 BEDROOMS
2263 Bluffs Court \$1,349,000
 Sun 1-4 Miranda Mattos 336-7653

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Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS
3637 Touriga Drive \$950,000
 Fri 10-1, Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260-2220/413-6544

4866 Treewood Court \$1,034,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

4 BEDROOMS
5136 Blackbird Drive \$1,310,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

12 Deer Oaks Drive \$2,149,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

3440 Gravina Place \$1,650,000
 Fri 10-1, Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260-2220/413-6544

5 BEDROOMS
9302 Benzon Drive \$2,148,000
 Sun 1-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

1124 Piemonte Drive \$2,850,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

3720 Raboli Street \$2,499,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

5689 San Jose Drive \$1,680,000
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

3760 Trenergy Drive \$2,499,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

2959 Victoria Meadow Court \$1,800,000
 Fri 5-7, Sat/Sun 1-4 Cove Corey 989-2186

San Ramon

3 BEDROOMS
411 Old Ranch Court \$1,625,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

Sunol

5 BEDROOMS
14 Railroad Avenue \$1,999,999
 Sun 1-4 Natalie Blanco 200-5119

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 23-29.

Pleasanton

387 Ewing Drive W. & V. Joachim to D. Cheng for \$1,380,000

3726 Oak Brook Court M. Menzel to V. Duraisamy for \$1,200,000

2595 Secretariat Drive Berry Trust to S. Krishnan for \$862,500

4225 Sheldon Circle Defreitas Trust to L. Beer for \$600,000

Dublin

6614 Eensburg Lane J. & M. Thompson to E. Carroll for \$851,000

5520 El Dorado Lane #11 Calatlantic Group to X. Fang for \$731,000

5522 El Dorado Lane Calatlantic Group to J. Snider for \$724,000

3290 Maguire Way #413 Batewell Trust to Z. Zhong for \$575,000

7068 North Mariposa Court National Residential to R. & S. Gupta for \$847,500

7977 Regional Common TH Regional Venture to A. Horstman for \$764,000

7445 Rolling Hills Circle Iwata Trust to C. Tian for \$720,000

Livermore

1242 Bluebell Drive M. & R. Fernandez to H. & A. Azizian for \$640,000

5918 Crestmont Avenue Ferguson Trust to J. Rocha for \$620,000

4059 Fordham Court Conley Trust to M. & L. Vergili for \$820,000

6910 Hillstone Court Shane Trust to Zage Rentals for \$1,229,000

885 Junction Avenue A. Munzini to E. Katsarelis for \$655,000

1422 Mimosa Street R. Stover to R. Batra for \$1,050,000

975 Murrieta Boulevard #7 D. & C. Mingione to W. Maher for \$292,500

529 Rincon Avenue Smith Trust to C. Wu for \$750,000

292 Wildrose Common #2 E. Frerking to C. & A. Torrisi for \$565,000

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 30-Feb. 2.

San Ramon

10033 Alcosta Boulevard K. Ball to Savant Homes for \$775,000

68 Ayamonte Court 41st Avenue Realty to J. Mobarak for \$995,000

3047 Cabrillo Avenue C. & R. McNally to T. Chen for \$870,000

23 Chapparral Court T. Croghan to M. Farr for \$1,392,000

7518 May Way People First Properties to Venkataswamy Trust for \$950,000

2875 Morgan Drive Pennymac Corporation to T. & E. Keegan for \$1,070,000

420 Norris Canyon Terrace Yasueda Trust to S. Smalley for \$470,000

2489 Talavera Drive R. & L. Thompson to M. Kumar for \$799,000

2586 Tamworth Lane X. Xiao to N. & A. Mukherjee for \$1,350,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Jan. 23-29)

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$600,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,380,000
Average sales reported: \$1,010,625

Dublin (Jan. 23-29)

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$575,000
Highest sale reported: \$851,000
Average sales reported: \$744,643

Livermore (Jan. 23-29)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$292,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,229,000
Average sales reported: \$735,722

San Ramon (Jan. 30-Feb. 2)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$470,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,392,000
Average sales reported: \$963,444

Source: California REsource

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OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



1124 Piemonte Drive, Ruby Hill
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 3 Car garage plus golf cart garage
 Offered at \$2,850,000

SERENITY AND GRANDEUR

OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



3760 Trenergy Drive, Pleasanton
 5 BD, 5 1/2 BA, 5,197 SF on .92 Acre
 Pool, Casita, outdoor Kitchen,
 Bocce Ball Court
 Offered at \$2,499,000

OLD RANCH MEDITERRANEAN

OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



411 Old Ranch Ct, San Ramon
 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA, 3,367 SF on .46 Acre
 Amazing garden with decks
 and great views
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CONTEMPORARY CRAFTSMAN ESTATE

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3720 Raboli Street, Ruby Hill
 5 BD en-suite plus 1 half BA
 5,489 SF on .45 Acre, 1st floor
 office, bonus, guest room
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TRADITIONAL MASTERPIECE

COMING SOON



1009 Via Di Salerno, Ruby Hill
 5 BD, 4 1/2 BA, 6,200 SF on .60 Acre
 Office, large bonus room,
 Pool & Cabana
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20 ACRES FOR UP TO 4 HOMES

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


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