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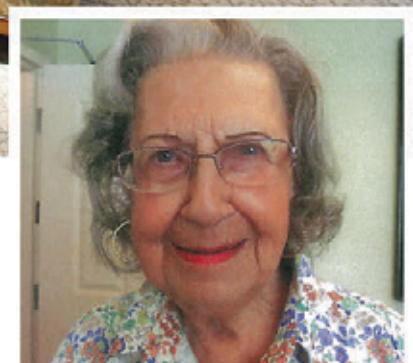
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



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Sandi and Jerry Thorne enjoyed many trips together, including this one to Lyon, France.

A remarkable life

Pleasanton's First Lady — Sandi Thorne, wife of the mayor — will be laid to rest today after a remarkable 80 years of life that touched thousands of us along the way.

I've known Sandi since Jerry Thorne's early days on Pleasanton's Parks and Recreation Commission. Their daughter Keri was a champion on the Pleasanton Seahawks swim team, where Jerry was president. This required one of them to drive Keri to the city's aquatic center before 5 a.m. (winter and summer) for practice. Sandi told me they were overjoyed when Keri turned 16 and could drive there on her own.

Sandi was a fun person, a favorite table-mate, a good conversationalist. We sat together often while she listened and I covered for the Weekly Jerry's frequent remarks and recognitions at city, civic and community events. We stood together on streets and driveways at homecomings the Pleasanton Military Families (PMF) organization held for soldiers coming back from Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Sandi was as much a patriot as her husband, riding together in Veterans Day parades, standing at Pioneer Cemetery ceremonies and outside the Senior Center for Memorial Day tributes. We saw her at PMF's summer barbecues and Christmas dinners, catching up on news about Pleasanton's deployed military.

I was with her at Gene's Fine Foods to support local veterans at a \$10 filet dinner. Just last November, she helped pack Christmas boxes to be sent by PMF to 72 of our troops deployed overseas. "Always one of my favorite things to do around the holidays," she said.

"My heart just aches," said PMF's chairwoman Pat Frizzell on hearing of Sandi's death. "We all knew Sandi to be one of the kindest and finest ladies we ever had the pleasure of knowing."

Sandi was a regular at other events and causes, with and without Jerry. Together, they were at the recent Troop 911 pasta feed and later at the Museum on Main, where she has been a board member for years, to help her husband present the Ed Kinney Patriot Award. The two celebrated with the Huaxing Arts Group at its New Year's Gala, where she met the Chinese Consul General from San Francisco.

She said that one of the great things about being the mayor's wife was having the opportunity to experience the many different cultures that make up Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley area.

That included hosting table tennis coaches from China who were here on a visit. Before dinner, we watched as she showed her skills at the sport, expertly spinning the ball on the return to gain the advantage against one of the best coaches.

Sandi liked to be at all sorts of community events, including the local Mormons' annual LDS Heritage Day picnics, Pleasanton's annual July 4 celebrations in Lions Wayside Park, Pleasanton Community Band performances, business grand openings and even at a recent dinner held by firefighters at LPPD Station No. 8.

"You guys should open your own restaurant," she said. "You would do very well."

She was always at Jerry's side, at Pleasanton events, on trips to Washington, D.C., at the two-day Scottish Games in often grueling heat and at Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association trips.

Despite her busy schedule, Sandi always had time to travel to Lausanne, Switzerland to see Keri and her husband David Gough, and, most recently, their two children: Ellis, now 3, and her baby brother Finn, born last February. They were all here in Pleasanton with "Grand-mommie" last week during Sandi's final days. ■

About the Cover

Lam Tran, 69, prepares to serve during a weekly tennis match he plays with three fellow seniors at the Pleasanton Tennis Park off Valley Avenue. Photo by Erika Alvero. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XIX, Number 29



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Is there anyone in your life that you find inspiring?



Grace Pitluk
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Ken Herman
Retired

Oh yes. I was a professional drummer. I find so many famous percussionists inspiring. I spent so many hours over the course of my career listening to their music and trying to emulate their sounds and patterns.



Stacy Pitluk *Busy mom*

Yayoi daCosta, operations manager at Valley Humane Society, truly inspires me. She is responsible on a daily basis for so many homeless, helpless animals. She is able to keep track of them all, ensure they receive the care they need, in the best possible way, and she dispenses such sage advice. I feel tremendous admiration and respect for her. I don't know how she does it all.



Lisa Fass Kleinman
Administrative assistant

I'm truly inspired by a local immigrant business owner who tragically lost her husband, had to support her family, finance her kids' education and remain involved with her community. She has dealt with tragedy with tremendous grace and dignity, and she is just such an excellent example of resilience and strength.



Rob Kleinman
Banking/finance

I am particularly inspired by a former senior manager early in my career who understood my professional skill set and exposed me to a series of events that convinced me to think outside the box, always question and believe that I have ability to effect an outcome.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Candidate coverage

Today marks the deadline for candidates to qualify for the Nov. 6 general election ballots.

Among the local seats representing Pleasanton that are up for grabs this fall are Pleasanton mayor, two City Council spots, two Pleasanton school board positions and the Area 5 member for the East Bay Regional Park District.

Prospective candidates have until 5 p.m. today to file for the election, unless an incumbent doesn't seek re-election — in which case the filing deadline is extended by five days to next Wednesday. That is expected to be the case for one council seat, with Vice Mayor Arne Olson announcing he does not plan to run.

For full coverage of the candidate lists, visit www.Pleasanton-Weekly.com this weekend and see next week's print edition.

Sunol Fire contained

A fire near the Sunol Regional Wilderness in unincorporated Alameda County was 100% contained Sunday afternoon, according to Cal Fire.

The fire, which burned about 30 acres, started at about 8 p.m. Saturday, Cal Fire officials said.

It was located near Welch Creek and Geary roads southeast of Sunol.

The fire was in an area of grassland and shrubs, where a few homes sit in hilly country.

—Bay City News Service

County assessments

The Alameda County Assessor's Office recently released its 2018-19 local property assessment roll, announced at \$300.1 billion, reflecting a \$19.9 billion or 7.11% increase above last year's assessment roll.

"The primary reason for this year's assessed value growth is attributed to the recovery in our economy and the increase in real estate values. Properties that were afforded temporary reduced assessments in prior years due to market value declines are now receiving increases in their assessed value due to these market value increases," county officials said.

The 2018-19 assessment roll reflects assessments of more than 515,000 taxable properties across the county. The assessment value determines the amount of property taxes to be paid by the property owner.

Also, the county is seeking applicants for several vacancies on the Assessment Appeals Board, which hears appeals by taxpayers who disagree with the taxable value assigned to their property by the county's elected assessor. To apply, visit www.acgov.org/bc. ■

Man dies in police custody

Pleasanton resident succumbs at hospital after fighting officers, getting hit with Taser rounds

By JEREMY WALSH

A multi-agency investigation continues into the death of a Pleasanton man who died at a local hospital while in police custody last week after allegedly acting erratically in a grocery store and attacking officers trying to detain him.

Authorities are still working to determine what set off 38-year-old Jacob Bauer's aggressive behavior as well as what caused his ultimately fatal respiratory distress in the time after he was arrested during a confrontation with police, which included officers using

Tasers, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Maria Munayer.

"I cannot speak to the mental state of Mr. Bauer at the time of the incident nor do I know what caused Mr. Bauer to become violent with officers," Munayer told the Weekly on Monday, five days after the incident in the Oak Hills Shopping Center on Sunol Boulevard.

Unanswered questions also remain for Bauer's family about the run-in with police that preceded his death.

"The family just wants to know what happened," said Jackie Murphy, an attorney whose firm was recently

hired by Bauer's parents John and Rose to track the investigation.

"We are representing the Bauers as it relates to their son Jacob's death. We have put Pleasanton police on notice of that, and we are asking Pleasanton police to preserve all body-camera footage and data on Tasers that were used," Murphy told the Weekly on Tuesday.

"We're trying to find out what happened there (in the shopping center). That's the goal," Murphy said, adding that Bauer's parents — longtime Pleasanton residents — only know the same information that police have released to the

general public and news media.

Munayer said the incident unfolded around 2:45 p.m. Aug. 1 after police received a call from a manager at Raley's reporting a white man in his 30s acting irrationally, picking up a shopping cart and slamming it to the ground before opening and breaking alcohol bottles inside the store.

The initial police officers arrived within four minutes of being dispatched and located the man — later identified as Bauer — in the area.

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Zone 7's repair projects

New map shows flood control channels being fixed after winter storms

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency has released an interactive map identifying the progress and impacts of flood control channel maintenance going on this summer.

Winter storms two years ago inflicted a "historic amount of damage" to flood control channels, according to Zone 7 officials. This summer, the agency's flood protection program aims to repair much of the damages.

Locals can view the reparation progress and impacts to publicly accessible maintenance roads online through the agency's website at zone-7water.com. Many of the ongoing and scheduled projects — nearly five-dozen in all — are located in the northwestern portion of Pleasanton.

While most of the projects are still scheduled to take place in the future, a handful have been completed or are ongoing near the intersection of Arroyo Mocho and the Chabot Canal, by the Ken Mercer Sports Park — resulting in the closure of the Arroyo Mocho Trail between Hopyard Road and Omega Circle. The closure is set to last through Sept. 7, according to Zone 7 officials.

About five maintenance projects in western Dublin have already been completed.

Zone 7, a public agency in eastern Alameda County, is charged with providing flood protection in the Livermore and Amador valleys as well as acting as a water wholesaler for water service providers in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon's Dougherty Valley. ■



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Sandi Thorne, shown here with her husband of 43 years, Mayor Jerry Thorne, has been remembered as a caring, engaging and devoted community member. She died unexpectedly last Friday while battling cancer.

Remembering Sandi Thorne

Funeral service set today for mayor's wife

By JEREMY WALSH
AND GINA CHANNELL

The Pleasanton community is mourning the loss of Sandra "Sandi" Roy Thorne, Mayor Jerry Thorne's wife, who died unexpectedly early last Friday morning from complications during cancer treatment. She was 80.

As the first lady of Pleasanton, Sandi Thorne was a stalwart supporter of the mayor and all his work during his six years in office, but she championed her own causes as well, most notably serving on the Board of Directors at the Museum on Main, and she remained actively engaged in the Assistance League of Amador Valley.

"It is with great sadness that I share the passing of Sandi Thorne, who died unexpectedly. Sandi was a devoted wife and mother and a great friend to our community," said Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho, who directed all city flags to be flown at half-staff in her honor last weekend. "I would also like to offer our deepest condolences to the mayor and his family."

A memorial service, open to the public, is scheduled for this morning at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Born on Aug. 14, 1937 in Danbury, Conn., Sandra Roy was one of six children in the family. She met Jerry Thorne when they

both worked in San Francisco for the Fred S. James Insurance Co. — he first asked her out the day before St. Patrick's Day.

The Thomes married on Nov. 2, 1974, and they moved to Pleasanton two years later.

Here, the couple raised their daughter Keri — who with her husband and two children were at Sandi Thorne's side these past few weeks.

Her friends at the Museum on Main, where she served on the board and was a former board president, are among the many Pleasanton community members grieving Sandi Thorne's death.

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Sunflower Hill honors city of Pleasanton with Rainmaker Award

Housing nonprofit lauds city officials for support of upcoming residential community

By ERIKA ALVERO

In its second year bestowing the award, Sunflower Hill has named the city of Pleasanton as recipient of the nonprofit's 2018 Rainmaker Award.

The city was selected as this year's award recipient because of its support of the development of Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, an upcoming residential community for people with special needs just outside downtown Pleasanton.

"We're fortunate to have a very committed group of volunteers, families, donors and advisers," said Susan Houghton, president of the organization's board of directors. "But our annual Rainmaker Award honors the individual or organization that allowed significant 'rain' to fall. Rainmakers help our organization grow and allow our sunflowers to blossom. Because of their belief in our vision, our

entire community benefits."

Sunflower Hill credits Pleasanton city staff, elected officials and commissioners with allowing the 31-unit proposed development to move forward.

Last year, the city's Housing, Human Services and Planning commissions along with the City Council unanimously approved the project. Subsequently, city staff also helped to secure \$7 million in housing bond funds from the county to help finance the development.

When the project is complete, it will provide 31 one- and two-bedroom units, with rents set between 20 and 60% of the area median income for adults with special needs.

"I am honored to accept this Rainmaker award on behalf of the entire city of Pleasanton," said Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton's city manager. "Sunflower Hill symbolizes the power that

a public-private-nonprofit partnership can have in service to a unique community need, and it has been a pleasure to collaborate on this project."

The award was presented July 28 at Moonlight in the Vines, the organization's annual benefit gala.

The nonprofit's Irby Ranch site will be situated within the 14-acre Homestead development by Meritage Homes, which is already underway and is located near the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and First Street. Groundbreaking on Sunflower Hill's portion is presently set for early 2019 with lease-up opportunities expected a year later.

Currently, the project's affordable housing partner Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) is in the process of accepting bids for a general contractor to build the development. ■

School traffic safety

PPD reminds drivers to be alert, patient, follow rules to keep kids safe

By ERIKA ALVERO

The new school year is just around the corner, with Pleasanton Unified's first day of classes this coming Monday.

And with the fast-approaching fall semester, the Pleasanton Police Department is publicly reminding residents of some basic traffic safety tips, to keep children commuting to school safe.

"As the days of summer come to an end there are more cars, bicyclists and pedestrians on the streets and roadways," Sgt. Benjamin Sarasua wrote in a statement. "This means schedules and driving patterns should be adjusted to accommodate for increased vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic."

Sarasua offered these seven back-to-school traffic safety tips:

- Give yourself plenty of time in the morning. As traffic volumes and congestion increase, so does the length of time it takes to travel around town.

- Obey posted speed and directional signs. This includes marked curbs in school zones and signs that indicate parking for buses only. One poorly placed, unattended vehicle can lead to

tremendous disruptions in school parking lots.

- Be patient. Everyone shares the same goal: to get their child to school on time and in a safe manner. Impatience leads to aggressive driving, rude or unwarranted behavior, pedestrian collisions and gridlocks.

- Have your kids ready when you get to the school curb. Your child should make the transition from car to school grounds as quickly and safely as possible.

- Explore carpool, ride-sharing and walking alternatives. The city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District have worked long and hard to come up with a variety of traffic calming solutions. More information can be found at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

- Look for and obey school crossing guards. Crossing guards will be present near each elementary school. Be prepared to stop and follow their directions so children can get to and from school safely.

- Children riding bicycles, scooters and skateboards must wear a helmet and obey all traffic laws every time they ride. ■

THORNE

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"Since starting as a volunteer in 2004, Sandi gave the museum her time, her sweat, her ideas, and her heart," said Jim DeMersman, Museum on Main executive director.

"She helped inventory collections, install exhibits, plan fundraisers, and govern the museum as a board member and officer," DeMersman added. "Her kindness, good humor, and sound judgment

will be sorely missed, and her loss leaves a hole in this institution's heart that cannot be filled."

The Thorne family held a vigil in Sandi Thorne's memory yesterday at Graham Hitch Mortuary. Her funeral service is set for 10 a.m. today at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Bernal Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Sandi Thorne's name to the Museum on Main via www.museumonmain.org/donate. ■



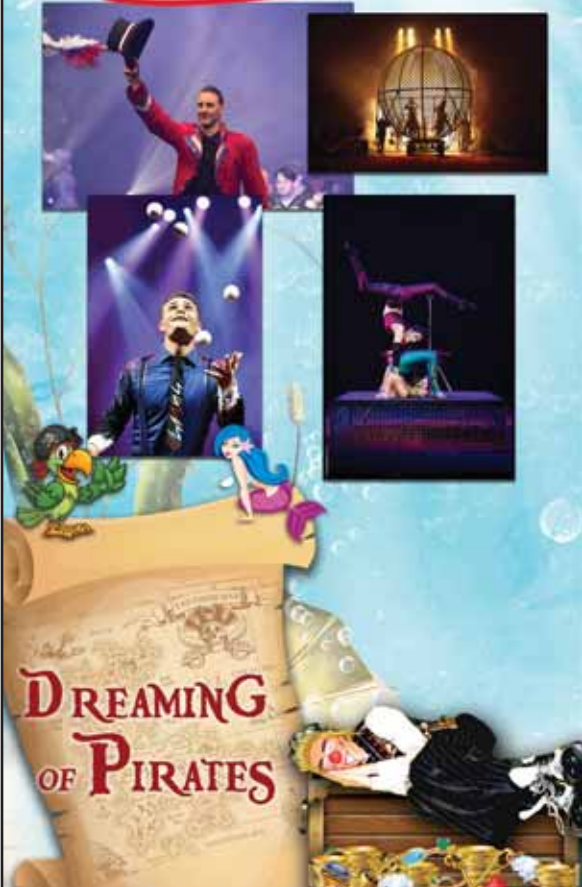


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National Night Out

From left: Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, his 16-month-old son Rachmiel, Pleasanton police Sgt. Jim Boland, Animal Services Officer Frankie Blavet and Fr. Ron Culmer at a National Night Out block party co-hosted by Chabad of the Tri-Valley and St. Clare's Episcopal Church. This year's National Night Out event, which aims to foster police-community spirit by having police officers visit with residents at locally sponsored barbecues and picnics, happened Tuesday night across town. Pleasanton police officials met up at the Kottinger Gardens housing community for a kick-off dinner before dispersing to various block parties in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Tri-Valley Realtors killed in SoCal plane crash

Cause of emergency that precipitated fatal crash remains under investigation

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The five people who died in a plane crash in Southern California on Sunday afternoon have been identified as four San Ramon Valley residents and a man from Los Angeles.

The three women killed in the crash — Nasim Ghanadan, 29, of Alamo, Floria Hakimi, 62, of Danville, and Lara Shepherd, 42, of Diablo — were all employed at Pacific Union International's real estate office in Danville.

The two others who died in the crash were Lara Shepherd's husband, 53-year-old Scott Shepherd who was the pilot of the plane, and Floria's son Navid Hakimi, a 32-year-old DJ from Los Angeles who performed under the stage name Navid Izadi.

"Pacific Union International lost five of our extended family yesterday afternoon," Mark A. McLaughlin, CEO of Pacific Union International, said in a statement. "Our entire Pacific Union family is mourning the loss of our colleagues, family and friends. We ask everyone to join us in respecting the privacy of all immediate family members during this

time. Life is precious and we are focused on comforting the loved ones affected by this devastating event."

The Cessna 414 aircraft took off earlier Sunday from Concord's Buchanan Field Airport and was registered to San Francisco-based Category III Aviation Corp., according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The passengers were on their way to a real estate industry conference called the Tom Ferry Success Summit in Anaheim.

According to the Orange County coroner, the plane crashed around 12:30 p.m., and everyone onboard was killed when their plane crashed in the parking lot of a Staples store in Santa Ana. No one on the ground was injured.

FAA officials said someone on the plane declared an undisclosed emergency before crashing.

"At our meeting today there were tears and sorrow, joy, disbelief and feelings of loss. Stories were told about our teammates that inspired amazing laughter, a sense of pride, and lots of tears," McLaughlin said Monday. "We're left with memories of our shared work and lives

together that we will hold forever."

A Realtor for Pacific Union, Lara Shepherd's employee profile described her as "trustworthy and responsive." Her family has a long history of working in real estate; she was the third generation to become a Realtor. She was also actively involved in community fundraising and volunteer youth programs in Contra Costa County.

Her husband, Scott Shepherd, was president and CEO of the company that owned the plane, Category III Development. The couple have left behind two young children, 5 and 7 years old, respectively.

Also a Realtor, Floria Hakimi was born in Iran and had been a resident of the Diablo Valley since 1989. Active in the community, when she wasn't working she was involved in various local organizations such as Mothers Against Poverty, Operation Smile, Families Without Borders and the School of Practical Philosophy in Pleasanton.

Navid Hakimi leaves behind his 2-year-old son and his 36-year-old brother, Aden.

A real estate consultant, Ghanadan's employee profile said "her

Donation drive for students displaced in Carr Fire

Pleasanton residents collecting school supplies, clothes this weekend

By ERIKA ALVERO

This weekend, a group of Pleasanton residents will be collecting donations for those affected and displaced by the recent Carr Fire, which has wreaked havoc around Redding.

The crew is seeking donations in particular for students and families from the Shasta Elementary School, which was especially affected by the fire. The drive will take place today and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 7506 Rosedale Court.

They are also looking for volunteers to help load supplies on Sunday, and a driver and truck to

deliver the donations to Redding.

Sandy Schneider, one of the event's organizers, reached out to the school's principal and obtained a list of children and families who have been displaced, and their respective sizes and needs. The items sought include school supplies, back-to-school clothing and shoes, hygiene products, coolers, under-garments and baby items.

For more information on the drive and for the specific list of supplies solicited, visit the Pleasanton Community Facebook page, or email Schneider at sn-schneid@yahoo.com. ■

business philosophy is to treat her clients like family." Her LinkedIn profile said she graduated from San Francisco State University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in economics, but had been working in real estate in various capacities since

2011. She leaves her mother, father, two sisters and a brother.

The crash remains under investigation by the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board. ■

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BY CIERRA MARTINEZ

The Stoneridge Shopping Center announced five new fashion spots and two new eateries coming to or expanding within the Pleasanton mall.

The additions are a mix of recognizable and new brands: ThredUp IRL, Macy's Backstage, lululemon athletica, Cinnabon, Go Fish Poke, Zara, The Salon by InStyle.

"Back-to-school shopping fuels the excitement of the new school year, and we are boosting the experience with these openings featuring on-trend and world-class retail," said Amanda Fernandez, director of marketing and business development for the mall.

"Beyond shopping, our expanding portfolio of eateries such as Go Fish Poke enhances choices for healthful and cultural dining to emphasize that Stoneridge Shopping Center is East Bay's premier

lifestyle destination," she added.

ThredUp IRL, located on the lower level of the center near JCPenney, had its grand opening last Friday. The San Francisco-based brand, known for having the largest online consignment and thrift shop, branched out from strictly web-based shopping to bring a fresh take on in-store thrift shopping to the public.

Remodeling retail space in the existing Macy's Men's, the new addition to Macy's, is set to open in the fall of this year. Macy's Backstage is an inclusion for shoppers seeking bargains from designer brands, mall officials said.

Set to soon move into an expanded location at Stoneridge, lululemon athletica will remain in its current location until November. The store is a yoga-inspired athletic apparel company offering collections for women and men.

Cinnabon made its way back to the mall last Saturday. Known for its signature cinnamon roll, the franchise bakery is located on the lower level of Stoneridge Shopping Center near Nordstrom.

Go Fish Poke opened in July and is located on the upper level of the center near Men's Wearhouse. This is the fifth location for the San Jose-based brand. The specialty meals highlight Japanese cuisine with hints of modern concepts.

JCPenney launched The Salon by InStyle in recent months, giving shoppers services such as haircuts, blowouts, coloring or hair treatment, as well as name-brand hair care and styling products.

Set to open in late October, Zara is known for its chic collections of current fashion trends. The Spanish fashion brand offers male and female apparel, shoes and accessories. ■



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Musical matinee — a cappella style

Two male vocal groups will take the Bankhead Theater stage for "an unrivaled and joyful musical performance" at 3 p.m. this Sunday. Rockapella creates a full-band sound with just the voices of the five members, while the Company Men adds a contemporary spin, mixing vintage songs with today's hits. Both groups have shared the stage with the biggest names in entertainment. Tickets are \$40-\$70; students and military are \$20. Visit lvpac.org or call 373-6800.

TAKE US ALONG



Proud mom: Susan Thomas traveled to Kinsale, Ireland last fall for the wedding of her son, Andrew Comisky, a 2006 graduate from Foothill High School who is currently serving in the military. Joining Thomas and the Weekly here are Kathrin Buchanan and Jessica Standlee.

DEATH

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"When officers attempted to detain Bauer, he failed to comply with requests to place his hands behind his back. Bauer resisted officers' attempts to place him in handcuffs, including scratching and biting officers," Shannon Revel-Whitaker, Pleasanton police community and public relations coordinator, said in a press release the day after the incident.

Two officers sustained undisclosed minor injuries during the arrest, which occurred in the grass strip behind Jim's Country Style Restaurant along Mission Drive.

Officers struggled to place Bauer in handcuffs for more than five minutes, and two officers ultimately opted to deploy their Tasers to try to subdue Bauer, according to police. Munayer said details about how many Taser rounds were fired remain under investigation.

After handcuffing Bauer, officers also used a leg restraint device known as "The Wrap" to keep the man under control and safely transport him to Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare for a routine medical evaluation, according to Munayer.

The lieutenant said Bauer showed no signs of respiratory distress until after being loaded into an ambulance at the scene and on his way to the hospital. Bauer was pronounced dead at Stanford-ValleyCare shortly after arriving that afternoon.

Munayer said she did not know how much time elapsed between when the incident began and when Bauer was transported to the hospital. "The exact timeline of events is still being reviewed by



JEREMY WALSH

Family and friends remember Jacob Bauer with memorial near where he aggressively resisted arrest last week. He died at a local hospital after respiratory distress in the wake of the incident.

investigators," she added.

The number of officers involved in the incident also remains under investigation, and none of the officers will be placed on administrative leave during the probe, according to Munayer.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau inquiry is ongoing, with autopsy report, cause of death and toxicology test results among the pending information.

Munayer noted Pleasanton police did have prior contacts with Bauer, but those calls were non-criminal family disturbances involving the Bauer family. She declined to elaborate on the specifics of those non-criminal police contacts.

Mental health could have been a contributing factor for Bauer during last week's incident, according to Marsha McInnis, president of the local chapter of the nonprofit National Alliance on Mental Illness.

"NAMI Tri-Valley sends their heartfelt condolences to the Bauer family for the loss of their son Jacob. We were aware of the parents' deep concerns about their son and were assisting finding the right key to open the right door to help," she said. "The lack of access to care, a fail first system and criminalization of mental illness interferes with finding the best appropriate help in a complex and traumatic process."

Family and friends have put up a small memorial next to a tree behind Jim's, with flowers, notes and more to remember Bauer following his death.

The incident remains under separate investigations by Pleasanton police, the coroner's bureau and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. Anyone with additional information about the case can contact police at 931-5100. ■

Editor's note: Reporter Ryan J. Degan contributed to this story.



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POLICE BULLETIN

GM's \$28 million plan to boost safety and security on BART

In the wake of three recent homicides and other violent crimes on the BART system, BART General Manager Grace Crunican announced Monday that she's asking the transit district's board to approve a \$28 million comprehensive safety and security plan.

Crunican said the series of proposals that the board will consider soon are aimed at boosting the visible presence of police and other transit agency employees in the system, enhancing BART's network of surveillance cameras and increasing public safety outreach.

In the most highly publicized homicide, Nia Wilson, 18, was fatally stabbed at the MacArthur station in Oakland at 9:36 p.m. on July 22. John Lee Cowell, a 27-year-old transient, was arrested the next evening and has been charged with murder and other offenses.

Gerald Bisbee, 51, of Pittsburg, died on July 20 after being assaulted at the Pleasant Hill station on July 18 and Don Stevens, a 47-year-old transient, died after being attacked on the platform of the Bay Fair BART station in San Leandro at about 1:20 a.m. on July 21.

In addition, two people were stabbed by an attacker at the MacArthur station last Friday night.

"BART has always been focused on public safety but it's clear that we

must do even more," Crunican said in a statement.

"The tragic murder of Nia Wilson has deeply saddened everyone at BART as well as the communities we serve. Our riders are demanding that we do more to maintain public safety and this plan offers multiple new initiatives we can immediately begin to roll out," she said.

Crunican said the first part of her proposed action plan was already in place Monday, when the BART Police Department temporarily canceled off-days for all its officers.

She said that means patrol officers, community service officers and dispatchers are now working six 10-hour days a week and patrol officers who work on their normal days off are required to ride trains throughout their shifts.

"Though this is a temporary measure, it immediately boosts the visible presence of law enforcement throughout the system," Crunican said.

A second proposal is to train teams of BART employees to staff trains and stations while wearing high-visibility vests to provide an additional layer of visibility to BART's safety efforts. Such teams would be deployed temporarily at times of greatest need.

Crunican said a third proposal is to accelerate "station hardening efforts" to make it harder for riders to bypass the transit system's fare gates.

She said those efforts include raising barriers to five feet and adding additional fencing to include elevators in paid areas and adding a second proof of payment team for

evenings.

A fourth proposal is to have platform emergency call boxes that would be installed on each platform.

Crunican said each call box would have a direct intercom with BART police dispatchers and a camera would activate whenever the intercom button is pushed.

Although stations currently have white courtesy phones to connect to station agent booths, Crunican said the emergency call boxes would offer more options and a quicker connection to dispatch.

A fifth proposal is to install video screens showing real-time station images and enhanced video surveillance signage.

In other news

• A vigil and rally for two people who recently died at or near the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin was held in front of the jail Friday evening.

The event concerned the deaths of Jessica St. Louis, a 26-year-old Berkeley woman whose body was discovered near the passenger pickup/drop-off area at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station at about 5:30 a.m. July 28, about four hours after she was released from the jail, and of 23-year-old Dajuan Armstrong on June 23.

The protest was organized by Cat Brooks, an Oakland mayoral candidate who's with the Anti Police-Terror Project, who alleged in a news release that Armstrong and St. Louis "were killed by Santa Rita" and that the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and jail staff "have blood on your hands."

Alameda County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said, "We're listening to what she (Brooks) and her group are saying."

But Kelly said, "They don't know all the facts and are rushing to judgment. To say that we have blood on our hands is unfair."

Kelly said jail officials can't keep people in custody after they're released and gave St. Louis a BART ticket when she left. He also said that St. Louis had a cellphone and had access to phones while she was held in jail for 11 days for arrest warrants for various cases.

Kelly said after St. Louis's body was found, investigators found drugs inside her body cavities and a medical exam showed no signs of foul play and the preliminary indication is that she died from a drug overdose, although a toxicology report hasn't yet been completed.

Armstrong had recently been convicted of burglary for an offense in

Fremont but was considered a low-level offender and was allowed to serve his jail time on weekends.

Kelly said that when Armstrong came to Santa Rita on the night of June 22, which was a Friday, he was "agitated, aggressive and uncooperative" and told jail officials in a conversation that was recorded on deputies' body cameras that he was high on cocaine, marijuana, alcohol and prescription pills.

Jail officials started to move Armstrong to the jail's clinic but he continued to be uncooperative and tried to run away so deputies restrained him and he went to the ground and stopped breathing, according to Kelly.

A nurse at the scene began CPR on Armstrong and he was transferred to Stanford-ValleyCare in Pleasanton but was pronounced dead there on the morning of June 23, Kelly said. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 5

Burglary

■ 3:31 p.m. on the 1100 block of Quarry Lane

Bicycle theft

■ 9:13 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

DUI

■ 1:42 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Aug. 4

Assault/battery

■ 11:03 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 8:47 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:06 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

DUI

■ 4:07 a.m. at Stoneridge and Hacienda drives

Aug. 3

Theft

■ 6:24 a.m., 5200 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from auto

■ 10:29 a.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

■ 10:16 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 2

Theft

■ 9:06 a.m., 7400 block of Hillview Court; theft from auto

■ 9:37 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 10:58 a.m., 5300 block of Case Avenue; theft from auto

■ 10:57 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Robbery

■ 8:18 p.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 1

Theft

■ 8:51 a.m. on the 2300 block of Tanager Drive

■ 10:05 a.m., 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; theft of bicycle

■ 9:03 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Embezzlement

■ 12:17 p.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

Timothy John Berkley

May 23, 1958 – July 16, 2018

Tim passed away peacefully on Monday July 16th, 2018 at the age of 60.

Born in Los Angeles to Jack and Nancy Berkley on May 23rd, 1958 they later moved to Pleasanton in 1971. Tim married Maria, his high school sweetheart September 3rd, 1977 in Pleasanton.

Tim is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Maria; his children Ryan and wife Stacy, Melissa, sister Theresa, Grandchildren Kennedy Faith and Savannah Grace, nephews Jeremy and Anthony, niece Claire and many loved ones.

Tim is preceded in death by his grandmother GiGi, mother Nancy, brother Steve and father Jack.

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Revisiting JDEDZ now is city's best option

The City Council reversing its decision from last year to approve the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone would be a smart move.

Filing a stipulation in court last month, city officials stated they plan to present the City Council with a resolution — most likely in September or October — to cancel last year's JDEDZ approval so further environmental review can take place.

This would temporarily delay the new Costco store and hotels proposed to move into the JDEDZ area.

Counter-intuitive as it might be, delaying the project now would in

all likelihood actually move it forward quicker.

Local resident coalition Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth, spearheaded by former city councilman Matt Sullivan, sued the city in December 2017, challenging the council's environmental impact report (EIR) for the JDEDZ. This move came after the group's failing to collect enough signatures to put a second Costco-related referendum on the ballot.

Some people have criticized rescinding the JDEDZ, saying it is a sign of weak leadership, that the city isn't confident in the EIR results it certified or that the city

is "giving in" to pressure from Sullivan and his group.

But this is not weakness, second-guessing or capitulation; it's a strategy, and it's a good one.

By canceling the approval and doing supplemental EIR analysis, complete with a public comment period, the council is expediting the ultimate approval because it will stop the lawsuit from languishing in the court system.

By canceling and agreeing to more analysis now, specifically on the air quality impacts on the Stoneridge Apartments complex across the freeway from the Costco site, the city is being proactive.

"Given the inherent delay associated with litigation involving the California Environmental Quality Act, the city has agreed to set aside the approvals so that supplemental environmental review can take place," city attorney Dan Sodergren said last week.

"Although this project has already been subject to extensive environmental review, the city believes that this is the most effective way to provide the public and public officials with information and allow for reconsideration of the project," Sodergren added. "Costco is in support of this approach and is a signatory to the (court) stipulation."

Work has already been stopped once, between July and November of 2016 pending results of the voter initiative (Measure MM) to limit the size of buildings within the JDEDZ

to 50,000 square feet or less. Residents spoke loud and clear when the initiative was defeated by 63% of the voters — basically a pro-Costco vote.

Costco is in support of rescinding the JDEDZ now because they want this process to move forward too. In the city's online FAQs on the project, Costco representatives are quoted as stating, "Costco Wholesale is committed to our future Pleasanton location ... We believe this location represents a great opportunity for us to better serve our many members in Pleasanton."

Sodergren said he could not estimate how long the JDEDZ supplemental review would take, but he noted the council took a similar approach when faced with a lawsuit challenging the Staples Ranch development EIR in 2009. That project was approved again after the city completed extra environmental review.

It will more than likely take a few months to complete the additional analysis for the JDEDZ, but who knows how long the legal wrangling would have continued with the lawsuit, with the possibility of having to do this same supplemental EIR work anyway.

At least now the timeline doesn't belong to the court.

Kudos to city staff and the council for recognizing the residents of Pleasanton want the Costco built and for remaining committed to it by formulating the best plan to move it forward. ■

LETTERS

Global warming 2018

Dear Editor,

The Economist magazine recently published an article summarizing warming trends around the world (tinyurl.com/y7jdmyp). The examples they showed were alarming. Notably, they published the article in their Science and Technology section.

In my 15 years in Pleasanton, I've not seen much evidence that residents here are concerned about global warming and climate change. Perhaps that is because they "doubt" the science showing human behavior as a cause, or they fear the costs of mitigation, or

possibly because they are tired of feeling harangued on the subject.

But the warming is real and the consequences are dire for those most affected. In my view, that really means all of us.

I respectfully hope the city starts giving this issue the attention it deserves. There are so many manageable actions that individuals and communities can take. And the benefits of raised awareness may be even more important.

Our experts tell us it is not yet too late to make substantive changes. Let's look to the future now, and work to slow warming trends that are increasingly putting life at risk.

—Anne Childs

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Economic Vitality Committee
Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.
Operation Services Department, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation and discussion on staff's recommended City's Capital Facility, Transportation and Affordable Housing Development Impact Fees schedule (development impact fees)

Housing Commission
Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Housing & Human Services Grant (HHSG) Program Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for Housing-Related Program
 - ECHO Housing, Housing Counseling Services
 - Habitat for Humanity, Housing Rehabilitation Program
 - Abode Services; Rapid Re-Housing and HOPE Street Outreach

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Seniors Living Well

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The poet of Stoneridge Creek

Retiree Marilyn Slade captures
community life, humor in writing

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Marilyn Slade calls herself an “Exaggerator-in-Chief.” It all started in grade school, when she wrote about her first airplane flight for a class assignment, trying to capture the thrill and terror of the expedition. Her teacher liked the story, reading it aloud to the rest of the class.

“And then I had to tell her, ‘It’s all a lie,’” Slade recalled.

Now, the 88-year-old Stoneridge Creek resident has somewhat harnessed her hyperbole, turning it toward all sorts of poetry, especially haikus. It’s competitive for her — her collection of award ribbons can attest to that — but also a way to connect with fellow Stoneridge residents through a writing group.

“To know them is to like them,” she said of the writing crew. “Because they pour out their hearts and their feelings.”

Slade’s poetry covers a range of topics, from current events to stories from her own varied life. She grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and since then has moved to nine different states and “lived in 12 abodes” with her late husband John.

“John would go someplace and they’d promote him,” she said. “And then he’d go to that promotion, and then he’d get tired of that, and he’d say, you know, I’d like to do something else.”

Their final move was to Pleasanton in the mid-80s, and when

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ERIKA ALVERO

Stoneridge Creek resident Marilyn Slade not only writes poetry, but also competes. Here she holds one of her poems that won an award at the Alameda County Fair.

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she retired from AT&T five years later, she began her voyage into writing. Specifically at Alden Lane Nursery.

The nursery was hosting a Disney writing contest; writers could submit vignettes about a Disney character for a chance at a trip to Disneyland.

Slade went above and beyond. "I wrote one for every one of the Disney characters," she said.

She didn't want to win, but she wanted to enter her submissions, she told a slightly confused woman at the nursery when handing over her stack of envelopes.

A few weeks later, Alden Lane called her to come in — though she hadn't won, as per her request, they presented her with a rose. "A Disney rose," Slade called it. She planted it in her garden.

Now she focuses on poetry, she says. With haikus in particular — three-line, 17-syllable poems that originated in Japan — she enjoys trying to compress her thoughts in the limited space. "You have to really concentrate," she said.

The competitive aspect of writing that perhaps led her to the medium hasn't diminished either, and she continues to enter various writing contests, featured around town or in local newspapers. At one point Stoneridge Creek displayed a collection of Slade's award ribbons in the retirement community's lobby.

Much of her poetry derives from historical events and characters like Abraham Lincoln or British writer Iris Murdoch, but she also looks to local happenings — the Alameda County Fair, for example, is fertile ground for pieces.

"I don't know why inspiration comes really," Slade said. "I just know that I see something or I hear something and it rings a bell. And then maybe it's in there for a day or two, and I think, 'If I don't put this down on paper, I'm not going to remember this.'"

Regardless of the topic, Slade's poetry style is distinguished by a tinge of sass and sense of humor. Her award-winning works from the county fair have titles ranging from "Crouching Spider" to "The Day They Ran Out of Chocolate-Dipped-Bacon at the Alameda County Fair." In "Food Fight at the Fair," a woman instructed to avoid sweets and stick to meat, fruits and veggies finds a way to circumvent her diet coach's orders. "A vegetable, corn on the cob, she tried Slathered oil on 'tator tots,' deep fried For meat squeezed mustard on a hog Ate alligator strips, a long corn dog..."

(The protagonist made room for some fruits too, of course: candied apples and a frozen chocolate banana on a stick.)

"We enjoy celebrating all our residents' accomplishments," said Susan Filice, the Stoneridge Creek activities director. "Marilyn is so enthusiastic about writing and sharing that passion with other residents and team members at Stoneridge Creek. You can't help but smile when you read her poems. They're so creative." ■

Seniors: Beware of scams

Exercise caution with phone calls, emails, strangers

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Older folks are a vulnerable audience for unscrupulous contractors, financiers and other con artists, according to the National Council on Aging, and financial scams are considering the "crime of the 21st century."

Seniors are thought to have money sitting in their accounts plus crimes against seniors are considered low-risk because they may not report it and have little time to recoup their losses.

"We steadily get inquiries about scams, all kinds of scams," said Community Service Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker of the Pleasanton Police Department.

They advise folks to be wary of anyone calling or emailing and asking for money or personal information of any kind. And never reply to an email because that opens the lines of communication.

For a number of years, police have seen what is called the "grandparent scam," which targets seniors where they are often vulnerable — their hearts.

Scammers call an older person and say, "Hi, Grandma, do you know who this is?"

An unsuspecting grandparent answers, which gives the scammer a name to work with. Then the fake grandchild asks for money to help with a financial problem such as overdue rent or payment for car repairs to be wired via Western Union or MoneyGram. They also beg the grandparents, "Please don't tell my parents, they would kill me."

This crime may not yield a lot of money but neither does it require much advance work on the part of the scammer.

The offices of Congressman Eric Swalwell and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker have both offered recent programs addressing the problem of fraud.

The Contractors State License Board joined with Swalwell's office to present a Scam Stopper Seminar Program for seniors last week. The gathering also covered fraud involving identity theft, auto repair, Medicare, foreign lotteries and mail.

In July, Baker's office partnered with the insurance industry's PIFPAC to present a financial fraud seminar.

Fraud against seniors takes many forms. One is the salesman-type, who convinces the senior to buy their services. In some cases, the con artist may befriend a senior, then steal from them.

Online scams, which target all ages, may begin with official-looking email messages asking people to update or verify their personal information. Some might appear to be from the IRS informing the person about a tax refund.

Another email scam uses one of a person's passwords in the subject line to get their attention, then in the message states they have access to their computer and have observed the would-be victim on embarrassing websites; it threatens to expose them to friends and family unless a few thousand dollars is sent via bitcoin.

Telephone scams include charity scams soliciting money for fake charities — this often occurs after natural disasters; fake accident ploys — where the con artist gets the victim to send money on the pretext that a relative is in the hospital and needs the money; and the old "pigeon drop," where someone calls and says he has found a large sum of money and is willing to split it if the person makes a "good faith" payment by withdrawing funds from his bank account.

These scams may sound farfetched but the scammer can be extremely convincing, police noted.

Grieving widows, widowers and other relatives also must beware. Con artists sometimes attend funerals and claim the deceased had an outstanding debt with them and ask the relatives to settle. In scams at disreputable funeral homes, clients are told that an expensive casket is needed for a direct cremation rather than an inexpensive cardboard casket, or the bill is otherwise padded at a time when people are too vulnerable to ask questions.

Lorie Rohloff, volunteer coordinator at Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley, which is adjacent to the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., wants to help seniors who have been targeted. She said anyone who receives a suspicious letter or email can bring it to Senior Support and get help determining whether it is legitimate.

"We will be glad to answer any questions," Rohloff said.

Those who are victims should not be afraid or embarrassed to talk about it. They can call the Pleasanton police non-emergency number at 931-5100; their bank if money has been taken from their accounts; and Adult Protective Services of Alameda County at (510) 577-3500. ■

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5. Telemarketing/phone scams
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7. Investment schemes
8. Homeowner/reverse mortgage scams
9. Sweepstakes & lottery scams
10. The grandparents scam

—National Council on Aging

8 tips to protect yourself

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Real estate buying and selling tips for seniors

Lifestyle needs, taxes, family among key considerations for older residents

By **DAVID C. STARK**

Taxes, family and doorways are just some of the important factors senior homeowners and homebuyers need to consider before making a move or deciding to stay put.



David Stark

Murline Monat, a Realtor who specializes in senior clients, said the first thing senior homeowners thinking about selling and moving elsewhere should consider are taxes.

"Because many seniors may have significant equity in their homes," Monat said, "I want them to make sure they know what the tax implications are."

Property taxes also come into play.

Tim Ambrose, president of the Bay East Association of Realtors, said, "If they are selling a home, make sure the county where they are moving to has property tax reciprocity so that they are not looking at a new, higher tax bill if they've been in their home for some time."

Ambrose and Monat both encourage seniors to talk with a tax professional.

Ambrose suggested that seniors pay attention to a statewide measure on the

November ballot that, if approved by voters, would allow homeowners aged 55 and older to take their current property tax basis anywhere in California. "That will open up so many options for seniors. It will allow them to not be so specific in where they are moving," he said.

Once a senior homeowner has addressed the tax issue, Monat urges seniors to answer a set of questions about family. The answers can help determine where to move.

"Where does your family live? Where do your kids live? Are they going to be nearby? Does the move make sense?" Monat said.

She added, "As you age, your circle of influence becomes smaller and more intimate and generally involves your family, and I always like to make sure there's family wherever seniors want to move to."

Lifestyle is another factor seniors should consider when choosing a new community. "You want to know where the senior centers are. Activities are hugely important for mental health," Monat said.

Local Realtors agree that most seniors prefer a single-story home or at least a multi-story home that has a full bedroom and bath on the first floor. However, those types of homes may be hard to find in the

current, highly-competitive market.

As an alternative, a smaller home could be a good fit, according to Realtor William Doerlich. "Take a look at the advantages of less maintenance, easier accommodations and more comfort," he said.

Before a senior homeowner determines that a move might make sense, they need to understand the current real estate climate.

"If they bought their home 25 years ago and haven't been keeping up with the market, they're going to need some counseling and advice from a professional because the homebuying process has changed radically during the course of that time," said Doerlich, past-president of Bay East.

Ambrose agreed, saying, "What I tell my clients, and you have to trust and believe in it: you pretty much have to sell your home first before purchasing your next home. In this market, trying to buy a home that's contingent on the sale of your current home is very, very difficult to get an offer like that accepted."

Ambrose explained that a seller may have to ask the new owner of their home for a two or three-month "rent back" while finding a new home while competing with many other buyers.

"Be prepared to have not as much money left over from the sale of your previous

home because home prices have gone up so much since when you purchased your home," Ambrose said.

For seniors moving into the Bay Area, he warned of sticker shock. "Even if you sold a home in another state, those proceeds may not come close to what you need to make a purchase here," he said.

Doerlich said that senior homeowners local to the area may have some advantages. "If they're a homeowner here in the Tri-Valley then they will probably have a fair amount of equity in their home if they've owned the home for 10 or 15 years and that's an advantage," he explained.

According to research cited by Doerlich, 38% of current homeowners are Baby Boomers and older.

"Which means seniors have power in the market place," he said. "The kind of home you're moving from is the kind of home that the people coming into the market are looking for. A lot of times the homes that seniors are selling are the kind of homes people want who are looking to buy in the Tri-Valley."

Many seniors are choosing to age-in-place rather than try to compete with other homebuyers or move into a "senior"

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Tips for caregivers

Senior living experts advise on how to cope



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Caregivers: Care for yourself, too.

That is the advice offered by Rita Altman, senior vice president of Sunrise Senior Living, which provides homes and care for seniors in Pleasanton and other locations.

"I recommend caregivers doing something for themselves every single day that makes them feel good," Altman says on a

podcast at TheSeniorCaregiver.com.

"It might feel like you have very little time in the day but trying to find at least a little time every day ... to nurture your own spirit is really important."

This might mean making a declarative statement to others involved in the caregiving, such as: "I'm going to a movie."

"Put it out there, say you're going to do it,

and then do it," Altman says. "Very often you need to ask for someone's help or say 'yes' when someone does offer that help."

This is not selfish, she notes; it is necessary to be in good shape to take care of someone else.

"You can't take care of others if you don't take care of yourselves," she says.

In last month's Pleasanton newsletter, Sunrise included four ways to help manage caregiver stress:

1. Develop healthy sleep habits. Caregivers often deal with insomnia. Keep a consistent sleep schedule; have no electronics in the bedroom; and avoid exercising, eating heavy meals, and drinking alcohol at least two hours before bedtime.

2. Limit caffeine intake. Caffeine can make stress worse although it may be tempting to reach for that caffeinated drink when tired. Only drink one or two caffeinated beverages a day.

3. Ask for and accept help. The reality is that no one can do it all, and taking regular breaks makes one a better caregiver. If there is no one who can pitch in, it might be worthwhile to explore respite care services.

4. Practice mindfulness. Slow down and do deep breathing exercises; try yoga or Pilates.

Sunrise also recognizes that some caregivers may not be able to live near their loved ones undergoing declining health or memory loss. This month, it published four tips on how to be an effective long-distance caregiver.

1. Get organized. Create a system for

managing healthcare information including medical history, medications, contact information for local family members, doctors, pharmacies, allergies and an appointment schedule.

2. Build local support. Take time to meet your loved one's friends, neighbors and healthcare providers. Exchange contact information with everyone.

3. Stay in touch. Use video chats to talk face-to-face with your loved ones. If that is not possible, let them hear your voice on telephone calls.

4. Make the most of personal visits. Plan ahead for visits so you can accomplish necessary tasks. But be sure to leave time for meals together, talking or just being together.

Altman noted that one person in a family usually emerges as the primary caregiver, and it is important for all family members to be honest with each other and keep open the lines of communication so the primary caregiver does not become overwhelmed.

"Sometimes they just need more time on a phone call," Altman says. "Explore ways to help."

"Great ideas happen in support groups," she adds. "You commiserate with each other and people talk about what they did about something."

A big role reversal happens when offspring become the caregivers, Altman also notes.

"It can be a challenging situation for any caregiver," she says, which may lead to hiring

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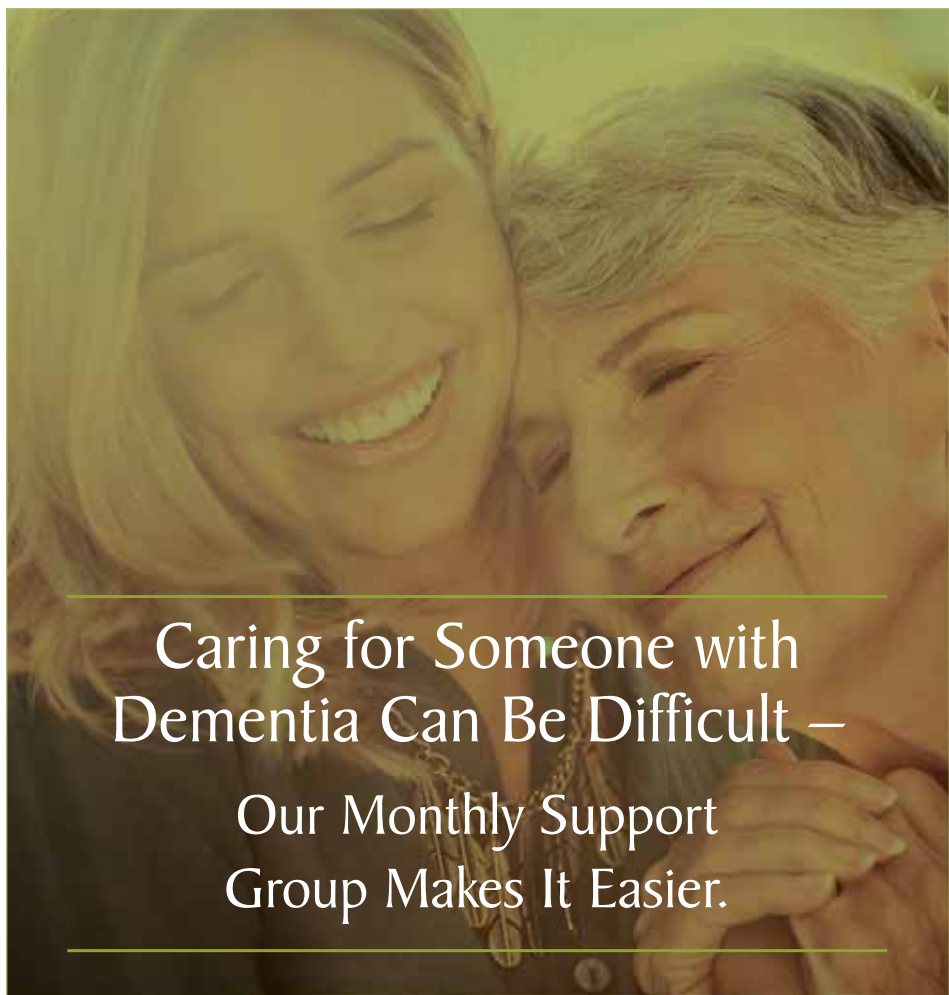
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Clockwise from top left: Ned Sanderson, 74, prepares to serve to fellow senior tennis players during their weekly match. Participants in the beginners tai-chi class at the senior center practice their moves. Keith Jackson, 69, began making balloon art a little before he retired eight years ago, and now is a familiar face at the senior center on Wednesday mornings. The Pleasanton Solemates return to the senior center on Sunol Boulevard after their weekly Wednesday walk. Sharron Lindsey teaches a water aerobics class primarily attended by seniors at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, with Jeff Olson serving as a lifeguard during his early morning shift. Dancers move their hips in a zumba class at the Pleasanton Senior Center.



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Dr. Amir Jamali shows patients the surgery plan developed by hospital staff. Using a 3D model of bone anatomy, surgeons can use the Mako System to make customized plans for patients' unique body types.

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is now offering new cutting-edge technology for knee and hip replacement surgeries with the Mako robotic arm assisted surgery, which hospital staff say will greatly improve patient care.

Developed by Stryker Corporation — an international medical technology company — the Mako System enables surgeons at SRRMC to create personalized surgical plans for patients in need of knee and hip replacement surgery, providing knee alignment for a variety of different body types.

"The Mako partial knee is a great option for patients in their 80s and 90s," said Dr. Thomas Peatman, an orthopedic surgeon at the medical center. "Some patients in that age group do not want the recovery of a full knee, even a robotic-assisted one. When they learn about the robotic partial knee they find it is a simple rehab."

"I have a 91-year-old who was walking very well at his nine-day post-op," he continued. "So the Mako has options for a variety of patients of all ages."

The Mako System is designed to enable surgeons to create CT-based 3D modeling of bone anatomy, identifying implant size, orientation and alignment based on each patient's

"unique anatomy." The application offers knee and hip replacement surgery as a treatment option meant to relieve pain caused by joint degeneration due to osteoarthritis, a type of arthritis that develops from the repeated flexing of tissue, wearing down the ends of bones.

SRRMC officials said the need for advances in surgical technology and strategies is growing: as the average age of U.S. residents continues to rise, so will the need for knee replacement surgery.

By the year 2030 total knee replacement surgeries are expected to increase by a total of 673%, but today approximately 30% of patients are dissatisfied after "conventional" knee surgery, according to a 2013 article published by the scientific journal PLOS ONE. Hospital staff say that new methods made possible by Mako will give surgeons a more predictable and accurate surgical experience.

"During surgery, the physician can validate that plan and make any necessary adjustments while guiding the robotic-arm to execute that plan. It's exciting to be able to offer this transformative technology across the joint replacement service line to perform total knee, total hip and

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community. For these homeowners, remodeling can make their homes safer and more comfortable.

Monat said there are several popular and practical home remodels among seniors choosing to age in place, including removing carpets to avoid falls, walk-in showers instead of bathtubs and good lighting.

"If you're wheelchair-bound or not as ambulatory, you may want ramps coming up to the home or going into the backyard," she said, adding that widening doorways and even lower toilets may be needed

to accommodate wheelchairs.

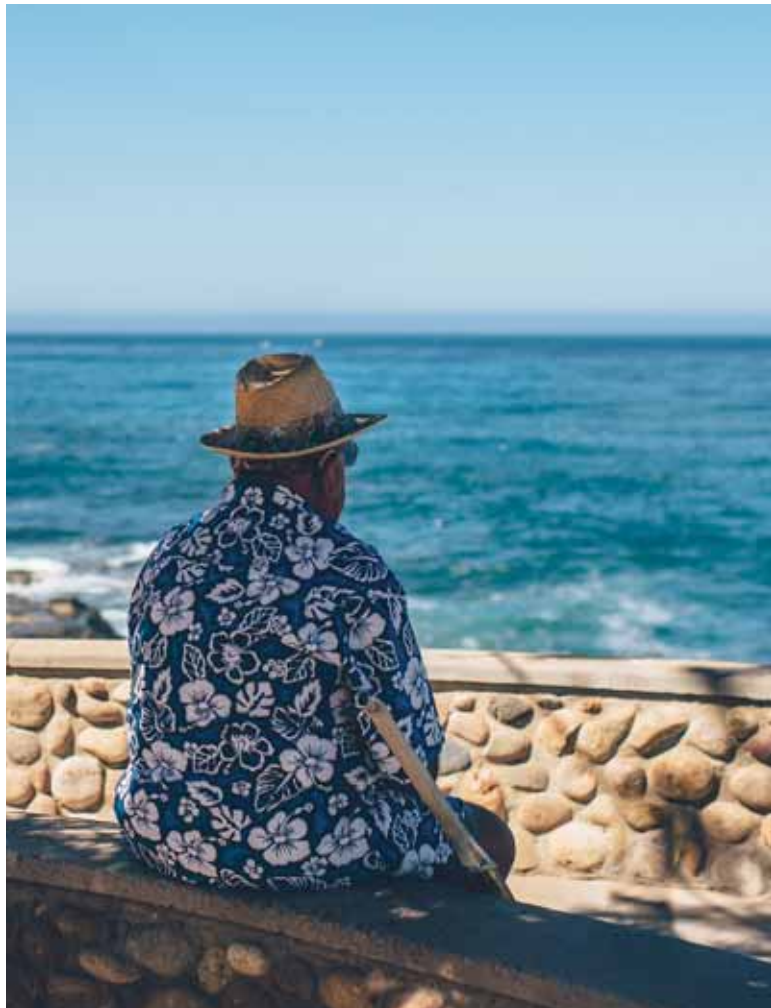
Doerlich said advice on selecting contractors is as close as your Realtor. "Always get a professional's advice. Many Realtors have contractors they work with who can make a referral," he added.

Doerlich's final suggestion for seniors: "Before you get active in the market, understand what your capabilities are, what you're looking for and really make some lifestyle decisions about what's going to be good for you. Don't settle. There are good choices and good alternatives in the marketplace." ■

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Seniors and technology

Longevity Explorers talk ways to incorporate tech in their lives

BY ERIKA ALVERO

In a progressively more automated world, technology can offer significant life enhancements. And for the senior community, a community growing due to increased longevity and other factors, technology can be a vital tool for empowerment and independent living.

However, the senior community often has different needs than those of the tools' creators, and it's important that they be part of the conversation as well for how tools can best serve the elderly.

At the Pleasanton Senior Center, a group of 15-20 gathers once a month to engage in discussions regarding all sorts of technologies, from Fitbits to hand sanitizers to GPS trackers. They discuss ways to incorporate new tools into their daily lives, and even overcome a distrust of tech.

"We sit around in a circle, and we just talk about things, and people bring up topics they'd like to talk about," said Janet Burton, president of the Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center, the organization that leads the circles. She defines herself as a "very young senior." "It's just interesting."

The circle group is called Longevity Explorers, and it's one of many satellites across the country. The group was originally founded by Richard Caro, a Bay Area executive and

researcher, both as a resource for seniors and as a means of influencing the conversation about technological solutions.

"This community leverages the insights, and years of accumulated wisdom, of older adults themselves to accelerate the emergence of novel solutions to some of the challenges of aging," the organization writes on their website. "We are especially interested in technology-enabled products that can push off the time at which functional decline gets in the way of living life to the fullest."

Caro came to the Pleasanton Senior Center about a year ago to give a presentation on technology use, and the Friends group reached out to him to see if they could form their own branch.

They've been meeting up on the third Thursday of every month for nearly half a year now, Burton said. The group is open to all seniors, but the current regular attendees are mostly in their 70s, 80s and 90s.

"The seniors, even very old seniors, are amazingly interested in the computers and staying young," Burton said.

Each week is anchored by a specific pre-assigned question. "For instance, last month the topic was, 'Driving: how do we decide if we should still be driving? Should there be an 'app for that,' and if so, what would we like it to do?'" Burton said.



Participants are also asked to bring up their own problem or suggestion to discuss.

Technology is an all-encompassing term and takes on many forms, from more complex tools like Alexa to jar openers for those with arthritis. A simple weighted spoon can help seniors who suffer from Parkinson's-derived tremors eat.

Many of the participants share similar

problems, concerns and desires, which helps spur conversation, Burton said.

"It's interesting to hear what other people have difficulty with, what the challenges are," she said. "One was putting on jewelry. The clasps on necklaces and the backs of earrings are so tiny that as your dexterity declines, it's

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Longtime bus operator retires after 40 years with LAVTA

Diane Farner witnessed change, helping people over four decades

By CIERRA MARTINEZ

After four decades with LAVTA, 80-year-old bus operator Diane Farner retired in March this year.

And as a long-time staple in the Tri-Valley, Farner has seen plenty of transition, from bus technological developments to change with her passengers as she watched them grow from her bus-driving days within school districts, to her time with Wheels.

Farner is retiring — somewhat reluctantly — due to medical reasons, she said. When looking back on her bus driving days, Farner is glad of the experience, training and technical knowledge she has gained.

“Wheels is a great organization they have good people, they have people that try and help, and understand,” she said. “I feel I’ve had a great life with them, all the agencies I’ve worked with. I am very fortunate and very lucky I’ve come out of it knowing I did help a lot of people.”

Diane Farner and her family moved up to the region in 1971, with her husband working in Alameda as a plumber at the Naval Air Station and later continuing on with the civil service.

Farner herself continued working, all the while raising two boys.

She began driving for Livermore schools in 1978, when she was working as a noon supervisor there. She later worked for the Dublin school district, moved on to work for Livermore’s Rideo bus service, then began working for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority in 1987.

Farner recalls the early days of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, established in 1985 and continuously changing the name until it settled on the name “Wheels” a year later. The name “Wheels” came from a bus rider and Las Positas college student at the time, she said, who won a contest creating the idea.

“We were not over at the LAVTA office, where it is now,” she remembers. “We later moved to the offices on Route 10 in 1990. It was under the first general manager, Vic Sood who had LAVTA offices built over on Route 10 Ave. to be by the Valley Memorial Hospital,

when they got built.”

Communication was a struggle before radios were available for bus drivers, Farner said. “When LAVTA went into Pleasanton and Dublin it was nice and convenient for bus riders, because the bus drivers knew the area they were going in — at the time they didn’t have radios,” she said. “When we finally did get radios we would call dispatch, and dispatch would hold the buses for us when we would get into where we were going.”

It was up to the public to help the bus drivers in the event of a bus breakdown, or a disruption with fellow passengers. At the time, AC Transit didn’t have radios either, Farner said.

“We would get out waving in front of the bus to flag them down, to stop them, telling them we had passengers for them,” she said. “AC Transit was good about helping us — we were helping them.”

Drivers were required to have Red Cross training, Farner said, adding, “We even saved people’s lives.” According to Farner, medical problems were common, often due to heart attacks. Drivers would call in for an ambulance to rescue a rider, or wave down an officer; sometimes they would even change their route to drive the rider to the hospital.

“It was extremely convenient just having the other riders step out, put the person with the medical issue on the board or gurney, and get them inside the hospital,” she said.

At that time the bus riders weren’t supposed to go off route, but according to Farner if they didn’t, “It might have been too late for a lot of the people that needed help along the line there. We did the very best we could.”

Even animals were considered — an animal medical center by the transit center cared for creatures injured by the bus.

“There were a lot of things you were doing helping different people out, Wheels is a people-to-people program, always has been,” Farner said.

Farner will miss the people she’s worked with, she says, because she grew up with them. “I wish all the people who are there good luck going on to other places,” she said. “I wish my managers with LAVTA, I wish them luck, I only wish the very best for them.” ■



Diane Farner, 80, retired from the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority in March after 40 years of driving.

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But relatives still play an important role in their loved one’s life even if they are not the primary caregivers.

“They are not as focused on day-to-day physical care and can focus on fun tasks,” Altman says.

Even as people experience memory loss, they still may be able to share something from their lives, perhaps from long ago, she explains.

“We must remember there is so much they still have,” she says. “At Sunrise what gets so often talked about is those nuggets of wisdom that people with advanced memory loss still share.”

Remember that loved ones with memory loss or other aging problems are not acting as they are on purpose or with a hidden agenda, she says.

“None of the behaviors are intentional,” Altman says. “Accept this as a day-to-day journey and do all you can to live in the moment with that person.” ■

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harder and harder to put on jewelry.”

A good portion also want to be able to remain in the comfort of their own home, she said, and not have to move to an assisted living facility. Uber has been a great boon in helping seniors operate independently, particularly at night when many would rather not drive.

And communicating with tech-savvy grandchildren is a motivating factor for many.

“Seniors are finding that they really want to have Apple iPhones and text, in order to

stay in touch with their grandchildren,” Burton said.

There are definitely some misconceptions about technology, she said, like concerns about Alexa's spying capabilities. But overall the crew is eager to learn.

All their Longevity Explorer discussions are posted online, as are those of the other satellites nationwide. Anyone can access the database at techenhancedlife.com/circles/pleasanton.

Also at the Pleasanton Senior Center, seniors with a specific technological query can sign up for a one-on-one tutoring session, where tutors can help with everything from smart phone usage to Gmail. ■

KNEE REPLACEMENT

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partial knee replacements,” Peatman said.

The recovery time is about the same as for a conventional knee replacement surgery.

“There really is no difference in recovery time, usually four to six weeks,” said Debbie Miller, physician liaison and nurse manager for orthopedics at SRRMC. “But the life longevity of the joint replacement has been shown to improve with the robotic-assisted surgery. Most of our knee replacement patients go home the day after their surgery, if not the same day of their surgery.”

Peatman said that in his experience patients who have received the Mako System seem to have less “post-operative stiffness and ligament soreness” after a procedure. He added that while satisfaction always varies, it appears to be more consistently favorable with the Mako.

The real advantage of the Mako comes down to its enabling surgeons to complete procedures with a great increase in precision accuracy. This accuracy not only results in higher quality knee replacements and lower need for future surgeries but also happier patients.

“Certainly, patients are much happier to know that they shouldn't need a revision/replacement as quickly, if at all, when they have a Mako assisted knee replacement. This is due mostly in part by the precise measurements which causes less wear on the components,” Miller said.

SRRMC currently has five orthopedic surgeons that are qualified to use the Mako and more have shown interests in receiving training to becoming qualified, according to Miller.

“We are proud to offer this highly advanced robotic technology in our area,” said Ann Lucena, CEO of San Ramon Regional. “This addition to our orthopedic services further demonstrates our commitment to provide the community with outstanding healthcare.” ■



SAN RAMON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Thomas Peatman with the new Mako System, which allows for more accurate and personalized knee and hip replacement surgeries.



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Glitzy Golden Follies

The glamorous Golden Follies gals are bringing their glitz and sensational style to the Firehouse Arts Center again this year with “There's No Biz Like Show Biz!” in two shows, at 2 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. Their trademark Vegas-style costumes and professional choreography and showmanship make for a hugely entertaining dance revue, and popular San Francisco chanteuse Wiggy Darlington will appear in several numbers. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets will be available at the door two hours before performances if they are not sold out.

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Theater

THE GOLDEN FOLLIES PRESENT THERE'S NO BIZ LIKE SHOW BIZ! At 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12, two big shows at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. Reserved seating tickets \$15 to \$25. Wiggy Darlington will put in an appearance. Tickets available at firehousearts.org, 931-4848, or at the center Box Office or at the door 2 hours before performances, if not sold out. firehousearts.org.

Concerts

TOMMY AND THE 4 SPEEDS AT CONCERT IN THE PARK At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10 at Lions Wayside Park, 4444 First St., Tommy and the 4 Speeds bring 1950s to 1970s tunes to Concert in the Park. pleasantondowntown.net.

TRI-VALLEY JAZZ TRIO + GUIDO FAZIO At 7 p.m. on Aug. 10, at Inklings, 530 Main St, Saxophonist Guido Fazio will be appearing with the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio. Concert is free. trivalleyjazz.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND On Sunday, Aug. 12 at Ravenswood, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, the band will play for the Ravenswood Ice Cream Social. The theme of the concert is "1890 Highlights." Admission is free so come enjoy some ice cream and good music. For more information call 846-5897 or go to the Community Concert Band website, pleasantonband.org.

MAX CRUISE AT CONCERT IN THE PARK At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, at Lions Wayside Park, 4444 First St., Max Cruise is bringing Rock, Pop and R&B tunes to Concert in the Park. pleasantondowntown.net.

TUESDAY TUNES At 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14, in front of Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, Tuesday Tunes is presented by Livermore Cultural Arts Council. Different bands each week. Free. lcac.org.

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Talks & Lectures

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TALK At 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Steve Minniear, giving a

PET OF THE WEEK



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talk on his new book, "History of Dublin". No charge, visitors are welcome.

Family

FAMILY CAMPOUT From 3 p.m. to 10 a.m., Aug. 11, to Aug. 12, at 9595 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Join us for the final Family Camp-out of the summer. This is a great weekend getaway for families and novice campers. Parks Department, dublin.ca.gov.

Fundraisers

OPEN HEART KITCHEN'S BLACK & WHITE PARTY FUNDRAISER From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Palm Event Center in The Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Open Heart Kitchen is holding its annual fundraiser to help support the hungry of the Tri-Valley. Enjoy an evening of fine food and wine, live music, and auctions. Purchase 9 tickets and get 1 free. donate.openheartkitchen.org/2018fundraiser.

BBQ From 5:30 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Annual BBQ fundraiser hosted by the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association. The evening will include a BBQ dinner at 7 p.m. by Tony Macchiano's Lickety Spit, no-host bar, a DJ and a live and silent auction. Advanced reservations are suggested, \$50 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6 to 12 and reserved tables for 8 for \$400, before Aug. 11. To reserve tickets or for more information, visit ptsca.org or call David Struebing 922-0104.

Food & Drink

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Business

ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING At 7:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of the month in the Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road.

Sports

PLEASANTON PREPS

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Falcon Track Club stars compete at nationals

The Falcon Track Club recently returned from the U.S. Track and Field Association's National Junior Olympic Championship meet that was held in Greensboro, N.C. at the end of July.

Last year, the FTC had just four athletes qualify for nationals, but this year the team more than tripled that number and qualified 13 athletes for this national level meet. There were over 9,000 youth athletes from ages 8-18 competing in the meet, which was held over a seven-day period.

Jana Barron returned to nationals to again compete in the girls 11-12, 800-meter run. This year Barron finished 21st out of 64 athletes with a time of 2:32.22 after finishing 31st last year. She also qualified in the long jump and finished 39th (13 feet, 3.75 inches) and 34th in the 400M (1:05.1).

Belle Aduaka also returned by qualifying in three events (400M, 200M and 100M) in the girls 17-18 division. In both the 200M and the 400M, Aduaka finished in 29th place with times of 25.40 and 58.02, respectively.

Other FTC athletes who competed at nationals included Ojal Dhar (100M, 200M, 15-16 boys), Haven Decker (800M, 15-16 girls), Isabella Noden (100M, 200M, 400M, 17-18 girls), Ella Swadley (400M hurdles, triple jump, girls 15-16), Lesley Townsend (high jump, 13-14 girls), Allen Seo (100M, 400M hurdles, 15-16 boys), Arjun Kasthuri (high jump, 13-14 boys) and Liam Swadley (high jump, javelin, 11-12 boys).

World Series in Livermore

West Seoul Little League (Asia-Pacific Region), from Seoul, South Korea captured the 2018 Intermediate 50/70 Baseball World Series Championship by defeating Granada Little League (Host Region) 10-0 in the finals at Max Bear Park in Livermore last Sunday.

The game was televised on ESPN2 and saw Granada take the team from West Seoul the full seven innings — the only team in the tournament to do so, with the other games called due to the mercy rule.

Granada — who was an automatic qualifier into the tournament as the host team after winning the District 57 tournament — advanced to the finals by beating West Boynton Beach Little League from Florida (Southeast) 5-1 in the U.S. Finals last Saturday.

Fall season here!

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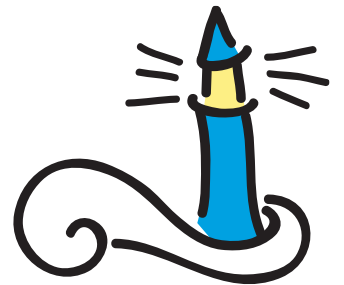
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A: Sandy that is a great question. There are lots of misconceptions about what the obligation is for sellers when they turn over possession. Often the seller's contractual obligation does not match the buyer's expectations. The contract, in fact, is intentionally vague with respect to the condition at close. It merely stipulates that the property to be maintained in substantially the same condition as of the date of acceptance, and that all furniture and personal property to be removed by close of escrow. There is no standard language that requires the property be professionally cleaned, or the carpets cleaned, or nail holes patched.

Most of the time good sense prevails, as most sellers want to turn over the property in neat and clean condition, and will often have the house cleaned...

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3294 Vermont Pl – Pleasanton – \$1,188,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom home on extra deep lot nestled in Pleasanton's highly desired CA Place neighborhood and just steps away from The Meadows Park. This lovely home features an open and bright floor plan. Approx. 2,196 sq. ft., 4 bed, 2.5 bath.



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6864 Hyde Court – Dublin – \$900,000
This home sits on the corner of a court, with walking distance to schools K-12. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, remodeled kitchen with marble countertops, newer appliances, refinished hardwood floors, newer carpets, remodeled bathrooms, and more! Approx. 1,638 sq. ft., 4 bed, 2 bath.



John Manos

7235 Dover Lane – Dublin – \$950,000
This home sits on the corner of a court, with walking distance to schools K-12. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, remodeled kitchen with marble countertops, newer appliances, refinished hardwood floors, newer carpets, remodeled bathrooms, and more! Approx. 1,373 sq. ft., 3 bed, 2 bath.



Rosie Yandell

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The style of this house is stunning throughout, you'll love all this charming home offers! The entry welcomes you with an open floor plan, hardwood floors, recessed lighting & crown molding. The updated kitchen features granite counters and a breakfast bar along with an eat-in dining area. The private rear yard provides a spacious deck and grass area with side yard access.

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SOLD



2229 CAMINO BRAZOS, PLEASANTON

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