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Ten Years and Four Diagnoses Later, Patient Gets Her Life—Back

When Rachel was a kid and telling stories about all the blood draws leaving scars on her arms, she realized this wasn't the childhood experience most other kids had. They fell out of trees and scrapped their knees but didn't usually endure years of being sick.

For almost 10 years, Rachel suffered with headaches, nausea, and dehydration. Sometimes she would just experience sensory overload with her family around, and have to tell them—“Okay, everyone has to be quiet now.”

For years, Rachel had been bounced from institution to institution, specialist to specialist, before an outside institution asked one of the specialists here at Stanford Health Care to take an active role in her care. Dr. Linda Nguyen, a gastroenterologist and hepatologist, began assessing her GI issues but had heard enough about spinal fluid leaks that she thought this could be the problem. Interestingly enough, Stanford's Dr. Ian Carroll, headache specialist and orofacial pain specialist, had just reached out to Dr. Nguyen sharing information about how some spinal leaks were characterized by chronic intractable nausea, in addition to ringing in the ears, vomiting, and headache. Dr. Carroll had collaborated with Stanford's Neuroradiology and Neurology Headache divisions to create the Stanford spinal cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak program—and immediately took an active interest in Rachel's case.

At 24, Rachel was on her fourth diagnosis and had been on headache medication for years when she met Dr. Carroll.

Recalls Rachel, “I don't think I'll ever forget doing the first diagnostic test where he just had me lie flat. It was really the first time my headache had ever gone away, and it was a huge a-ha moment for me.”

Rachel believes that had it not been for Stanford Health Care's mindset and Dr. Carroll's mindset as a doctor at Stanford, she would not have been diagnosed so quickly.

When Rachel first got the CSF diagnosis, she was hospitalized since she was having trouble getting out of bed. To treat the spinal fluid leak, Dr. Carroll performed what is called an epidural blood patch where the patient's own blood is injected around the bag of fluid that surrounds the spinal cord. This creates a seal and a scar over the part where the bag is torn. This helps the fluid stop leaking and can restore normal balance and normal pressure of the spinal fluid.

After her first blood patch, Rachel got substantially better, and Dr. Carroll was confident they were on the right path: “We want multiple dimensions across her life to be better so she can return to function, and do the things a young woman wants to do with her life instead of being engaged in the medical system on a semi-continuous basis.”

Dr. Carroll believes that spinal fluid leaks are often misdiagnosed, and more common than previously thought. He speaks from personal experience: his daughter had a spinal fluid leak that had gone undiagnosed for far too long until she got the right treatment. That's when he really began to think about the interplay of different syndromes and symptoms, and how important it was for a major academic medical center like Stanford to collaborate across departments.

Most at risk are those with Marfan and Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes, both connective tissue disorders. Orthostatic headache, or headache that is worse when upright, is a key feature of a spinal CSF leak, but is also a common feature in patients with postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS).

“Patients shouldn't have to wander from doctor to doctor until they randomly interact with a doctor

“Stanford Health Care's ability to give me answers has made a huge impact on my life.”

— Rachel

who happens to know that people with Marfan are at greater risk of developing a leak. After the personal experience I had with it, I started reaching out to the Stanford Headache Clinic, and the POTS and Marfan Clinics. Now we're all reading about it and it has created a great dialogue.” explains Dr. Carroll. “There is a place in our society for a group of doctors that want to see the most difficult cases, that want to spend their time reading about those cases and trying to develop new treatments for those cases and that place is Stanford.”

Dr. Carroll admits he gets invested in his client's wellbeing and says it helps him unlock his own internal resources and the institutional resources at Stanford.

Rachel had to laugh when Dr. Carroll insisted she watch three videos and read a paper about her procedure BEFORE he would even talk to her. But in the end, his advice was right: “He involved me a lot and kept me updated, which I really, really appreciate!”

Explains Rachel, “This blood patching thing, from a nerdy, scientific perspective, I think it is so fascinating. I love it.”

Two procedures later, Rachel's headaches aren't as common and the sensory overload feelings are subsiding. Best of all, her music-loving family ‘loves’ it when she says this: “Listening to music as loud as I want has been nice!”



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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Hot election season expected in Dublin

The fall election season is shaping up to be an interesting one locally, particularly in Dublin where Dubliners United can be expected to mount a serious challenge to existing city policies.

Incumbent Councilman Arun Goel, who has a safe seat, already has announced he plans to challenge Mayor David Haubert, who has been elected mayor three times and will be seeking his fourth and final two-year term. For Goel, it's a perfect time to challenge him from a safe seat.

There will be one open seat on the council because appointed Councilwoman Janine Thalblum has pledged not to seek re-election. She was appointed in April to replace longtime Councilman Don Biddle after he passed away from cancer last winter.

Councilman Abe Gupta has announced his plans to seek re-election, and the leader of Dubliners United, Bobby Khullar, announced his candidacy for council recently.

This Saturday, Shawn Kumagai will formally open his campaign for council with a kickoff at Alamo Creek Park. He's a master chief petty officer in the Navy Reserve, the highest rank for an enlisted man. He is a design consultant for a Bay Area utility company as well as a founding member of the Lambda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County and secretary of the API Caucus of the California Democratic Party.

The press release announcing his candidacy noted that, if elected, he would be the first openly gay council member in Dublin. His kickoff will include remarks from Democrat activists including State Controller Betty Yee, El Cerrito Mayor Gabe Quinto and former Pleasanton Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

That makes three candidates for two seats on the council, with plenty of time for others to enter the race before filing closes next month.

Khullar set up this council run by leading the recall campaigns against Biddle (who was termed out in November), Gupta and school trustee Dan Cunningham. Since the petitions were not submitted to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office until early July and that office has 30 days to verify the signatures,

it's possible that the deadline for the November ballot will pass before any action can be taken.

The recalls of Gupta and Biddle obviously are moot, but Cunningham will have two years remaining on his term in November. It would be sadly ironic if the signature verifications take enough time that the recall vote cannot make the November ballot. That would require the school district to foot the bill for a special election to decide the recall question as well as select a replacement if Cunningham is recalled.

The seats of trustees Megan Rouse and Dan Cherrier are already on the November ballot.

Much of the angst driving the unhappiness and frustration that Dubliners United tapped into stems from overcrowded schools and then is focused on the City Council as it continues to implement plans for East Dublin that were approved more than a decade ago. That's why the council settled the suit filed by developer UDR after the council rejected its plans for its 220-unit Ashton development next to the East Dublin BART station.

UDR had invested more than \$1 million to maintain the original development agreement and then was stunned when the council rejected the project. The firm filed the lawsuit shortly thereafter, and the parties reached a settlement that requires the city to approve the 220-unit project with a five-year development agreement. In exchange, the city will receive \$600,000 in a community benefit fee that will go to Don Biddle Community Park.

As he announced his candidacy for council, Khullar resigned as the head of the recall movement. Gupta criticizes Khullar for using the recall to organize a group of supporters for his November run. It took a long time from the December recall announcement, after Dubliners United became a formal political action group, for the process to unwind. The group stretched out gathering signatures over months, so any election would be November or later.

So, stay tuned this fall — it promises to be a hot election in Dublin. That will be unusual in a city that generally has followed a consistent policy path since it incorporated in 1981. ■

About the Cover

Pacific Pearl, the new Asian-focused shopping center at El Charro Road and Stoneridge Drive in eastern Pleasanton, is celebrating its ceremonial grand opening with a special event open to the public this Saturday. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XIX, Number 26

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Where is your 'happy place'?



Terri Smith

Office manager/receptionist

My happy place is wherever there is a body of water, whether it is an ocean, a lake or even a river, especially if it is running through mountains. I find the looks and sounds of moving water, whether crashing waves or falling cascades or a trickling river, to be very soothing, relaxing and peaceful.



Martha Jensen

Retail

My happy place is wherever I can do some good for someone else, whether it is another human being or any other of God's creatures. It is a nice feeling to know that my happy place is wherever I happen to be because there is always someone out there, wherever I am, who is needy and can benefit from my help.



Bob Franklin

Accountant

My happy place is on an airplane at 30,000 feet. No phones ringing. No texts or emails that must be answered right away. Airplane travel is a reprieve from the modern world of interruptions that require instantaneous responses.



Geraldine Briggs

Counselor

Well that's a no-brainer. Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., of course. I live in California but am originally from the East Coast, where I grew up going to Walt Disney World in Florida. I have such wonderful memories of the times I've spent there that I love to keep going back in order to create new ones.



Clare Singer

Physical therapist

I'd have to say my happy place is wherever my children are. They are practically adults. One is heading off to college and the other is about to be a senior in high school. I know they will be off on their own, busy with their own independent lives before long. So these days, I'm so happy whenever they're with me, wherever we happen to be.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Tri-Valley Heroes

The Pleasanton Weekly is continuing to solicit nominations for the seventh annual Tri-Valley Heroes program.

The 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes will honor standout residents in eight award categories, open to all who live or work in the Tri-Valley communities: Arts and Culture, Community Spirit, Courage, Environmental Stewardship, Innovation, Rising Star, Role Model and Lifetime Achievement.

The Weekly is also seeking sponsors to provide vital financial support for the annual program. To learn more, visit www.pleasantonweekly.com.

Immigration forum

Following up on the recent "Families Belong Together" rallies, local community organizers are hosting an immigration forum in Livermore on July 29.

The forum aims to continue the push to reunite children with their families separated by the Trump administration's recent zero-tolerance border policies, according to organizers. The event will feature a panel discussion on the history of immigration, causes of migration and the impact of detention on families.

The event will take place July 29 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2uyJq0h>. The forum is hosted by Livermore Indivisible Immigration Group and OFA East Bay Central Chapter, and co-sponsored by La Familia and St. Charles Catholic Church Social Concerns.

Stargazing

Stars of the summer night will be the focus of several East Bay Regional Park District programs in July and August.

This Saturday from 8:30-10 p.m., Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore will host naturalist Constance Taylor and the Tri-Valley Stargazers to discuss constellations, star clusters and nebulae that will all be on display. For information, call 510-544-3249. ■

Clarifications

• To clarify last week's story "Want to run for local office?", Pleasanton residents do not get to vote in the Dublin San Ramon Services District election, nor can they run for a position on the DSRSD board. While the city of Pleasanton contracts with DSRSD for sewer services, Pleasanton is officially outside of the district's boundaries.

• Regarding last week's story "House heavily damaged in afternoon fire," Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department officials provided an update after press deadline that a pet dog was found deceased inside the Heatherlark Circle house due to the fire.

Council approves temporary ban on new massage businesses downtown

City staff, task force to review options for future as part of Downtown Specific Plan update

BY JEREMY WALSH
The Pleasanton City Council voted Tuesday to immediately enact a temporary ban on new or expanded massage businesses in the downtown area, setting the stage for the issue to be decided through the city's ongoing Downtown Specific Plan update process.

The unanimous decision, in the wake of a heavily opposed attempt to open a massage business in a largely residential part of downtown, came in the form of an urgency ordinance that remains in

effect for at least 45 days but does not prevent existing establishments from continuing to operate in line with their permits.

"I would like to make sure we emphasize this is something that is temporary. This is not something that is permanent," Mayor Jerry Thorne said Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

"It's just to give the task force and the staff an opportunity to look at this issue very hard to find out where we do want to allow these in the downtown," the mayor added.

The question took center stage

in recent weeks after city planning staff and the Pleasanton Police Department initially signed off on a request from a massage business tenant to open at 1056 Division St. — in a building that looks like a house converted for commercial use that is zoned in the office district, a designation that allows massage businesses with city approval.

The parcel is located at the northwestern edge of the Downtown Specific Plan area, about five blocks from the downtown business center, on an isolated commercial property surrounded by

homes at the corner of Division and Fair streets.

The building had primarily housed office uses in the past, so the prospect of a massage business opening in what is otherwise a residential part of downtown raised red flags for many neighbors.

City officials fielded complaints from residents and later found the business operator failed to meet all permit requirements, which would have prompted revocation proceedings had the operator not

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Chamber hires new CEO

Van Dorn taking over in August after run in Pleasant Hill

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has selected Steve Van Dorn as the organization's new president and CEO, effective next month.

The current leader of the Pleasant Hill chamber and a longtime Dublin resident, Van Dorn said he is "honored and excited" about the opportunity to lead the Pleasanton chamber and build upon the work of his predecessor Scott Raty, who is retiring after more than a decade as the chamber's president/CEO.



Steve Van Dorn

"My dream has always been to work in a city that is close to where I live and values the importance of a strong business community," Van Dorn said in a statement last Friday. "The city of Pleasanton offers both of these, which is why my focus will be to ensure Pleasanton continues to be one of the top cities in the Bay Area to live, work and raise a family."

Van Dorn brings nearly 30 years of experience across the fields of hospitality, sales and chamber management to his new role

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COLOSSUS GIRL ENTERTAINMENT

Cosplay characters at last year's Powerhouse Comic Con. This is the second year the event will be taking over the Alameda County Fairgrounds on July 28.

Comic Con returning to Pleasanton

'Aliens' reunion, cosplay, trivia and more at fairgrounds later this month

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Make way for artists, actors and cosplay characters — the East Bay's largest comic con event will take over the Alameda County Fairgrounds at the end of July.

Powerhouse Comic Con will feature more than 200 vendors, exhibitors, cosplay, films, television and special celebrity guests from the science fiction and fantasy realms. It will happen July 28 at the fairgrounds, with tickets now available for purchase.

Presented by Colossus Girl Entertainment, this is the second year that Powerhouse Comic Con has come to Pleasanton.

"Comic cons nowadays are much more than just a geek get together," said Marina Lukyantseva, a representative from Colossus Girl Entertainment. "It is a form of family-friendly entertainment for all ages and also something that unites people and brings smiles to their faces."

Colossus Girl Entertainment produces three other comic con events in addition to Powerhouse. Each has its own superhero.

This year, the convention has doubled its space, Lukyantseva said. The company aims to make their productions affordable yet worthwhile, she added — to "fill

the void" between expensive corporate events and smaller shows that are cheap but lacking in options.

Crystal Diamond, general manager of Characterz Cafe on Sunol Boulevard, pointed to the accessibility of Powerhouse as one of the most exciting features, especially when large-scale, more renowned comic cons like the one happening in San Diego right now are "bursting at the seams," she said.

"A lot of times, people are priced out. A lot of times, people

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TAKE US ALONG



Kahns in the Caymans: Tina Kahn snaps a photo of husband Bob at the Cayman Brac Beach Resort on the island of Cayman Brac, part of the Cayman Islands.

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

Patelco moving headquarters from Pleasanton to Dublin

CEO: Credit union has outgrown current leased space on Hopyard

By ERIKA ALVERO

Patelco Credit Union's headquarters has outgrown its space in Pleasanton and will soon be moving into a larger office building in Dublin that the firm recently purchased, according to Patelco officials.

The transition is still in the early planning stages, but officials with the credit union say that right now the move is projected to happen in the next 18-24 months. The new space near the Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center is 1.5 miles away from Patelco's present corporate office at 5050 Hopyard Road — and over three times the size.

"Patelco Credit Union continues to grow at a healthy pace, and the credit union has already outgrown the current location,"

said Erin Mendez, CEO of the not-for-profit institution. "We needed to find a home that would support us into the foreseeable future that aligns with our growth trajectory."

Patelco purchased the new space at 3 Park Place on July 9 for \$55 million. The building previously housed software company SAP.

Mendez said that in consideration of their existing team, they had wanted to find a place as close to the current spot as possible, specifically within a three-mile radius.

"Unfortunately, Patelco was not able to locate a suitable location within Pleasanton, but it will remain a key part of our past, present and future," Mendez said. "We will continue to serve

this community and the broader Northern California region."

The new building in Dublin is about 210,000 square feet, compared to the 62,000 square feet at the present space on Hopyard Road. It is situated near the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, and includes a gym and outdoor facilities, "along with sufficient room to grow," according to Mendez.

Patelco is planning on leasing parts of the new building at first, she said, until they need the additional office space.

"Economically, the purchasing of this building will enhance the financial position of the credit union, which Patelco can then pass along to its members through new products, services and improved rates and fees," Mendez said. ■

Dublin resident dies in boating accident

Sheriff's office: Man water skiing on Delta drowns after trying to untangle tow line caught in propeller

By ERIKA ALVERO

A Dublin man was killed in a boating accident on the Delta last month, and supporters are working to raise funds to help his widow and two children.

Carlos Tovar, 41, died on June 23 while water skiing along the Empire Cut Waterway, between Stockton and Antioch.

"Carlos was an amazing father and husband as well as a loving son, brother, and friend to many," wrote Kataneh Hamidi on a GoFundMe campaign set up to support his family.

Tovar was water skiing along the Empire Cut Waterway near Lower Jones Road around midday on June 23, according to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

Others in the boat retrieved him back onto the vessel, but the tow line got caught in the propeller, sheriff's officials said. Tovar then re-entered the water to try and remove the tow line, but did not resurface.

The man was transported to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dublin resident Carlos Tovar (right) died June 23 in a boating accident on the Delta. A GoFundMe fundraising campaign was set up to support the wife and two children he leaves behind.

a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The incident is currently being investigated by the sheriff's Boating

Safety Unit. As of this week, the GoFundMe for Tovar's family had raised over \$55,500 of the campaign's \$75,000 goal. ■

COMIC CON

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are overwhelmed," she said. Pow-erhouse, though, is more affordable, and the fact it will only last one day makes it a more family-friendly event, she added.

Special guests coming to Pow-erhouse this year herald from a variety of fantastical worlds and media, but in particular, 2018 will feature a reunion of cast members from "Aliens," including Carrie and Christopher Henn

(Newt and Newt's brother, respectively), Cynthia Scott (Corporal Dietrich) and Ricco Ross (Private Frost).

Other notable guests include Ciara Hanna and Christina Masterson, the yellow and pink Power Rangers on the "Power Rangers Megaforce" television series, along with Jon Provost, best-known for playing the role of Timmy on the television show "Lassie."

The special guests will speak at different panels on a range of topics, from Marvel trivia to

cosplay costume design to classic Hollywood.

The convention will also involve other activities including laser tag, a flight simulator, an escape game room, face painting and a racing simulator.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 28. General admission tickets for ages 13 and up are \$11 online and \$16 at the door, \$5 online and \$8 at the door for ages 5-12 and free for children under the age of 5. For more information, visit www.powerhousecomiccon.com. ■

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voluntarily relinquished the permit rather than pursue a hearing, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

But even though the problematic location on Division Street never opened, the issue remained for city staff about how to address future massage businesses throughout the downtown area — which currently has 24 permitted massage establishments (out of 66 massage permits citywide), Beaudin said.

The Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force was already hard at work developing proposed land-use regulations for the downtown area and the city attorney had also begun looking at Pleasanton's massage ordinance for potential updates, according to Beaudin.

"We just decided that now would be a good time to pause on new massage establishments, or the expansion of (existing)," Beaudin said. "This seemed like an appropriate time based on the work that the city was doing overall relative to massage establishments and the concern that was raised relative to that one site."

About a dozen residents were in the audience for the discussion Tuesday night, but only one spoke to the council. Patty Recupero said she thought the urgency ordinance was a win-win.



JEREMY WALSH

Building at 1056 Division St. prompted the city's debate on massage shops downtown.

"I'm here tonight to urge the City Council to pass the urgent moratorium," she said. "I believe it's important to hit the pause button ... to give the city staff and council time to explore all the pros, cons and loopholes the personal use category has under the office use zoning."

The council agreed, voting 5-0 to adopt the urgency ordinance, which prohibits new massage establishments or the expansion of any existing massage businesses in downtown, including increasing the square footage and in most cases adding more technicians.

Existing massage businesses downtown can stay open, secure annual permit renewals, hire replacement technicians or change owners as long as they adhere to all permit and code requirements and do not expand.

The urgency ordinance takes effect initially for 45 days, after which the council could opt to extend for up to another 10 months and 15 days — and after that, another year if desired.

The final downtown massage decision is now shifted to the Downtown Specific Plan update process. One of the many ideas the task force has already considered is whether the city should restrict ground-floor tenant spaces on Main Street to "active uses" only, which would exclude personal services such as massage and salons, according to Beaudin.

All task force recommendations for potential downtown regulations, including on massage businesses, will ultimately be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and to City Council for final consideration. ■

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in Pleasanton — something that stood out to the chamber board's search committee.

"His extensive background in the industry coupled with his intimate knowledge of the Tri-Valley provides him with a great foundation as he transitions into his new role as CEO of the Pleasanton chamber," said Harold Roundtree, chairman of the board and CEO of UNCLE Credit Union.

"Per the guidance and direction of the Board, Steve's focus will continue to be providing members with networking and marketing opportunities, business resources, educational programming, advocacy before local government and promoting the community awareness necessary to maintain the economic vitality in the city of Pleasanton," Roundtree added.

Van Dorn comes to Pleasanton after working nearly two years as president/CEO of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, where he helped form the Pleasant Hill Tourism Improvement District.

Prior to that, he served as corporate affairs manager for the California Chamber of Commerce representing the Silicon Valley and the Bay Area, where he was responsible for increasing connections and

improving relations with business leaders in the region.

That role followed nearly 14 years as president/CEO of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce & Convention-Visitors Bureau, from 2002-15. While in Santa Clara, he served on the California chamber board and earned recognitions including the Hospitality Achievement Award from the Silicon Valley Concierge Association in 2012.

Van Dorn began his career in hospitality sales in 1984, working at three hotels with Hilton Hotels Corp., and then moved on to sales positions with the Los Angeles and San Jose visitors' bureaus before joining the Santa Clara chamber.

A San Diego State University graduate, Van Dorn has been married to wife Lori 32 years and they raised three sons in Dublin.

His first day with the Pleasanton chamber will be Aug. 8, with Raty set to help with the transition for one week before officially retiring Aug. 15. ■

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Congressional candidates meet with constituents

Swalwell speaks at forum in Pleasanton; Peters hosts campaign event at Livermore pub

By **ANDY LI**

Residents of the Tri-Valley and the rest of the 15th Congressional District got the opportunity to hear from both general election candidates during separate meet-and-greets last Saturday.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) held an “Espresso Yourself” town hall over coffee in downtown Pleasanton late Saturday morning, while challenger Rudy Peters (R-Livermore) hosted a public campaign event in Livermore that evening.

The two candidates are squaring off in November after Swalwell, who is seeking his fourth straight term in Congress, earned nearly 70% of the vote during the primary election and Peters finished second with about 26% — well ahead of independent candidate Brendan St. John in third.

Swalwell’s event at Inking’s Coffee and Tea featured approximately 100 attendees on Saturday, occurring soon after he held a “Hike With Your Congressman” morning trip at the Sycamore Grove Park in southeastern Livermore.

During the town hall, Swalwell discussed several hot topics that are receiving increasing coverage across the country. For the first half of the event, Swalwell gave an extensive overview of the initiatives he is focusing on as a member of the House Intelligence Committee. He then proceeded to answer questions from the audience during the second part of the event.

“There is no doubt that Russia hacked into our election in 2016 and they will certainly do it again in 2018 if we don’t secure our electoral systems,” Swalwell stated. “We cannot afford to have a president who won’t hold the Kremlin accountable for persistent attacks on American democracy.”

A constituent asked Swalwell if there was any evidence that Russia manipulated vote tallies or colluded with Donald Trump’s campaign during the 2016 presidential election. Swalwell admitted that there wasn’t, but he also argued that there isn’t reliable proof that no vote tallies were changed either, and urged special counsel Robert Mueller’s probe to continue.

Swalwell also discussed at length the current immigration crisis affecting the country at the U.S.-Mexico border. “We have been told that illegal immigrants steal jobs, but that’s just not true,” Swalwell said. “We need to invest more into secondary education and vocational training, especially in rural parts of America, so that citizens and immigrants alike can fairly compete for good-paying jobs.”

The congressman harshly criticized the president’s current trade policies. He stated that he supported Trump’s objective to get tough on China with regard to their trade practices, but opposed simultaneous tariffs on the European Union, Canada, Japan and South Korea.

Other topics Swalwell touched on included Trump’s nominee to replace retiring Supreme Court

Justice Anthony Kennedy (Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals), the president’s recent trip to Brussels and exchange with NATO counterparts, and the Democrats’ prospects in the midterm election nationwide.

“Democrats will take back both the House and the Senate in November,” Swalwell said. “Democratic voters are out on the streets protesting and are more excited than ever.” Swalwell did not indicate whether he would support House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi for speaker in the event that Democrats regain control of the lower chamber.

Overall, the event brought both ardent Swalwell fans and conservative critics together, although supporters of Swalwell were more inclined to express their opinions or ask questions during the Q&A.

Then Saturday night, Republican challenger Peters held an event to meet with supporters at the Eight Bridges Brewery in Livermore, with about 75 people attending throughout the event. In contrast to Swalwell’s town hall, Peters focused on greeting supporters individually as opposed to long public remarks or engaging in a Q&A.

Peters, a Navy veteran and business owner who has never held elected office, said there are several core issues in his campaign that he believes will appeal to 15th District voters.

Those priorities include school safety measures, federal block

grants for mental health funding, continuing to promote the current rate of economic growth, improving U.S. cybersecurity defense mechanisms and protecting the local environment from plastic materials.

“At the end of the day, it all comes down to the economy,” Peters added. “If you look at the last few midterm elections, the party that is in power when the economy is doing well always wins. I care about local taxpayers and I will always advocate for small businesses, who are the backbone of the Tri-Valley community.”

Peters said he believes that his business background would be a benefit that would allow him to understand economic issues from the perspective of middle class voters.

“For too long, politicians in Congress have been enacting harsh economic regulatory policies that never apply to themselves,” he stated. “I’ve actually experienced running a business so I know just how harmful these regulations are. I will always stand up for the hardworking citizen, not the politician.”

Peters said that he is glad that House Speaker Paul Ryan is stepping down after the November midterms. He argues that Ryan has been ineffective in pushing forward the Trump policy agenda, and that both current House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise would be better alternatives who

would fully support the president.

Livermore resident Bill Gibson, a Vietnam War veteran, was one of the Peters supporters at the meet-and-greet — after also attending the Swalwell forum to try to voice his concerns.

“My entire family is liberal, and I grew up being a Democrat,” Gibson said. “I’m supporting Rudy because he stands up for taxpayer rights and opposes wasting money on NATO and other government projects. The European countries are wealthier than us and should be paying their fair share. The president wants to put America first, and that includes veterans like myself. I really like what he’s doing with the VA (Veterans Affairs).”

Sean Roberts, Peters’ campaign chief of staff, also attended his candidate’s event and argued Peters has a better chance than most Republicans to defeat Swalwell because of moderate policy viewpoints.

“Rudy has lived his entire adult life in the Tri-Valley, unlike Swalwell,” Roberts said. “He didn’t get rich from politics, and he’s been directly affected by policy proposals from Washington. People will be able to relate to him because he comes across as an average citizen trying to provide for his family, while our current congressman is so tied up with the D.C. establishment.”

The general election is set for Nov. 6, with vote-by-mail ballots due out the month before. ■

BART mulls early morning buses during Transbay Tube project

Board workshop on option to delay trains’ start one hour to 5 a.m. weekdays

BART’s Board of Directors held an informational session last week on their plans to provide bus service for commuters crossing from the East Bay into San Francisco during a long-term, planned seismic retrofit of the Transbay Tube in

preparation for the possibility of a major earthquake.

The project itself involves the installation of a new pumping system and better internal liners to deal with the flooding anticipated with a significant seismic event as part of

a \$313 million contract awarded to Shimmick Construction and California Engineering Contractors Inc.

To accommodate this process, BART officials plan to close the entire system for an additional hour each weeknight, opening at 5 a.m. instead of 4 a.m. the following morning for more than three years starting in February.

In order to plan alternative service for transbay commuters, BART surveyed 1,367 respondents, 1,180 of whom were identified as “relatively regular riders” who ride BART before 5 a.m. at least several times a month.

More than 47% of them expressed some degree of preference for enhancing the existing network of bus routes and adding 14 new direct lines to San Francisco, Daly City or San Francisco International Airport.

BART officials hope to be able to provide bus service at the same cost that is less than or equal to that of taking a train, and in some

cases the transit time may even be shorter.

The ride from Pittsburg/Bay Point to San Francisco is estimated to be nine minutes shorter by bus than by train, according to BART staff. The first bus into San Francisco would arrive at 4:45 a.m. and the last would arrive at 5:45 a.m.

Hotel Council of San Francisco associate director Kelly Powers addressed the board during the July 12 workshop, asking them to consider how their plans will impact the 24,000 hotel industry workers her organization represents, many of whom currently take the early morning trains into the city for work.

“We are concerned about the solutions being presented,” Powers said. “It’ll be very inconvenient.”

Some of their employees will need to change their work schedules, which will impact general managers and human resource managers who need to accommodate those schedule changes.

Affected workers may also pay a personal cost.

“There will be a cost to their livelihood, to their quality of life,” Powers said.

Director Joel Keller pointed out that an estimated 40% of the riders impacted by this project will be in Contra Costa County, and suggested that parking fees at BART stations could be waived before 5 a.m. to accommodate those riders.

There was also some discussion among the directors over whether to add direct routes from East Bay locations into San Francisco’s Mission District, or to have riders transfer to San Francisco Municipal Railway buses to reach their final destination.

In the latter scenario, members of the board expressed an interest in finding ways to avoid requiring those riders to pay an additional fare.

Because it was an informational presentation, no action was taken on the agenda item last week. ■

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Livermore council orders more study on local healthcare initiative

Proposal backed by Stanford Health union seeks to limit charges from hospitals

By ANUMITA KAUR

Healthcare workers, physicians and hospital representatives packed the Livermore City Council meeting hall last month to make competing comments on an initiative that would require local regulation of healthcare service costs.

The council moved June 25 to prepare an informational report on the initiative to explore its potential impacts before any further action on the proposed ballot measure — which was also the subject of a signature collection drive for a similar initiative in Pleasanton that didn't materialize.

Workers at Stanford Health Care, backed by SEIU United Healthcare Workers, drafted the initiative that

seeks to limit local healthcare charges to 115% of the cost of treatment and quality improvement. Of this revenue, 85% should be allocated toward healthcare quality related costs, 15% toward overhead, with a 15% operating margin remaining for the healthcare provider's flexibility, under the workers' proposal.

The regulations would apply to all local healthcare providers in Livermore and would be overseen by the city government. The initiative aims to reduce patients' overall healthcare spending and ensure that a significant portion of revenues are used to improve the quality of care, according to its backers.

According to various comments from the healthcare workers last

month, the current cost of care at Stanford Health — which oversees the Tri-Valley's ValleyCare Health System — is not on par with the quality of care, prompting the introduction of this initiative.

Workers and SEIU representatives referred to a 2018 report by The Leapfrog Group, in which both Stanford Health Care and ValleyCare Health System received a C-grade on hospital safety, due to the high rates of hospital-acquired infections.

"I've seen the care at Stanford decline. They've changed from patient-centered care to an assembly line mentality, not just with patients but also with hospital staff," said Linda Cornell, a Stanford Hospital

employee. "Patients deserve better. Stanford needs to reinvest in its workforce to help decrease its infection rates."

However, many physicians and hospital representatives expressed concern about the effect the initiative may have on medical providers in the area and the consequential access to care.

"This initiative places the city of Livermore in the unusual position of having to navigate the complexities of our healthcare system," said Rebecca Rosen, the regional vice president of the Hospital Council in East Bay. "If this initiative passes, many providers might choose to limit their services or relocate and new healthcare providers would certainly think twice about relocating to Livermore."

The SEIU-affiliated Stanford Health Care workers collected more than 8,000 petition signatures from Livermore citizens in support of the initiative.

According to the Elections Code, the council members are required

to consider the initiative for either immediate adoption, adoption on the upcoming midterm ballot, or, as they chose on June 25, further exploration of impacts through an informational report. After the report is prepared, the council will vote to either adopt the initiative immediately or place it on the upcoming ballot for local vote in November.

A similar initiative is slated to appear on the city of Palo Alto's ballot, and another that qualified in Emeryville is on hold as the city is challenging the legality of a union proposal. Currently, no California city has a similar healthcare service cost oversight.

"I'm confident that if it's on the ballot, it'll pass," said Olga Hurtado, a Stanford Hospital employee. "You're (the medical providers) not concerned about the city; you're concerned about your pockets, and making money off the patients. It's not fair." ■

Editor's note: Anumita Kaur is a freelance writer for the Pleasanton Weekly.

Chabot-Las Positas recognized for career education

'Strong Workforce Stars' awards highlight programs helping students advance career prospects

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District recently had more than two dozen programs recognized as "Strong Workforce Stars" this year.

California Community Colleges recognizes career education programs in which students "show significant gains in factors important in building a skilled workforce and for advancing personal social mobility," Chabot-Las Positas district officials said in a statement.

Out of the 1,384 statewide programs spotlighted as "Workforce Stars," 29 were from Chabot and Las Positas community colleges.

Programs were selected based on graduates' abilities to see a notable increase in earnings, along with their ability to find a job closely matching with their field of study.

Programs at Hayward's Chabot College received 20 stars in total, including one Gold Star — the highest award — for the registered nursing program.

Receiving the second-highest Silver Award, other programs honored included automotive technology, business-transfer, computer application systems: software specialist, dental hygiene, early childhood development, electronics systems technology, fire service technology and welding technology.

And 11 Chabot programs received a Bronze Star: accounting,

administration of justice, administrative assistant, architecture, business: management, early childhood intervention assistant, human resources assistant, interior design, machine tool technology, medical assisting and photography.

In Livermore, nine programs at Las Positas received a star. The school's administration of justice program was honored with a Silver Star, and eight others were recognized with a Bronze Star: automotive electronics technology, computer information systems, enology, fire service technology, interior design, liberal arts and sciences: computer studies, marketing and welding technology.

The state community colleges system also recently launched their Salary Surfer website with updated data and resources.

"The more informed students are about their chosen career and program of study at the outset, the better chances they have of reaching completion and transitioning into the workforce," said Van Ton-Quinlivan, California Community Colleges executive vice chancellor for Workforce and Digital Futures.

"Salary Surfer and Strong Workforce Stars complement one another in providing information that is important for making a well-informed decision about college and career," she added. ■

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Community Pulse

Pleasanton police announce promotions, new officers

Department welcomes two lieutenants, two sergeants, three officers at ceremony

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Police Department promoted four employees to new supervisor positions and singled out its three newest police officers during a special badge-pinning ceremony last week.

Those honored July 11 were new Lts. Brandon Stocking and Erik Silacci, new Sgts. Marty Billdt and Chris Lewellyn and new officers Katie Emmett, Chris Jones and Agatha Socha.

Stocking has worked for Pleasanton police since joining the department in 2008 shortly after completing the Napa Valley Police

Academy. His service included three years as a detective, time on the East County Tactical Team and nearly three years as a sergeant after being promoted in 2015.

A native of rural Solano County, Stocking said he was inspired to pursue law enforcement in part by his late grandfather, who was a retired Vacaville police lieutenant. He holds a bachelor's degree in leadership from Union Institute and University.

Silacci joined the Pleasanton Police Department in a lateral move from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office in 2004. He was promoted to

police sergeant in 2015 and held a number of collateral and special assignments in Pleasanton, including school resource officer, field training officer, detective, canine program manager and bike team supervisor.

A Gilroy native who served in the U.S. Army Reserve where he attained the rank of sergeant, Silacci earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Davis and is working to complete a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership from the University of San Diego.

Both new lieutenants have been assigned to operations (patrol).

One of two new sergeants, Billdt has worked for the department for about 12 years, serving in a wide variety of assignments, including patrol and traffic and most recently as a school resource officer.

He is also a member of the department's branding committee, technology committee and recruitment team, and he served as an adviser for the department's volunteer program. He is a field training officer and the treasurer for the Pleasanton Police Officers' Charitable Foundation.

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in Antioch, Billdt earned a bachelor's degree in aviation operations from San Jose State University and a master's degree in public administration from National University.

Lewellyn, who joined Pleasanton in 2011 after 3-1/2 years with Antioch police, has served as a patrol officer, an operator on the East County Tactical Team, a department trainer and a terrorism liaison officer. Most recently, Chris worked as a detective in the Special Enforcement Unit.

Born in San Pablo and raised in Vallejo, Lewellyn played baseball at Napa Valley College and later earned his bachelor's degree in business management through Union Institute and University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in emergency

services administration at California State University, Long Beach.

The department's three new police officers — Emmett, Socha and Jones — were hired as police recruits back in January and have now graduated from the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Academy. They must now complete a 16-week training period before patrolling Pleasanton as solo officers.

Emmett and Jones are both Pleasanton natives and graduates of Amador Valley High School. Jones also has deep ties to the department, with his father a retired officer and his mother a retired police dispatcher.

Socha was born in San Francisco and spent part of her youth in Poland. ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Transient arrested in local indecent exposures

A 31-year-old transient who works as a car mechanic has been arrested in connection with a series of indecent exposure incidents in local communities, including Pleasanton, Fremont police said last Friday.

Joseph Ironteeth Angelle, who was naked at the time, retreated into bushes when officers approached him outside an apartment complex in San Jose on July 11 so they had to use a Taser stun gun to subdue and arrest him, according to police.

When he was interviewed, Angelle allegedly admitted to several recent indecent exposure incidents in Fremont, Newark and Pleasanton and to committing about 25 similar indecent exposure acts in the past.

Angelle is being held at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of \$102,500 bail on one felony count of indecent exposure, two misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure, one felony count of burglary, one misdemeanor count of lewd conduct in public and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest in connection with incidents in Fremont between May 15, 2017,

and June 27 of this year, according to Fremont police.

Similar incidents in Pleasanton and Newark are still under investigation and additional charges could be added, police said.

A recently obtained screen grab from private surveillance video at a Pleasanton home of a distinctive tattoo on the suspect's right bicep, which was released to the community and news outlets last weekend, helped crack the case, according to police.

On July 11, a detective who was working off a hunch identified the suspect as Angelle, a car dealership mechanic, and he was positively identified through photographic line-ups, as well as his distinct tattoo, by numerous victims, police said.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Angelle and identified two addresses of interest associated with close family members. One was in San Jose and one was in Stockton, according to police.

Surveillance was initiated at both locations and detectives found Angelle in San Jose on July 11 and arrested him, police said.

Although Angelle provided a mailing address in Stockton, he told investigators that currently he is a transient and sleeps in his vehicle, according to police.

In other news

- A skateboarder suffered major injuries in a collision with a vehicle last week in Livermore, police said.

Officers responded at about 7 p.m. July 8 to a collision on Portola Avenue at North L Street.

Police said the collision involved a skateboarder and a 1997 Toyota Avalon.

When officers arrived, they found an 18-year-old Livermore man unconscious in the road after being struck by the Toyota. Police said the skateboarder was not wearing a helmet when the Toyota hit him.

Police said it appears that the Toyota was traveling west on Portola Avenue when the Livermore man entered the road riding the skateboard. ■

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No Cop Log

Editor's note: The weekly Pleasanton "Police Report" is not appearing in today's paper because the Pleasanton Police Department's online police blotter had not been updated for more than two weeks, as of press deadline. The Weekly will continue publishing the Cop Log once the online blotter returns.



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Documents reveal little about Harvest Park principal resignation

When Robin Munsell announced in May she was resigning her position as principal of Harvest Park Middle School after just under two years, the obvious question was why. And Munsell wasn't

Human nature abhors a vacuum. When no clear reason is given, speculation begins. Especially since Munsell was Harvest Park's sixth principal since the 2014-15 school year. Ironically, at the time of her appointment in September 2016, she told the school board and audience, "I'm not going anywhere — I'm here to stay."

Munsell came to Pleasanton from the nearby San Ramon Valley school district, where she had served as assistant principal of Gale Ranch Middle School in San Ramon for four years. Before that she spent seven years teaching in Castro Valley.

So a two-year stint at Harvest Park with apparently no new job lined up didn't sit right.

Pleasanton school officials directed us to Munsell, who we made several attempts to contact. She did not respond, or even acknowledge

our requests, which only served to make us even more curious.

We filed a public records request with the Pleasanton Unified School District, and welcomed the cooperation and commitment to transparency offered by Superintendent David Haglund and his staff, both of which were lacking in previous administrations. Our request, answered by PUSD on July 6, produced 10 pages total, mainly copies of emails and Munsell's official resignation form.

We also did our due diligence searching databases for possible complaints filed against Munsell or the district related to Harvest Park, as well as any indication of where she'd be working next. Those efforts came up as empty as the "reason" section on Munsell's resignation form — which she left totally blank.

The only real insights from Munsell on her departure — albeit ambiguous — appeared in a short email to a PUSD "Leadership Team" email group on May 7, four days after she informed district administrators of her decision.

"It is with a heavy heart

that I inform you I will be resigning from my position as principal of HPMS at the end of the school year. This was not an easy or light decision to make. As for my next steps, I am looking forward to exploring new career paths and opportunities," Munsell wrote.

Making that public or even an "I prefer not to answer" or "it's personal" response from Munsell to our initial requests would have helped quell speculation about why she left Harvest Park, a school that could use a little less drama.

It's been a tough couple months for Harvest Park families. Their sixth principal in three years resigns for, apparently, no reason, and

then a fire causes significant damage to the school's library before the ink had time to dry on the new principal's contract.

Terry Brenner, most recently an associate principal at Acalanes High School in Lafayette, assumed the Harvest Park post earlier this month.

School starts Aug. 13 with a(nother) new principal and, we hope, a fully repaired and functional library.

It's time to rebuild and restore stability and a healthy environment for staff and students at Harvest Park — literally and figuratively. ■

Editor's note: The documents obtained by the Pleasanton Weekly will be available with the digital version of this editorial on www.PleasantonWeekly.com.



Robin Munsell

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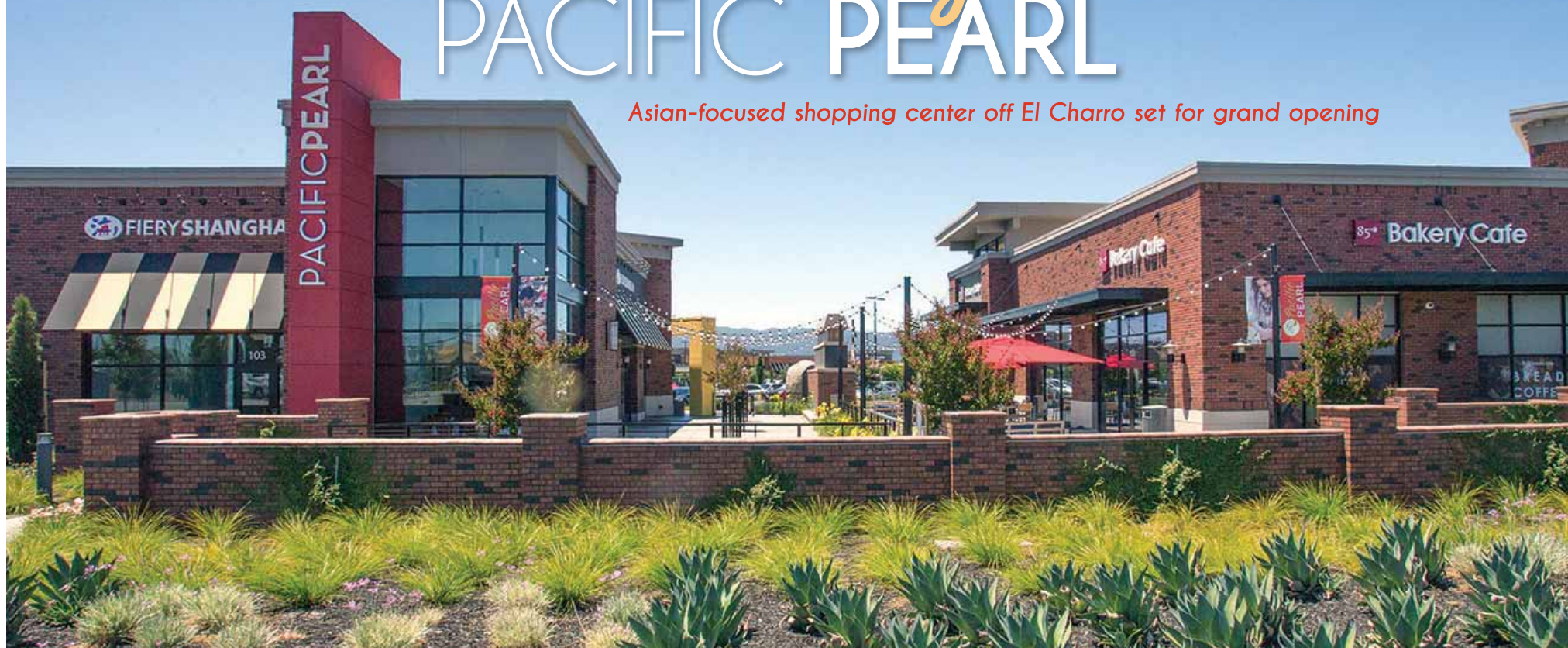
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Pleasanton's locals can look forward this weekend to the ceremonial grand opening of Pacific Pearl, the new shopping center on the east side of the city designed with a focus on the region's Asian-American influences.

Located off Interstate 580 at the El Charro Road exit, the 112,000-square-foot retail complex is anchored by Pleasanton's second 99 Ranch Market and features an array of Asian restaurants, specialty shops, salons and other businesses — many of which are already open.

"Pacific Pearl is bringing different restaurant choices to the Tri-Valley area, whereas before the new shopping center, locals would travel to Oakland or further for culturally authentic meals," said Heath McCue, the center's senior marketing director.

Owned by Danville-based Blake-Griggs Properties Inc. and managed by Vestar, Pacific Pearl is located at the intersection of El Charro Road and Stoneridge Drive.

The area has become a burgeoning

retail hub for the Tri-Valley, with the CarMax dealership across the street in Pleasanton, the San Francisco Premium Outlets and The Shops at Livermore (under construction) across the street in Livermore and the Fallon Gateway right across the freeway in Dublin.

The project took more than seven years to bring to fruition the original concept of creating a shopping center in Pleasanton to cater more directly to Asian-Americans in the Tri-Valley, who make up about 30% of the population within 10 miles of the site, according to the developers.

The Pleasanton City Council in 2015 approved developers' plans to build Pacific Pearl on an 11.5-acre site at Staples Ranch just off I-580. Construction began in the months afterward, and the first businesses started opening their doors late last year as work continued to wrap up around the property.

"We're really looking forward to the grand opening event and encourage everyone to check out some of the new shops and restaurants, some of which we're already familiar with, like 99 Ranch

Market, but some are new to our community," Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said ahead of Saturday's grand-opening festivities. "More restaurants mean more opportunities for eating out and trying new foods, and I'm excited for all the new choices Pacific Pearl brings to Pleasanton."

Pacific Pearl has 26 retail and commercial spaces in all, with only one or two spots still available for lease. Nearly all of the signed tenants have already opened — or will be open for business as of this weekend.

"A lot of the businesses stand out within the shopping center, as well as in the Tri-Valley such as 85°C Bakery Café and Snowflake, which came from Vancouver, as well as Candy Doll Beauty," McCue said. Candy Doll Beauty, a salon that uses and sells a variety of popular Japanese and Korean beauty products to respond to different needs, is one of the businesses scheduled to open Saturday.

"The addition of mouth-watering eateries ... are bringing the taste of a variety of Asian and European cultures to Pleasanton and offering the center's visitors an

uncommon dining experience," McCue added.

Other Pacific Pearl shops include restaurants like Fiery Shanghai, Bonchon Restaurant (Korean) and Bambu cafe (Vietnamese), spice and herbal store Tak Yuan Herbal, and services such as La Salon & Spa and Pure Organic Nail Salon.

Another new restaurant is Kura Revolving Sushi Bar, which was originally founded in Japan and now has hundreds of locations, including in the U.S., with two in the Bay Area, according to manager Danny Jung.

He praised the more diverse offerings at Pacific Pearl compared to other retail centers in the area, saying, "More authentic food Japanese style sushi, the Asian food cuisine whereas at the Outlets the food is more American-style; the foods being served are Chipotle, Johnny Rockets, Subway, etc. Pacific Pearl has more ramen, Korean barbecue; more toward Asian crowds and Asian foods."

Jung said their restaurant is ready for this weekend's grand-opening event. "We are expecting new customers, people that





Clockwise from far left: Pacific Pearl is a shopping center in east Pleasanton with authentic Asian restaurants and shops, celebrating its grand opening starting at noon Saturday. Suji Park paints a customer's nails at Pure Organic Nail Salon. Fresh produce are among the draws to 99 Ranch Market, the center's anchor grocery store. At La Salon Spa, Raymond Hung styles Sue Whitt's hair and Angela Lim cuts Mark Newton's hair. Jugnu Gaur picking out pastries to take home from 85°C Bakery Café. Poke Moana offers raw fish with mixed greens and fresh ingredients poke bowls. **Below:** Pacific Pearl sits at the corner of El Charro Road and Stoneridge Drive, an area that has become a burgeoning retail hub for the Tri-Valley.

haven't entered before. We are looking forward to seeing new faces. We want to be ready and have new varieties ready," he added.

He also pointed out Kura is in the middle of its own special event through Sunday.

"Every month, we have a 'Japan Fair' in the middle two weeks, that started Friday the 13th and ends Sunday the 22nd. What's cool about this fair is that we have limited quality fish and meat you can't buy anywhere else," Jung said. "Because of the 'Japan Fair,' we have our fish and meats come from Japan, and we are able to sell quality products at a fair price using authentic Japanese ingredients."

Local residents Felice Rubi and son Christopher were among the shoppers checking out Pacific Pearl last weekend.

"We started by Snowflake, and have been walking around the whole premises to see all the shops and restaurants that are

open now," Felice Rubi said. "It's separated from the Outlets; the way the facility is set up, I like the variety and new things."

"When I look at different foods and places to eat, I like taste, flavoring, different experiences and variety," Christopher Rubi added.

And over at Mumu Hot Pot restaurant, manager Carmen Stewart also spoke highly of the new shopping center while looking ahead to Saturday's celebration.

"I'm expecting people of the community to enjoy themselves, they will enjoy the great foods and stores we have to offer," Stewart said. "We will also have a set up of different meats and vegetables, demonstrating to our customers how to cook the food, sharing the experience with our customers welcoming the diversity and sharing the experience with our customers."

The grand opening runs from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Pacific Pearl — which

is accessible to drivers via the Stoneridge Drive-Auto Mall Way intersection.

Community presentations are scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on the main stage near 85°C Bakery Café, and opening ceremonies are scheduled at 12:45 p.m., along with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Entertainment will include a traditional lion dance performance by Jing Mo Athletic Association and a traditional wakening of the lion ceremony at the main stage. Interactive Indian dance by the BollyNaach Dance Company is scheduled to perform at 2:15 p.m. at the food court.

A variety of other activities will take place throughout the center, such as cookie decorating, kids crafts, face painting, balloon twisting, live beverage skirt performances and martial arts demonstrations.

For more information on Pacific Pearl and Saturday's celebration, visit Shoppacificpearl.com. ■

Already open at Pacific Pearl

- 85°C Bakery Café
- 99 Ranch Market
- Basil Delight
- Brilliant Minds Academy
- East Bay Vision Optometry Center
- Fiery Shanghai
- Kura Revolving Sushi Bar
- La Salon Spa
- Lern Education
- Mumu Hot Pot
- Pleasant Dental Care
- Poke Moana
- Pure Organic Nail Salon
- Snowflake Dessert House
- Sugar Dynasty
- Tak Yuan Herbal

New businesses set to open soon

- Bak Kung Korean BBQ
- Bambu
- Beijing Chef
- Bonchon Restaurant
- Candy Doll Beauty
- Dalian Club House
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Writers club starts **BOOK LAUNCH**

Tri-Valley Writers adds program to long list of supportive activities

TEAM

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

It only takes one person to write a book, but it helps to have a team when launching it.

To that end, in the early spring Tri-Valley Writers initiated a Book Launch Team program at the suggestion of member J.D. Lasica. He had a book coming out and knew that other members did, too.

"I said, 'Wouldn't it be valuable to have an internal group of volunteers to help with the book?'" Lasica recalled.

He proposed the idea to club president Patricia Boyle who brought it to her executive committee, which agreed.

After Lasica made a presentation to the general membership, about 12 club members volunteered to be on the first team.

"They don't necessarily all volunteer to read your book," Lasica explained, and authors only request the readers after their books have been professionally edited and proofread.

This one last reading prior to production is important, Lasica said, for three reasons:

1. The readers give final feedback on the manuscript, perhaps suggesting tweaks to passages or dialogue.

2. Readers agree to write reviews on the platform of the author's choice, such as Amazon, Goodreads or Google.

3. Readers spread news of the launching book by word of mouth or on social media.

Three writers prepared descriptions of the books they had ready to go and presented them to the first Book Launch Team members, who signed up to read the ones that interested them. One writer was Lasica with his high-tech sci-fi thriller, "Biohack." The others were Yvonne Carder, who wrote "Luminata"; and Jac Fitzenz, author of "50 Countries 4 Million Miles."

"To get a successful book, you need a killer cover, and I hired a great designer to do that," Lasica said about "Biohack," which was published by Best of Indie Publishing. "Next you need testimonials, and I got a dozen fellow

thriller authors to write blurbs for me."

The volunteer readers, who provided the online reviews, were the last step before his launch in May.

Tri-Valley Writers president Boyle said the program was a good addition to the club's offerings.

"We meet monthly at the Four Points Sheraton and have a speaker who will come — sometimes an author, or someone in publishing," Boyle said.

The club publishes an anthology every other year, hosts an annual full-day conference in the spring, holds a high school writing contest and sponsors a scholarship at Las Positas College.

"We do a lot of outreach in the community," Boyle said.

Tri-Valley Writers also has critique groups, field trips to different spots in the Tri-Valley to write (dubbed "plein air writing trips"), and author events at the Dublin and Livermore libraries. Members also meet in smaller genre groups, such as contest feedback and novel writing feedback.

"Just a few months ago, we started an informal drop-in writing session where you pull up a chair and write," Boyle said.

These sessions are from 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays and 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at Corner Bakery on Bernal Avenue at Valley, a chance for writers to pursue this solitary activity alongside others who are like-minded.

The club also hosts an open mic night at the Pleasanton Library at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month.

"Each person gets about five minutes," Boyle said. "It is open to the public, and we've had people who've written poetry, prose, fiction or nonfiction. It runs until about 8 p.m. or when we run out of material."

Tri-Valley Writers is one of 22 branches of the California Writers Club. The local branch has about 115 members, Boyle said. She is finishing her term as president after two years, succeeded by Lani Longshore.

Lasica has long been an author and a journalist and is a "new



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J.D. Lasica used the Book Launch Team for a final reading of his high-tech sci-fi thriller, "Biohack," which made Top 10 in five Amazon categories: medical thriller, medical fiction, techno thriller, conspiracy thriller and pulp thriller.

media pioneer." "Biohack" is the first of three planned volumes in his Gender War Series. He moved to Pleasanton 18 years ago with his wife and baby son but just joined Tri-Valley Writers last year.

"I wanted to get serious about my fiction writing," he said. "I joined a lot of online groups but there is nothing like meeting people face-to-face. I was surprised about the level of talent in the

local community. People are well-read, and they know how to be involved in a critique session."

To learn more about Tri-Valley Writers, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■



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Legendary vocal group

The New Christy Minstrels are returning to the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m., next Friday (July 27), with their Grammy Award-winning folk music. The group is still under the direction of founder Randy Sparks, who is offering special ticket prices for this show as a universal "seniors discount" to celebrate his 85th birthday, which is also next weekend. Tickets are \$20-\$46. Visit lvpac.org or the Bankhead box office at 2400 First St. or call 383-6800.

'Red, White and Bothwell'

Bothwell Arts Center invites the public to meet its studio artists and enjoy a patriotic-themed open house, including fine artist Avianne, originally from South Africa, who will be celebrating becoming a United States citizen. Artists will be working as well as exhibiting. The free open house, at 2466 Eighth St. in Livermore, will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 28. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to stop by and meet the artists, explore the space and enjoy light refreshments. Bothwell is a facility of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, an independent nonprofit organization offering arts programs for the Tri-Valley Community. For more information, visit lvpac.org.



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300 adoptable animals gathering

Adopt-a-thon is chance to find pets, dog sitters, other services

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cats, dogs, rabbits, birds and rats will converge on Jack London Square this Saturday hoping to find happy homes, at the East Bay SPCA annual Adopt-a-thon.

"We're excited to partner with other East Bay shelters and rescues once again for the biggest animal adoption event in the region," said

Allison Lindquist, East Bay SPCA president and CEO.

Saturday's event will feature more than 300 adoptable animals from 30 Bay Area rescue groups and shelters in addition to pet supply vendors and service providers.

The Adopt-a-thon will have activities for the whole family,

including a photo booth, as well as vouchers for \$10 microchips for pets to help them be reunited with their families in case they ever go missing.

"Adopting helps save the life of a pet and also creates new space in a shelter or rescue to house and save more lives," Lindquist said. ■

Where's Waldo?

Fans can find him in Pleasanton this month

Towne Center Books is hosting a fun search throughout 25 Pleasanton businesses for Waldo, the iconic children's book character known for his red-and-white striped shirt and black-rimmed spectacles.

Everyone is invited to pick up a "Find Waldo Local in Pleasanton!" passport with the names of the businesses, which include Museum on Main. When participants spot Waldo, they can get their passports stamped, and 20 or more stamps allows entry into a grand prize drawing July 31. The top prize is an eight-volume set of Waldo books.

Martin Handford's collections of

crowd scenes with Waldo took the world by storm in the late 1980s. Now there are more than 70 million Waldo books in print worldwide, translated into more than 31 languages.

Waldo's publisher, Candlewick Press, is teaming up with the American Booksellers Association and its 250 independent bookstores across the country for this Waldo hide-and-seek fun to encourage communities to patronize their local businesses.

There is no charge to participate. For more information, call Towne Center Books at 846-8826. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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'A New Day — The Songs of Doris Day'

Singer Tori Anna brings a cabaret-style tribute to Doris Day to the Firehouse Arts Center with her show, "A New Day — the Songs of Doris Day," at 2 p.m. July 29, featuring Day's best-loved songs, including "Secret Love," "Teacher's Pet" and "Que Sera Sera." The "American Idol" veteran will be joined by Mike Greensill on piano. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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Ballistic United highlights more 'Difference Makers'

Amador alumni earn water polo All-Academic honors

This year marks 50 years of existence for Pleasanton's Ballistic United Soccer Club, and the club is proudly celebrating the top 50 "Difference Makers" in the history of BUSC.

The club has been releasing the names of people selected to the top 50 and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead. On Sept. 15, BUSC officials will release the top three "Difference Makers" leading into the Oct. 6 Orange and Gold Gala at Barone's.

Here are the next group of honorees:

Donna Cook

Donna was the first and only female vice president of the club, thus far. She took a large role in the 2000 Western Regional Tournament that Ballistic hosted in Pleasanton. She was also a driving force in the organization of the Summer Classic and the Fall Classic Tournament during her eight years on the board.

Greg Jetter

Greg has been on the Ballistic Board of Directors for six years and is currently the vice president. His non-stop work ethic helped result in the development of the Bernal/Patelco Sports Complex. Greg was the driving force behind fundraising efforts, planning and proposal efforts with the city and its parks, as well as being the man that ultimately pushed it through.

Currently, he is channeling his efforts to develop futsal facilities within Pleasanton to help support the growth of this sport.

Adam Schlouster

Adam played on Premier teams from under-10 through U-16 competitive seasons. Adam was primarily a defensive midfielder for the three-time State Cup Champions. He was selected for the U-17 residency program in Bradenton, Fla., as well as the US U-17 and U-18 national teams and was a NSCAA/adidas All-America and adidas All-Star along with McDonald's and Parade All-American.

He then moved on to the University of North Carolina, where he was selected to the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman Team. After two years at UNC, Adam transferred back to the West Coast to play for Loyola Marymount University. He was the team captain his senior year, and then was signed by the San Jose Earthquakes in 2008.

Stuart Ritchie

Stuart started in the club at age 5, rising through the clubs' recreation division until he parlayed his talent and passion over to the competitive division. He participated in the U-14 academy before being plucked by the local pro club team the San Jose Earthquakes where he played for the next two seasons at the U-16 academy level.

In 2016, his continued development found himself signed by

Dutch first division club FC Groningen. In early 2018, Stuart was called into the U-18 US Youth National Team camp.

Tony Chavarria

For over 45 years, Tony has been a part of BUSC in one way shape or form. He started in the 1970s as a high-energy center forward who dominated during his run of time at BUSC. He continued those accomplishments while at Amador Valley and in junior college. Never leaving Pleasanton, Tony continued to support BUSC as a both a competitive coach and for the past 15 years as the director of recreation.

Water polo honors

Three former Amador Valley water polo players were honored recently by being named to the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches (ACWPC) All-Academic Team.

These smart, dedicated and amazing young women not only went on to play in college but are achieving at a high level in the classroom. The trio are Miara Pipe at Cal Lutheran University, Mia Battilega at Santa Clara University and Talia Florio at Chapman University. ■

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

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All-star teams scrimmage at sunset

The 9-year-old all-star teams from Pleasanton Little League and Pleasanton Foothill Little League recently held a friendly scrimmage as the sun set at Patelco Field to mark the end of their summer tournament seasons.

Theatre

BALLET ON THE GREEN On Saturday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Shea Stage in front of The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, Le Tableau Magnifique, premier ballet company with Livermore School of Dance, will be performing excerpts from their 2018 repertoire. Event is free.

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID Disney's "The Little Mermaid" at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, July 21, 28 and Aug. 4. Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with an additional Saturday matinee on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. Rated PG. For more information, visit the TVRT website: trivalleyrep.org. \$39 Adult, \$23 Senior, \$18 Child. lvpac.org.

ANNUAL SUMMER TOUR FAMILY THEATER PRODUCTION A pirate-themed, participatory play entitled Shiver We Timbers! A Peripatetic Pick-Yer-Own Pirate Adventure, Sunday, July 22 at 5 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., performed by Idiot String's troupe. For more information, visit peripateticplayers.org/schedule.

LAMPLIGHTERS SELECTIONS FROM THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE Sunday, July 22, 2 to 3 p.m., Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Contact: Yu Tao, 931-3410. Enjoy selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance." This free afternoon concert is presented by Lamplighters Music Theater of San Francisco.

Concerts

THE 925 BAND AT CONCERT IN THE PARK The 925 Band is bringing funk, rock and pop dance tunes to Concert in the Park on Friday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Lyons Wayside Park, First Street.

THE DROPSTICKS AT CONCERT IN THE PARK The Dropsticks bring classic rock to Concert in the Park on Friday, July 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lyons Wayside Park, First Street.

THE NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS AT THE BANKHEAD THEATER July 27, 8 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The New Christy Minstrels with creator Randy Sparks still at the helm, continue to deliver the rich harmonies and tuneful melodies that have enchanted their fans for decades. visittrivalley.com.

THE APES AT CONCERT IN THE PARK The Apes bring contemporary rock to Concert in the Park on Friday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m., Lyons Wayside Park, on First Street.

TRI-VALLEY JAZZ TRIO + ANTON SCHWARTZ Saxophonist Anton Schwartz will be appearing with the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio on July 20, at 7 p.m. at Inklings Coffee & Tea, 530 Main St. Thanks to the sponsors Inklings Coffee House, Zelda Kohn, and the Pleasanton Jazz Society. www.pleasantonjazzsociety.com. To subscribe or learn more, visit www.trivalleyjazz.org, eventbrite.com.

TUESDAY TUNES Tuesday Tunes presented by Livermore Cultural Arts Council Free Summer Concert Schedule: 6:45 p.m. in front of Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Different bands each week. July 24, July 31, August 7 and August 14. lcac.org.

Festivals & Fairs

ART UNDER THE OAKS Venture to Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, July 21 and 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for our annual Art Under the Oaks. Not only will there be art, but we will have Livermore wineries pouring tastes, food, demonstrations, live music and activities for the kids. aldenlane.com/art-under-the-oaks.

POWERHOUSE COMIC CON 2018 On July 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., the pop culture and comic convention returns for year two with more space, more celebrities, more activities and more fun. Stay updated at powerhousecomiccon.com or eventbrite.com.

Fundraisers

JOYA YOGA FUNDRAISER FOR TRI VALLEY HAVEN Saturday, July 21, Livermore's Joya Yoga & Cycle, 1923 Second St. will host a live music fundraiser to benefit Tri-Valley Haven. The event will feature The Midnites band that will perform from 8 to 9:30 p.m. After-party until 11 p.m. A \$15 donation is requested. For more information, visit joyayoga.com.

Family

SUMMER GAME DAYS Enjoy our final event of the summer at the Pleasanton Library, Large Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., on

July 27 and 28. Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Carnival style games, best for 3rd grade and younger, but all are welcome. Contact the Children's Desk, 931-3400 ext. 3.

MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL PARTY Middle-schoolers can enjoy one last pool party before school starts on Aug. 10, 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455 Black Ave. Incoming 6-8th graders welcome. Party will include music, games, contests, prizes, food and more. Cost is \$15. Register today at pleasantonfun.com - code 7642. cityofpleasanton.perfectmind.com.

Comedy

ELLIS RODRIGUEZ AT FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER Ellis Rodriguez performs on Saturday, July 21, at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Take a break from the summer heat to come laugh with one of the fastest rising young comedians on the circuit. visittrivalley.com.

Film

BIG SCREEN ON THE GREEN Come out to Callippe Preserve, 8500 Clubhouse Drive, for an outdoor screening of the Disney classic, "Cars". July 21, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. Snacks and drinks available for purchase. Kids will also be able to decorate their own car and license plate before the movie. playcallippe.com.

PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Sweet Bobbie

Bobbie is a 5-year-old pittie mix who was surrendered to the shelter with her little senior terrier brother when her people retired and wanted to travel. Bobbie was devastated, but she has done her sweet best to adjust to shelter life and adores getting loves and walks from her volunteer friends. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is also sponsoring her adoption, and she has her bed and bag of goodies packed and ready to go. Bobbie is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Call 803-7040.

Community Groups

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH 285 We meet at 6 p.m. on the third Friday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. We are a social/philanthropic organization, and invite those who love all things Italian for a potluck and guest speaker evening. Call Judy at 462-2487.

PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY We meet every Friday for lunch 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at Haps Original Steaks and Seafood at 122 West Neal St. Learn more online at: www.pnr-rotary.org. Public Relations Contact: Stacey Blaney, 872-4036,

email:stacey@denalidatatypes.com or call 519-0669.

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

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Join us 12 to 1 p.m., Thursdays at The Corrie Center, 7950 Dublin Blvd., 3rd Floor Conf. Rm., Dublin. HaciendaTM@gmail.com, 398-3257. Improve public speaking, communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters.org.

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TOTALLY NOTARY AND VEHICLE
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File No.: 546505

The following person doing business as: TOTALLY NOTARY AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION SERVICE, 205 J MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: HELEN BERENICE WARDALE, 6806 CORTE NUEVO, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: HELEN B WARDALE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 26, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018).

TWO MAIDS AND A MOP
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The following person(s) doing business as: TWO MAIDS AND A MOP, 7275 NATIONAL DRIVE, STE. F, LIVERMORE, CA 94550, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: BNI CORPORATION, 512 MISTY LANE, LIVERMORE, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: JACQUES BRAD TAYLOR, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 28, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018).

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File No.: 546612 The following person(s) doing business as: TRI VALLEY MOBILE NOTARY, 4849 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: MARK A GIUDICI, 4849 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein MARCH 22, 2006. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: MARK A GIUDICI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 13, 20, 27, 3, 2018)

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