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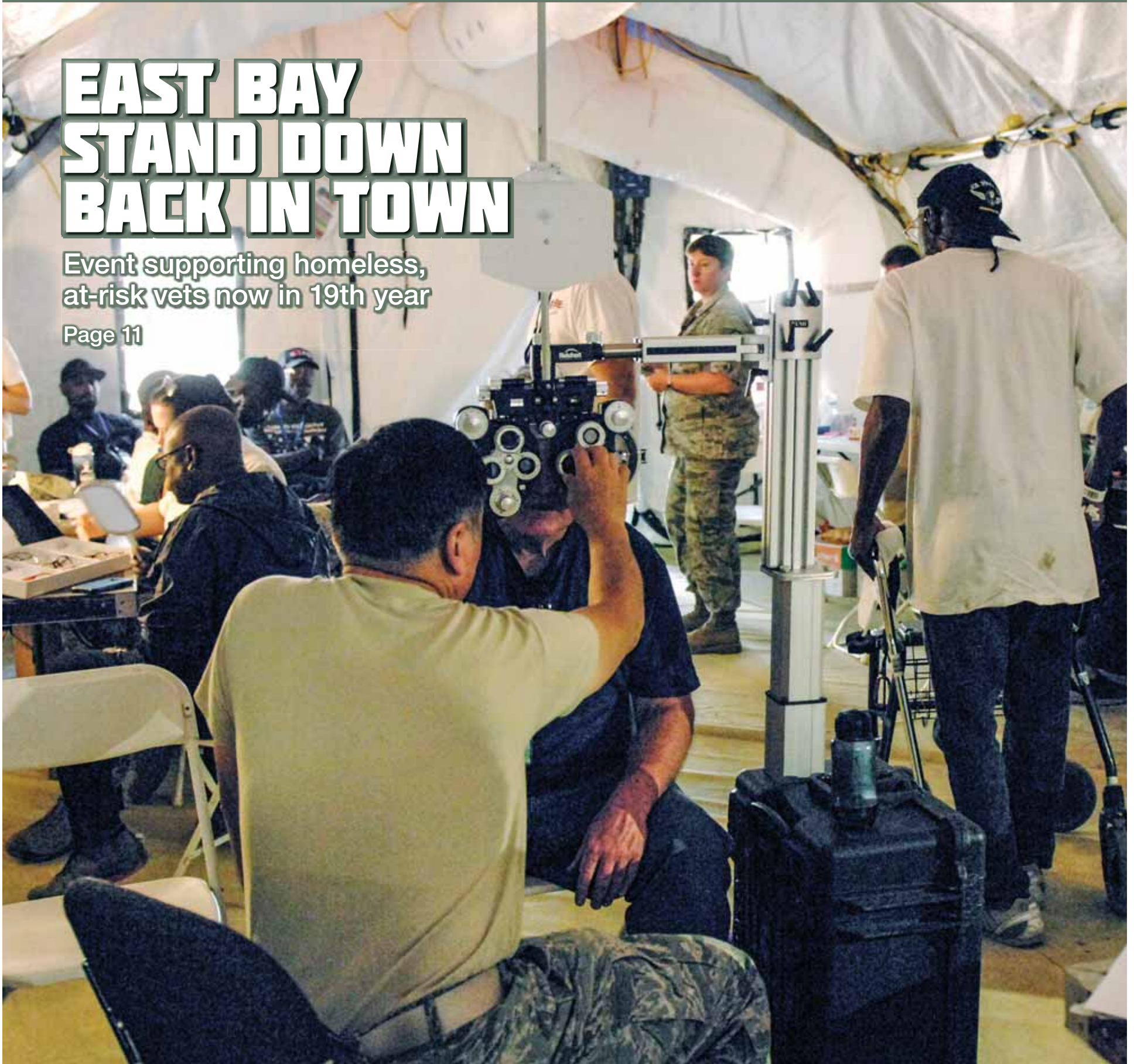
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# NOTICE OF PREPARATION and NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

**Project description and location:** Arroyo Lago 205 unit residential development project, (County application tracking number PLN2017-00087), for a 26.6-acre property located outside of the City of Pleasanton, in unincorporated Alameda County, within the larger Livermore-Amador Valley Quarry Area Reclamation Plan area while a portion of the project site is located within the southeastern portion of the City of Pleasanton. The project site comprises Areas A, B, C, D and the Southeast parcel. Areas A, B, and C would be created following the subdivision of a 145.0-acre parcel, owned by the Applicant Pleasanton Lakes, in Alameda County adjacent to the Pleasanton city limit (please see exhibit below). The County of Alameda (Lead Agency) will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Arroyo Lago Residential development project. This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is being distributed to applicable responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and interested parties as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Comments from agencies, interested parties are requested as to the scope, content of the environmental review in connection to the proposed project.

**Notice of Preparation Scoping Meeting:** An NOP Scoping meeting will be held for the Project on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The meeting will be held at City of Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566.**

**Proposed Project:** The proposed project consists of three components which are described in more detail below:

- **Component 1:** This component is the development of Arroyo Lago Residential project, a 26.6-acre master planned residential community with 205 residential units located on Area A. The EIR will analyze this component at a project level.
- **Component 2:** This component is the development of the future development of Area B. Although the Applicant is not requesting development approvals for Area B at the present time, the Applicant has developed a set of land use assumptions for this parcel to assist in the proper sizing of infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer) and which represent a potential development scenario for Area B. The EIR will analyze this component of the project at a program level.
- **Component 3:** This component is the provision of potable water, recycled water, and wastewater service to the proposed development on Area A and future development on Area B. The project applicant has entered into a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the California Water Service Company (Cal Water) to provide these services. Needed infrastructure would include water, wastewater, recycled water conveyance facilities as well as wastewater treatment, recycled water storage and disposal facilities.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** Based on the Lead Agency's understanding of the environmental issues associated with the proposed project, the topics anticipated to require analysis in the EIR will include, but not be limited to: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, and energy. Impacts related to agricultural and forestry resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, mineral resources, population and housing, and public services and recreation are anticipated to be less than significant and will also be evaluated in the EIR.

**NOP Notice:** The Lead Agency solicits comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR from all interested parties requesting notice, responsible agencies, agencies with jurisdiction by law, trustee agencies, and involved agencies. Comments should focus on discussion of possible impacts on the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project in light of the EIR's purpose to provide useful and accurate information about such factors. In addition, comments may be provided at the meeting indicated below. CEQA sets the review and comment period for an NOP to end 30 days after publication. **The County therefore requests comments on this NOP be received no later than the close of business on October 4, 2018.** Please send written comments to: Rodrigo Orduña, AICP, County of Alameda Planning Department, 224 W Winton Avenue, #111, Hayward, CA 94544. E-mail: [rodrigo.orduna@acgov.org](mailto:rodrigo.orduna@acgov.org), Phone: 510-670-5400.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT  
WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE EIR TO ASSIST  
IN IDENTIFYING ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE EIR.

## Arroyo Lago 205-unit residential project by SteelWave, LLC



Close-up of Area A  
(residential area)



# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Council candidates spar at forum, though they mostly agree on issues

It's almost certain that the next Pleasanton City Council, where two seats will be filled in the upcoming Nov. 6 election, will be much the same as what we have today.

Council incumbent Kathy Narum is seeking re-election with challengers Joseph Ledoux, Joe Strengh and Julie Testa also in the race. Councilman Arne Olson has chosen not to seek re-election.

The four sparred at a recent Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce candidate forum, although sparring may be too strong a term. The four mostly agreed on issues that will be before the council in the coming year, while answering a series of questions by moderator Brad Hirst.

The main exception was whether to restart the planning of development on Pleasanton's largely empty 400-acre east side. Ledoux and Strengh said yes; Testa and Narum said let's wait a while.

Testa claimed the state wants to take away local control on land-uses in order to build more high-density housing. Proposed legislation would require cities to allow buildings of five to 10 stories tall along mass-transit lines. In Pleasanton, that would include BART, ACE Train and even Wheels bus routes.

"I want our next generation, teachers and first responders to be able to afford housing in Pleasanton," Testa said. "These high-density requirements will not accomplish that goal. They would allow 80-90% high-end market rate housing, with only 10-20% for low income, affordable units."

Narum agreed. She said that before adding more high-density housing here, we need to address the "elephant" in the room — which is the infrastructure needed to support it. This includes the need for expanded and upgraded schools, water, sewage and much more.

"We have to make sure we have adequate infrastructure to support additional housing," Narum said.

The four candidates said they support the planned Costco membership store on Johnson Drive and pair of five-story hotels next door.

"About two-thirds of Pleasanton voters supported Costco," Ledoux

said. "I voted for it because I think we should be keeping our tax dollars right here in Pleasanton and not driving to Livermore (to shop at Costco)."

He's glad the city is taking a new look at an environmental impact report on the Johnson Drive site. "Eventually, we'll move forward with Costco," he added. "When that starts, this will have been one of the most heavily vetted projects in the history of Pleasanton, and I think that's a good thing."

Asked about Assembly Bill 2923 that would essentially allow BART to develop properties on its current parking lots, including at the East Pleasanton station in Hacienda, Strengh said BART is a transit agency, not a real estate developer.

"It should focus on keeping its trains safe, clean and running on time," he added.

Narum agreed, calling the bill now on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk "probably one of the worst pieces of legislation I've seen in the last 20 years."

With strong opposition from all four council candidates, it's likely that they would support challenging the bill in court, if it's signed by Brown.

"What's the legality is of a transit agency controlling our housing and planning housing in our community with no input from us, yet we have to supply services, such as police, fire, schools and more?" Narum asked.

The four will go at it again before a larger audience this Monday at the Pleasanton Weekly's candidate forum, a 90-minute program that starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center's council chamber at 200 Old Bernal Ave.

That forum will also be carried live on Tri-Valley Community Television's Channel 29 and rebroadcast several times before the election.

The Pleasanton Chamber's candidates forum was videotaped by Roberta Gonzales Productions for viewing on the chamber's website. ■

*Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His "Around Pleasanton" columns typically run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.*

### About the Cover

Eye exams and other medical checks are among the many services provided by the East Bay Stand Down, which is back at the Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend. Photo courtesy of EBSD. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What do you enjoy most about your work?



### Candy Castillo

Patient care coordinator

It is listening to my patients and providing care and comfort to them. I like knowing they rely on me to assume that role for them, and it gives me great pleasure when I hear how much they have benefited from, and are satisfied with, the treatment that all of us who work here have provided to them.



### Ashley Goularte

Medical receptionist

It is definitely patient care, and being able to see and hear about the emotional and physical transformations the patients are undergoing, and how pleased they are with the results of the medical care our staff has provided to them.



### Riffat Amin

Business development

For me, it is all about the people I work with. After friends and family, my colleagues that I work with every day, as well as my clients, and the relationships I develop with all of them over time — and that are based upon mutual respect — are so important to me. They are one of my greatest sources of joy in life.



### Meghan Yu

Associate store lead

Well, I work at a pet supply store, so obviously I love caring for the animals that live under our roof until they are purchased. I also love getting to play with and getting to know the dogs that accompany their owners to the store. Also, I love getting to know our regular customers and developing an ongoing relationship with them.



### Alisa Deutsch

Lawyer

I'm fortunate to actually enjoy my work — the actual nitty gritty of the work, like doing legal and factual research, and crafting persuasive briefs and motions that will outwit my opponents and impress the court. It is a constant challenge that never gets old or boring to me.

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## DIGEST

### PPIE gala

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation invites community members to a "Night of the Stars" gala on Oct. 12.

The event, set for 6-10 p.m. at the Castlewood Country Club, will feature wine pours from school principals and community leaders, auction items and a seated dinner.

Tickets are \$70-\$85, with funds going to PPIE, a nonprofit supporting schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [ppie.org/night-of-the-stars](http://ppie.org/night-of-the-stars).

### Taste of Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Lions Club is set to hold its seventh annual Taste of Pleasanton restaurant and shop walk fundraiser downtown Sept. 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Attendees can sample sweet and savory bites and beverages from more than 20 participating businesses while strolling and shopping in downtown.

Funds raised by ticket sales benefit local charities and projects supported by Lions Club, including Ear of the Lion, Lions In Sight, local veteran organizations, disaster relief, Tri-Valley Haven, youth grants and scholarships.

Tickets cost \$25 apiece, available online at [pleasantonlionclub.bpt.me](http://pleasantonlionclub.bpt.me).

### Go Green Initiative

Jill Buck, an internationally known Pleasanton activist and speaker on environmental issues, will discuss the work of her Go Green Initiative next Thursday (Sept. 20) at a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

The program, open to all Rotarians and prospective members, starts at 12:30 p.m. at Hap's Restaurant, 122 Neal St. in downtown Pleasanton.

In 2002, Jill founded the Go Green Initiative, a nonprofit organization that has become a global leader in environmental education. It operates in all 50 states and in 73 countries around the world.

She also serves on the advisory board of the Green Schools National Network, is host of Go Green Radio, a weekly program on Voice of America radio and is co-author of the book, "47 Things You Can Do for the Environment." ■

### Correction

Last week's feature story "Enrollment quandary," on the rising student population in northern Pleasanton, listed an incorrect date for a school board workshop to discuss more finalized options. The meeting is scheduled for Dec. 18. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

## Local water agencies split on Proposition 3 endorsement

DSRSD throws support behind water bond measure, Zone 7 abstains

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors recently chose not to endorse the nearly \$9 billion statewide water bond measure, five months after the Dublin San Ramon Services District board voted unanimously to support it.

Proposition 3, which will appear on the November ballot, would issue \$8.9 billion in general obligation bonds to generate revenue for water-related projects, including water infrastructure, ground-water supplies and storage, habitat

protection and more. It comes just four years after California voters approved another multi-billion-dollar water bond.

Water service provider DSRSD has thrown their support behind the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018, citing the proposition's widespread support and lauding it as a "much-needed investment."

"This bill will benefit individual water users, the environment, and agriculture," officials said in a recent statement. "With support from across the board (92 conservation

groups, 18 agricultural organizations, 11 environmental justice groups, 73 water agencies, 26 local governments, 88 businesses), this balanced water bond will improve water supplies for every part of the state and provide some much-needed investment in California's sustainable water future."

However, while Zone 7 board members were split on the decision at their Aug. 15 board meeting, voting 4-3 not to take a position, the directors who opposed endorsing the measure cited the lack of precedent as their rationale.

"I don't want our meetings to be just filled with things asking us to take a position," said newly appointed board president Angela Ramirez Holmes. She was in the majority vote along with directors Olivia Sanwong and Bill Stevens and board vice president Sandy Figuers. "I understand that there is some direct benefit to Zone 7 here. I also understand as an elected official, or as a voter, we can make decisions."

"I just hesitate to set a new

See **PROP 3** on Page 8

## Girl dies days after being pulled from Castlewood pool

Community shaken after summer swim gone wrong

By JEREMY WALSH

A young Pleasanton girl died in the hospital days after being pulled unresponsive from the Castlewood Country Club pool, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office reported Wednesday morning.

Eight-year-old Ann Cai was under the water for only a matter of seconds before becoming unresponsive while in the pool during recreational swim with others enjoying one of the final hot days of summer Sunday afternoon, according to sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly.

"It is with great sorrow we report this young girl has passed away. Our deepest condolences to her parents and family. We will continue to support them through this difficult time," officials said in a post on the sheriff's office Twitter page.

The situation unfolded as deputies and paramedics responded to the private club at 707 Country Club Cir., off Castlewood Drive in unincorporated Pleasanton, around 2:25 p.m. Sunday on a report of an accidental near-drowning, according to Kelly.

Cai, a guest of a Castlewood member family, was playing in the pool but the situation turned dangerous "very quickly" when she became unresponsive under water, Kelly said. A lifeguard pulled the girl from the pool within seconds and began CPR and emergency first aid.



ACSO

Ann Cai, 8, died in the hospital early Wednesday morning, almost three days after she became unresponsive underwater while swimming in a pool at Castlewood Country Club.

First responders then arrived, with paramedics taking over and transporting her to Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare hospital in Pleasanton, according to Kelly. She was then taken to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, where she remained on life support in critical condition since late Sunday.

Cai died just after midnight Wednesday, according to Kelly.

Castlewood general manager John Vest offered condolences on behalf of the club later Wednesday morning, saying, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. This is a horrible tragedy. We are cooperating with authorities and providing responses as requested.

Counselors are available for members and club associates."

Grief support is also available at local schools for those affected by Cai's death. Pleasanton Unified School District officials confirmed the girl attended a local school, but they declined to identify which campus out of respect for the family's request for privacy.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of this tragic loss," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said. "The loss of a child is incredibly difficult and we want to ensure that our families and students know that support is available to them. We will have grief counselors and other resources and supports available." ■

## Assembly candidate forum Sunday

Pleasanton council debate follows Monday evening

The Pleasanton Weekly will co-host the first of its four candidate forums this weekend, a public discussion of issues between incumbent Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and challenger Rebecca Bauer-Kahan at Congregation Beth Emek on Sunday evening.

Then the next night, the four candidates for Pleasanton City Council are set to gather for a forum in the council chambers. The remaining forums will be held Thursday for Livermore mayor and council, and Sept. 24 for San Ramon mayor and council.

"Local elections provide an important opportunity for public debate of issues on the minds of many people in the community, and we're proud to once again help residents hear directly from candidates through forums that are open to all," said Gina Channell, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

Channell will co-moderate each forum with editor Jeremy Walsh. Residents can offer their ideas for candidate questions by filling out an index card at each forum or by emailing [publisher@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:publisher@pleasantonweekly.com).

The first forum will feature second-term Republican Baker and Democratic challenger Bauer-Kahan,

See **FORUM** on Page 7

# City celebrating 10th anniversary of Alviso Adobe Community Park

Music, hands-on activities, historical tidbits and more

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton city officials are inviting the community to join next weekend in commemorating the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Alviso Adobe Community Park along Old Foothill Road.

The free anniversary party at the interpretive park, which has deep ties to the history of the Amador Valley, is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 22, with music, dancing, food, hands-on activities and historian presentations. The celebration will highlight the fandango, a widely popular festivity during the Spanish Rancho period.

"The Alviso Adobe park is a treasure in our community,

offering a trip back in time to the Ohlone days, Spanish Ranchos and the Meadowlark Dairy," said Heidi Murphy, the city's director of library and recreation. "This park also offers vast opportunities for environmental education. Our staff team leads field trips, summer camps, and multiple programs throughout the year."

The 7-acre city park opened in fall 2008 at 3465 Old Foothill Road, right off Foothill Road just south of Foothill High School. The centerpiece is the Francisco Solano Alviso Adobe House, built in 1854 and now registered as a California historical landmark.

"The Alviso Adobe is one of the crown jewels of the Pleasanton Park system and I have been

a strong supporter of it since I was first appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission in 1995," Mayor Jerry Thorne said.

"In fact, the stabilization of the building was the first project I was assigned to as a commissioner. The south wall was leaning severely and it was in danger of coming down in a minor earthquake," Thorne added. "I am very proud of what the park has become since then and what it will become in the future."

The Sept. 22 celebration, with no registration required, is supported with assistance from Abbie 4-H, National Charity League and the California Fandango Project (Los Arribeños de San Francisco). ■

# PUSD schools honored for behavior support systems

State coalition recognizes seven campuses for PBIS implementation

By ERIKA ALVERO

Seven elementary and middle schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District have been recognized by a state coalition for their implementation of a behavior support framework that promotes a positive and safe learning environment.

Specifically, the nationally used framework is called PBIS, or Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The approach focuses on proactively fostering good social behaviors and on rewarding students for positive actions, rather than solely looking to punitive measures as a means of discipline.

"We'd like to thank all of our district and school site staff whose hard work and dedication have supported the successful implementation of PBIS in our schools," said Ed Diolazo, assistant superintendent of student support services for PUSD. "This recognition is a testament to the great work taking place in our schools toward the efforts of creating positive learning environments for all students."

The California PBIS Coalition recognized schools for their successful implementation at platinum, gold,

silver and bronze levels.

Hart and Pleasanton middle schools received bronze awards, while silver awards were given to Alisal, Fairlands, Lydiksen, Valley View and Vintage Hills elementary schools.

The PBIS framework involves multiple tiers of support, with the baseline tier aiming to address all students through established behavioral expectations and rewards, and the top tiers targeting particular students in need of additional help.

PUSD began officially implementing PBIS systems in elementary schools during the 2015-16 school year, according to staff. The initiatives included actions like establishing three to five positively stated school rules, directly teaching these rules in all campus settings, developing a reward system, clearly defining consequences and procedures, and putting together a PBIS handbook based on the year's work.

To help schools implement the PBIS systems, the district received a school climate transformation grant from the U.S. Department of Education, to be dispersed over the course of five years, from 2014-19. ■



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## Bookleggers are back

The city is presenting its annual training for new Booklegger volunteers, which aims to promote a lifelong love of books by reading to students. Fall training will be offered every Tuesday from 9:15-11:45 a.m. for seven weeks starting Sept. 25. After training, volunteers are asked to visit six to 12 classrooms per semester for at least one school year. Rebecca Jackson (shown) plans to be the first to volunteer this year because of her experience with Bookleggers as a child. "It was the best thing in elementary school. I remember thinking that the Bookleggers were so cool," she said. "I'm studying to become a teacher, so I think this is the best place to be." Visit [booklegger.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://booklegger.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

# Man arrested for trying to stab congressional candidate Peters

Republican uninjured after fighting off man in unprovoked attack in Castro Valley

By JEREMY WALSH

A man is facing felony and misdemeanor charges for allegedly trying to stab Livermore Republican congressional candidate Rudy Peters at the Castro Valley Fall Festival on Sunday.

Peters, who was campaigning at the event, said the attack was unprovoked from a stranger who walked up with a beer in hand and shouted obscenities before trying to assault him and threatening to kill him while holding a knife.

"I don't know what provoked it," the first-time congressional candidate told the Weekly.

"This was a crazy person," Peters added. "I have no inclinations that this is some Democrats trying to get me. I think it was just some crazy guy."

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has identified its suspect as 35-year-old Farzad Fazeli.

Fazeli, who lists his occupation as cashier, has been charged with felony making criminal threats and misdemeanor counts of exhibiting a deadly weapon and carrying a switchblade. The Castro Valley resident, who is free on \$55,000 bond, was arraigned Tuesday and is scheduled to return to court next

Monday to enter a plea.

Peters, who is running against incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) for the 15th Congressional District seat, was not injured during Sunday's attack.

Peters said he was campaigning at the event on Sunday, just as he did the day before with a fellow Republican candidate, with no problems until around 3:30 p.m. when a man he'd never seen before aggressively approached his table.

"He started screaming 'F' Trump, 'F' Donald Trump," Peters said.

The man then grabbed a coffee cup off the table and tried to throw it at Peters but missed, at which point Peters said he got hold of the man and threw him to the ground without hitting him.

Peters said that when he stood back up, the man jumped up, threatened to kill him and pulled out a switchblade knife but couldn't get the blade to work correctly. Peters said he grabbed a sign to use as a shield, but somebody soon broke up the fight and the man fled the area.



Farzad Fazeli

Peters said he went to track down an off-duty police officer who spoke to him earlier at the event, and that officer contacted sheriff's deputies who arrived within seconds.

According to Kelly, deputies detained Fazeli a short time later at the festival and a switchblade knife was found in his possession. The Castro Valley man was arrested and later taken to jail.

Looking back Tuesday, Peters said he had no idea what motivated the attack. "It's not like he came earlier on and we had a heated discussion ... I'd never seen him before in my life," Peters said.

A Navy veteran and former Livermore Human Services Commission member, Peters is owner of AARD Solutions Inc., a systems engineering firm geared toward the U.S. intelligence industry.

He is facing off against Swalwell on Nov. 6 after finishing second behind the incumbent Democrat in the June primary election.

Swalwell tweeted, "I'm glad to hear Mr. Peters is okay. But it's NEVER okay to use violence to settle political disagreements (or any disagreement)." ■

*Editor's note: Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.*

## FORUM

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an attorney and political newcomer from Orinda.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Sunday, and the forum will run from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton.

On Monday night, the four candidates for two contested Pleasanton City Council seats will debate a range of issues vital to the city government during a forum at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Scheduled to attend are incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum and challengers Joseph Ledoux, Joe Streng and Julie Testa. Doors open at 6 p.m.; event runs from 6:30-8 p.m.

The forum will be aired live on Tri-Valley Community Television, and a recorded version will be broadcast on future dates.

For the first time, the Weekly is partnering to host a Livermore city election forum, which will take place Thursday night at the Livermore High School Theater at 600 Main St. in Livermore.

The event is also sponsored by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Livermore Indivisible is a forum partner.

Scheduled to attend are Mayor John Marchand and challenger Josh Laine, and Livermore Councilman Bob Woerner and challengers Rosmary Bartsch, Patricia Munro, Neal Pann and Brent (Alan) Siler.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.; mayoral candidates speak from

6:30-7:10 p.m. and council from 7:20-8:45 p.m.

The fourth and final forum will focus on the San Ramon city elections, an evening of public discourse co-sponsored by San Ramon Chamber of Commerce and DanvilleSanRamon.com, with AAUW San Ramon serving as a partner.

Set to take part in the Sept. 24 forum are Mayor Bill Clarkson and challenger Sanat Sethy, and Councilman Dave Hudson and challengers Aparna Madireddi, Sridhar Verose and Sabina Zafar.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; mayoral candidates speak from 6:30-7:10 p.m. and council from 7:20-8:45 p.m. The forum will be held at Bishop Ranch Roundhouse, 2600 Camino Ramon in San Ramon. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

## Calling artistic teens

PCAC holding competition in music, visual arts

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is calling for teen musicians and visual artists to apply for this year's Youth Excellence in Arts Awards, also known as the YEA! Awards.

Artists from age 14-18 who attend school in Pleasanton are eligible to apply by filling out the form on the PCAC website,

pleasantonarts.org. Applications must be sent by mail, postmarked no later than Sept. 22.

The competition will take place from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 30 at Parkview Assisted Living on Valley Avenue. Musicians are to perform one selection that is no longer than five minutes. The winners will receive the Rene and Gordon Smith Awards in

music: \$1,000 for first place; \$500 for second; and \$300 for third.

Visual artists in their applications will submit photos of three of their original art works that would be suitable for display at the competition. They must be prepared to discuss their art pieces, for no more than five minutes. The winners will receive the Phyllis and Bill Wentworth Awards in visual arts: \$1,000 for first place; \$500 for second; and \$300 for third place.

Winners will be announced at the end of the competition. ■

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**Island bound:** Karin and Drake Linforth took the Weekly on their trip to the island of Santorini.

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## Judge scolds sheriff for secret recordings of inmates

But says public defender failed to show practice is widespread beyond recent juvenile case

A judge last Friday scolded the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for unlawfully recording conversations between suspects and their attorneys but denied Public Defender Brendon Woods' request for a standing order barring that practice.

At a hearing packed with public defenders and inmates' rights advocates, Alameda County Superior Court Judge C. Don Clay said "the crime of eavesdropping is clearly illegal" and is punishable by a three-year state prison term and civil penalties.

Clay also said, "The sheriff is put on notice" that any violations will be prosecuted.

But Clay said Woods failed to prove that the practice of secretly recording conversations between defendants and attorneys, which was discovered in a recent juvenile case, is widespread.

Clay said, "The question is whether this video (of the conversation between the juvenile inmate and his lawyer) is a representation of a systematic issue or was it an isolated practice."

Clay said, "Based on the record before me, I'm not sure if it goes beyond this (the single recording) because there's no historical record."

Woods asked for a standing order against the sheriff's office after he obtained evidence that sheriff's deputies have been recording conversations between public defenders and juvenile suspects in custody, even though it is a felony in California for a third party to record privileged conversations between attorneys and clients.

A spokeswoman for the District Attorney's Office has said that it is reviewing all juvenile cases filed this

year to see how many violations there have been.

The judge said Friday, "I know the District Attorney is investigating this."

He said if the investigation shows that the practice of secretly recording conversations between defendants and their attorneys is widespread "every judge in this courthouse would exclude those conversations" from being introduced as evidence.

After the hearing, Woods said, "I strongly disagree" with Clay's decision to deny his motion.

But Woods said, "I respect the judge for at least putting the sheriff on notice."

Woods said he will continue to investigate possible illegal conduct by the sheriff's office, saying, "We will pursue all avenues." ■

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## PROP 3

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precedent," she added. "We didn't take a position on the last water bond, for example."

Prop 3 is sponsored by Californians for Safe Drinking Water and a Clean and Reliable Water Supply. If passed in November, the majority of bond revenue from the measure — \$2.355 billion — would be directed to conservancies and state parks for watershed lands restoration, and to nonprofits and local agencies for river parkways.

The proposition would also allocate \$640 million to groundwater sustainability agencies and \$500 million for public water system infrastructure improvements, and it mandates that \$1.398 billion be spent on projects benefiting state-defined disadvantaged communities, with an additional \$2.637 billion prioritized for disadvantaged communities.

The bond is expected to generate about \$8.4 billion in interest over a 40-year period, according to the state fiscal analyst, which would cost the state a total \$17.3 billion.

Gerald Meral, former deputy director of the California Department of Water Resources and Prop 3's developer, came before Zone 7 in July seeking their endorsement.

He said the proposal is similar to Prop 1, which passed in 2014 and issued \$7.12 billion in bond money for water infrastructure and watershed protection. However, Meral said, of the remaining Prop 1 funds, "by the end of next year those will pretty much be expended by the various departments that receive them."

"If we're going to be looking at EcoRestore and that type of thing, this is the sort of thing which would help make some of that possible," director Sarah Palmer said at the August meeting. She was in the minority vote supporting the endorsement, along with directors Dick Quigley and Dennis Gambis. "So I think that it's important for us to look at this and to support it."

DSRSD General Manager Daniel McIntyre concurred during the public comment period at the meeting.

"The Association of California Water Agencies supports this measure, and DSRSD board, back in March, before the measure was

numbered, voted unanimously to support this measure, so we encourage the zone to likewise do so," McIntyre said. DSRSD board members voted to endorse it again at their Aug. 21 meeting, now that it has been numbered and named, according to district officials.

But the majority of Zone 7's members opined that endorsing political measures is not their duty.

"Not taking a position doesn't mean we can't educate the public about it," vice president Figuers said. "I'm fully supportive of giving out information. But we have just never done these, I don't think we want to go down there." ■



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## Family theater: 'Wonderland'

Take an exciting journey through the looking glass and down the rabbit hole in this delightfully re-imagined tale of "Wonderland" inspired by the novels of Lewis Carroll. The family fare is offered by Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company and Bay Area Children's Theatre at the Firehouse Arts Center. Shows this weekend are 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday; and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; children and seniors are \$7, \$10, \$13. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Body found near train tracks in Niles Canyon

Detectives have now determined homicide to be the cause of death in the case of a man who was found deceased near railroad tracks in Niles Canyon on Sunday afternoon, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The victim, a 26-year-old man from Fremont, has been positively identified by authorities, but his name is not being released publicly at this time, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly. It is clear he died from trauma related to a homicide, as opposed to injuries from being struck by a train, Kelly said.

The investigation began after 9-1-1 dispatchers received a call around 2:45 p.m. Sunday from two hikers who spotted a person on the ground near Union Pacific tracks in the canyon west of the intersection of Highway 84 and Palomares Road (between Sunol and Fremont), according to Kelly.

The death was soon deemed suspicious, and Kelly confirmed Monday the case was a homicide. Investigators are not releasing the precise cause of death at this time.

It's clear the man died recently, but the exact timeline — among other key details — remains unknown. "We have a lot of work to do on this case to figure out what happened," Kelly said.

The location of the body would have been visible from trains traveling on the tracks, a route used mainly for commuter trains, the sergeant added.

Anyone with information related to the incident or who may have noticed something suspicious in the area in recent days can call the sheriff's office at 510-667-7721.

### In other news

- A judge Friday ordered an Alameda County sheriff's deputy to stand trial on charges of assault by a public officer and assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury for allegedly facilitating the assault of an inmate at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin last October.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Thomas Rogers issued his ruling at the end of a short preliminary hearing for Joseph Bailey, a 29-year-old Tracy resident, finding that prosecutors produced sufficient evidence to have him face a jury.

Bailey, who has been with the sheriff's office for three years, has been placed on administrative leave since last year when authorities began investigating the

case. He remains free on \$65,000 bail and is scheduled to return to court in two weeks to have a trial date set.

Sheriff's officials said detectives interviewed about 25 people, including employees of the sheriff's office and inmates, some who were released after the Oct. 24 incident in which Bailey allegedly allowed a small group of inmates to assault another inmate in a minimum-security area.

Tensions arose between Bailey and the inmate who's the alleged victim when the man was moved into a minimum security unit at Santa Rita on Oct. 24 and refused to participate in a custodial strip search which is required by policy, sheriff's Sgt. Kevin Estep wrote in a probable cause statement.

The inmate eventually cooperated with the strip search but before Bailey escorted him to his cell, he spoke to several inmates in that unit about the man's "behavior and demeanor," Estep said.

About 90 minutes later, at about 11:40 p.m. on Oct. 24, a deputy who responded to the man's cell after he was alerted by another inmate noticed that the alleged victim "was bleeding and had several injuries consistent with being physically attacked," such as having a swollen eye, a fractured nose, lacerations to his bottom lip, above his left eye and forehead which required him to be transported to an area hospital for medical treatment, Estep wrote.

Before he was hospitalized, the inmate identified several inmates as the people who "punched and kicked him repeatedly" and told the deputy who investigated the incident that he believed he was attacked because he has family members who are affiliated with a gang that's a rival of the gang that the other inmates are associated with, according to Estep.

The deputy who investigated the incident said Bailey told him, "I told those six guys to take care of him (the inmate victim) and make it look like he fell in the shower" but said he did not want the victim to get beat up that badly, Estep wrote.

Bailey made a voluntary statement in the presence of his lawyer on Nov. 22 in which he acknowledged that he spoke with other inmates before placing the alleged victim in their pod, Estep said.

But Bailey denied telling the other inmates to physically attack the victim and said "his intention was to have the inmates assist the victim," Estep said.

- A liquid nitrogen tank falling from a truck prompted a precautionary evacuation of two

buildings at Thermo Fisher Scientific offices in Pleasanton on Friday afternoon, according to a Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department spokesman.

LPPD personnel arrived at the Thermo Fisher complex on Sunol Boulevard around 3:15 p.m. Friday after receiving a report of a hazardous materials spill, according to deputy chief Joe Testa.

Upon arrival, first responders found a 260-liter liquid nitrogen tank had fallen from a truck onto one of Thermo Fisher's private roadways, Testa said.

Fire personnel were initially concerned of the tank's potential for explosion so the two buildings closest to the tank were evacuated as a precaution, Testa said. They soon found the tank was venting a little bit, showing that the pressure relief valve was working as designed and alleviating the explosion risk.

The tank vented for about an hour before stopping, Testa said. Fire crews were still on scene around 5:30 p.m. to monitor the situation.

There were no injuries or property damage, other than the tank. There was no public risk due to the liquid nitrogen itself because it's a non-toxic material, Testa said.

- The Alameda County Sheriff's Office hosted its final "Urban Shield" first-responder training exercise in its current format last weekend.

The sheriff's office launched Urban Shield in 2007, following the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, which sheriff's officials said showed that law enforcement agencies weren't well prepared for such attacks.

More than 100 agencies and thousands of people, including some from foreign countries, have participated in past conferences.

But the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to end the training exercise in its current format at a meeting on March 27 at which the vast majority of more than 100 speakers alleged that it is militaristic, racist and xenophobic and has a negative impact on communities of color and immigrants.

The board called for the exercise's format in 2019 and future years to focus more on training for natural disasters and less on terrorism and on weapons vendors.

Sheriff's officials say the purpose of the conference is to train law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics on how to respond to natural disasters as well as manmade disasters such as explosions and mass shootings. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and  
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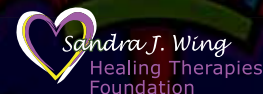
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## Kristen Janet Winslow

December 29, 1952 – August 20, 2018

Kristen (Kris, Abuela) Winslow, a long-time resident of Pleasanton, CA passed away at her home August 20th, 2018. A lifelong resident of the Bay Area, Kris was born December 29th, 1952 to John and Sigrid Banks and grew up in Palo Alto. While still in high school, Kris spent time traveling in Mexico where she quickly developed a love for the people and their culture, and subsequently an aptitude for the Spanish language. Following graduation, she enrolled in the University of California at Davis where she majored in Psychology and minored in Spanish. In the years after college, Kris moved to Lake Tahoe and quickly developed a lasting affinity for the quiet, mountain community. Though she would eventually settle permanently with her family in the East Bay, Kris would frequently visit the Tahoe area with dear friends for the rest of her life.

Kris was a devoted mother and grandmother and was always a constant fan of her boys' (Son's and Grandson's) sports teams. She missed very few local soccer or T-ball games and tournaments. When her sons were in college, she was quick to send care packages, whether they were needed or not. Her incomparable thoughtfulness, heart for service and generosity did not stop with her family, but extended to her community as well. She was a long-time, ardent supporter and frequent volunteer at Valley Care Hospital, now known as Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

Kris not only lovingly cared for people, but she had an unbridled compassion for rescue animals, especially dogs. Over the years, she had numerous beloved canines and spent a considerable part of her life as an active participant and volunteer in the pet adoption community. In her leisure time, Kris was an avid reader of all-things-fiction, a frequent patron of San Francisco theaters and a die-hard follower of San Francisco Giants baseball. Perhaps more than anything she enjoyed spoiling her dogs with treats, a game of ball or both.

Kris is survived by her sons, Nick and Alexander, mother Sigrid, brother David, grandsons Cody and Dylan.

Donations can be made in her name to NorCal Arthritis Foundation, and Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton.

An informal celebration of Kris's life will be held Saturday, September 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00pm at Three Trees Ranch, 2251 Marina Ave., Livermore. Wear your favorite sport teams' colors, shirts, and/or hats. Children are welcome.

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# Police: Cellphone distraction leads to Dublin rollover crash

Only minor injuries after car smashes into roadside tree during morning commute

By JEREMY WALSH

A driver escaped with just minor injuries after his car rolled and struck a tree along Dublin Boulevard early Monday morning, according to Dublin police.

The incident unfolded around 6:45 a.m. Monday when the driver of a Hyundai Accent traveling westbound on Dublin Boulevard lost control as he approached a bend near the Dougherty Road intersection, according to Dublin Police Services Capt. Nate Schmidt.

The initial investigation indicates the driver took his eyes off the road to glance at his cellphone,

according to Schmidt.

The Accent rolled and smashed sideways against a tree, leaving the driver trapped until emergency personnel extricated him through a broken back window, Schmidt said. The driver was taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and treated for minor injuries.

No other vehicles were involved, and the driver was the only occupant of the car.

The crash serves as an example why drivers need to stay focused when behind the wheel, according to Schmidt. "Fortunately the



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A Hyundai Accent plowed sideways into a tree along Dublin Boulevard on Monday morning, reportedly after the driver looked away from the road to check his phone.

driver will be alright and no one else was injured. Good reminder of the importance to drive safe, stay alert, stay off your devices and don't get distracted!" officials posted on the Dublin police Twitter

account, along with a photo of the heavily damaged Hyundai.

The crash and cleanup caused delays in the area for about an hour during the morning commute Monday, Schmidt said. ■

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Sept. 8

#### Weapons violation

- 1:04 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

#### Drug violation

- 1:53 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

### Sept. 7

#### Drug violation

- 9:23 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 10:07 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 6:19 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Theft from auto

- 1:14 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Graffiti offense

- 8:56 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

### Sept. 6

#### Drug violation

- 5:43 p.m. on the 6600 block of Owens Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 4:43 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

### Sept. 5

#### Theft

- 9:41 a.m., 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure

- 4:20 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 4:55 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

- 6:56 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 8:23 p.m. on the 1300 block of Vintner Way

- 11 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### Vandalism

- 10:24 a.m. on California Avenue

- 1:06 p.m. on the 2500 block of Secretariat Drive

#### Robbery

- 12:55 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

### Sept. 4

#### Theft from auto

- 1:13 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 2:28 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Shoplifting

- 4:18 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 6:52 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

- 7:51 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

- 9:12 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

- 4:01 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 11:47 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

### Sept. 3

#### Residential burglary

- 6:40 p.m. on the 4000 block of Holland Drive

- 10:20 p.m. on the 3300 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

- 6:29 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

#### Theft

- 12:07 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

- 8:50 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

## James Wayland Reding

August 27, 1969 – September 8, 2018

James Wayland Reding, a life-long resident of Pleasanton, passed away on September 8, 2018, after a courageous 22-month battle with brain cancer. He was 49 years old.

Jim attended Vintage Hills Elementary, Harvest Park Middle School, and graduated from Foothill High School in 1988. He continued his education at Chico State University, where he received his BA degree in 1993, and at Chapman University, where he received his teaching credential. Jim spent the last 14 years as a teacher at Wells Middle School in Dublin.

Jim was a devoted family man. He enjoyed camping and fishing and had a love for travel and family traditions, which included a cherished annual Thanksgiving trip to Maui. Jim was a genuinely kind and accepting friend to all and was always the life of the party. He was known for having the best barbeque ribs around.

Jim is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 22 years, Laura, and his beloved daughters, Katie (19) and Ellie (16); his parents, John and Mary Reding; his brother, Josh (Kindall) Reding; his father- and mother-in-law, Ron and Roanne Hobizal; his brothers-in-law, Erik (Anna) Hobizal and Craig (Melissa) Hobizal; his nephews, Cade, Paxton, and Dane Reding; and his nieces, Camryn, Addison, and Kenzie Hobizal. Jim also leaves a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins, and many friends who became more like family, including his "Wells family."

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at the home of Kathleen and Bronco Hinek, 3782 Smallwood Court, Pleasanton, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's family requests that you donate to the Jim Reding Memorial Scholarship. Checks should be payable to AVSI and sent to Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc., 4764 Harrison Street, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566.



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## Nancy Elsnab

January 22, 1929 – August 19, 2018

On August 19th, 2018, Nancy Torrey Elsnab left this life for the next. Born on January 22nd, 1929 in San Diego, Nancy spent most of her life as a resident of Pleasanton, California. She made sure to immerse herself in her small town, and knew every face she passed. A fan of the restaurants on Mainstreet, she was a frequent patron of Strizzis, Pastas, and Barones.

She spent most of her adult life on St. John Street, raising her 4 children and favorite dog, Flame. She was unfortunately preceded in death by two of those children, Karen Elsnab Rider and Tommy Elsnab, her parents Al and Vivian Torrey, and her brother, Robert Torrey. They have now been reunited for an endless happy hour, presumably on the shores of tropical beaches.

Finding herself a single woman in the 1970s, she set out to make a way for herself. A savvy business woman, she discovered a way to have people pay for her favorite hobby – travel. She co-founded Athenour Travel Agency and spent many years leading tours around the world for both novice and seasoned adventurers such as herself. Her favorite country was Kenya, and she made several trips over the years. She would return with a myriad of local souvenirs that she would later force on unsuspecting family members.

Her house was always open for BBQs, cocktails, and general socializing. Constantly on the move, she appreciated a good meal with good company more than most, but as we all should. A Pearl Harbor survivor, Hawaii was in her blood and she spent several months a year enjoying the islands. She especially enjoyed when family members made the trip with her.

In addition to many extended family members, she is survived by her two wonderful sons Steve (Jackie) Elsnab of Ogden, Utah, and Jon (Linda) Elsnab of Siskiyou County; 5 grandchildren who will sorely miss her unmistakable laugh, and 4 great-grandchildren who will grow up hearing stories about her.

We will be celebrating the life of Nancy Elsnab at Barone's on October 6, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00.

In lieu of flowers, please step outside tonight and enjoy the sunset with a loved one and your favorite drink.



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# Staying Healthy

## FALL 2018

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## EAST BAY STAND DOWN BACK IN TOWN

### Event supporting homeless, at-risk vets now in 19th year



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East Bay Stand Down, a four-day event at the Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend, offers at-risk veterans a multitude of services, including haircuts, eye exams, dental services and more.

By ERIKA ALVERO

Charles Boykins was at a rough point in his life in 1999. A military veteran who had served in the U.S. Army in Europe, Panama and the U.S. from 1979-92, Boykins was now on the cusp of homelessness, despite the fact that he was working at the post office. The Richmond native had left the service in order to be with his family, but they were then separated — his wife and two of his children had been deported to Panama a few years earlier, while he was caring for two other children in the Bay Area.

“I couldn’t afford to take care of both households, so I was on the verge of homelessness, and worried about getting my family back together,” he said.

East Bay Stand Down, he said, turned his life around.

The Stand Down, which is taking over the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend, has been going on since 1999, that pivotal first experience for Boykins. The event happens every other year, and serves over 300 homeless or at-risk Bay Area veterans, through services including health and dental care, clothing, legal and housing assistance, haircuts and more.

“We provide them with shelter, new clothes, psychological, medical and dental services, and provide them with food,” said Jerry Yahiro, founder and director of Stand Down and a Vietnam veteran himself. “And try to treat these veterans knowing they’re not the only ones out there. That many of us also suffer from the same issues.”

Yahiro and a few companions started Stand Down because they saw many veterans in the area struggling, with

issues ranging from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to homelessness.

“We were 25 years after the end of the Vietnam War and it was still affecting many veterans to the extent that — homelessness was prevalent among veterans, not just Vietnam, but Vietnam vets were the majority at that time,” Yahiro said. They wanted to show veterans that supports existed, that community members cared for their well-being.

The event was held for the first three years at Camp Parks in Dublin, though after realizing the space wasn’t sufficient for the large-scale event, they moved to the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

For Boykins, the event was especially crucial because of the housing and legal assistance offered; a housing group helped him find a home in San Pablo and the legal aid allowed him to reunite his family.

Now he’s a tent leader coordinator for East Bay Stand Down.

“I promised myself that I would always be back,” he said.

Though Boykins said his situation was unique in many respects, certain aspects ring true for many others in the veteran community. Many are “children” going into the military, he said, maybe 17 or 18 years old; they get married, start a family and then leave for a tour. When they return, however, a spouse may have moved on, or situations may have changed, as in Boykins’ case — destroying their support system.

“A lot of the veterans I talk to at Stand Down have that similar problem, of coming home and losing everything,” he said. “When they’re over there, that’s the whole thing a veteran focuses on.”

Though Yahiro says that it seems less prevalent for Stand Down vets now, the specter of homelessness is ever-present due to the high cost of Bay Area living.

He added that over the years he has seen more female veterans attending, who have experienced different challenges than their male counterparts.

“Still, unfortunately, most of them have been sexually traumatized while in the service,” Yahiro said.

And underlying Stand Down, more than just financial and support services, Boykins said, is the community it provides — being surrounded by others who have undergone the same experiences.

He remembers meeting a man at Stand Down who appeared to be in stable fiscal shape, who did not seem to fit the “at-risk” population the event aims to serve. Boykins asked him why he was there.

The man explained to him going to Stand Down “gives me that time I need to re-group, to go back out and deal with this normal life that I’m supposed to be living.”

“I had misjudged of his need,” Boykins said. “It wasn’t monetary, it was mental.”

The event began Thursday and will continue through Sunday. For more information, visit [eastbaystanddown.org](http://eastbaystanddown.org). ■

**‘I was on the verge of homelessness, and worried about getting my family back together.’**

**Charles Boykins,**  
Army veteran

# Moving Mountains for Multiple Myeloma

Pleasanton woman tackles challenging Iceland hike to help fund research

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Barbara McCarrick began experiencing hip and back pain in her late 40s, she attributed it to her age.

“Between work and age, you never know,” said McCarrick, an occupational therapist who at the time was working at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. “I ignored it for a while, then I went to be seen. The X-rays didn’t show anything but I had physical therapy and got cortisone.”

When the pain became worse, she went to a chiropractor who did more X-rays, which showed rib fractures. The breaks were caused by multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells. Malignant plasma cells accumulate in the bone marrow, crowding out the normal plasma cells that help fight infection.

“I got my diagnosis on my 50th birthday — February 2009,” McCarrick recalled.

“I had six rib fractures. The disease leaches the calcium out of the body, it makes the bones brittle,” she explained. “I also had a pelvic fracture and a humerus fracture.”

She started treatments immediately, undergoing five rounds of chemotherapy before pneumonia landed her in the hospital. She also received stem cell transplants.

“They had harvested stem cells from me,”

McCarrick said. “I had one transplant in 2009 and the second one January 2010. Tandem transplants are a protocol doctors do if you are strong enough to tolerate it.”

The doctors determined she was in remission and she returned to work, in San Ramon. She relapsed in 2013 but has now been in remission since January 2014.

“There is no cure, you are under constant care,” she noted.

Upon her initial diagnosis, McCarrick joined the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation’s Team for Cures, raising money and participating in its annual fundraising 5K walk/runs in San Francisco each March.

Then last year she read about endurance hikes to such places as Mount Everest and Kilimanjaro for the cause.

“I thought, I’m healthy enough now, I’ve got to do this. I need to bring awareness,” she said.

McCarrick participated in Moving Mountains for Multiple Myeloma from Aug. 8-12, one of 15 people who tackled a challenging hike in Iceland. Called Fire and Ice, the hike brought participants through volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, hot springs, waterfalls and mountains.

The team included patients, caregivers, members from the organizing partners (Multiple

Myeloma Research Foundation, CURE Media Group and Celgene) and a myeloma doctor.

“There was a mix of ages and circumstances, and they were from all parts of the country,” McCarrick said. “It was a wonderful group of people — we just bonded.”

McCarrick has lived in Pleasanton for 33 years — her three children attended Walnut Grove and Donlon elementary schools, Pleasanton and Hart middle schools, and Foothill High. She has hiked the Pleasanton Ridge, Mount Diablo and Mission Peak, but Fire and Ice was a challenge.

“We hiked for three days,” she said, from Thorsmork to Fimmvorduhals to Skogar, about 30 miles.

The first day was beautiful and sunny, she recalled, and the team spent the night in a large cabin.

“The second day, when we hiked across glaciers and volcanoes, we spent the night in a hut between two glaciers,” she remembered. “We followed the waterfalls hiking down — it was just gorgeous.”

The hike required her to raise \$7,500 but she did more.

“Basically I’ve got this giant list from my 5K San Francisco walks,” she said with a laugh. “I did that 5K in March and I didn’t want to put the squeeze on people twice. But I raised \$10,000. Friends and family were very, very generous — I’m so grateful.”

McCarrick, who now works in Castro Valley, said that her experiences with multiple myeloma have made her better at her job.

“I was at UCSF for weeks in the hospital and I have more of a perspective of what my patients



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Barbara McCarrick, 59, hikes through glaciers and volcanoes in Iceland to benefit the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

go through,” she said.

An estimated 30,000 adults will be diagnosed with multiple myeloma this year, and 12,600 people are predicted to die from the disease.

McCarrick is committed to raising funds and awareness for those newly diagnosed.

“I want them to know that the diagnosis isn’t always a death sentence,” she said. “I have been in remission since January 2014. With research, clinical trials and new treatments, I will, hopefully, have a long remission and soon, a cure.” ■




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## Affordable produce in the Tri-Valley

Local nonprofits seek to distribute fresh fruits, veggies to those in need

By ERIKA ALVERO

On the third Thursday of every month, a market-like event springs up in a parking lot just off Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, apples and onions and bell peppers spilling out of boxes under shaded tent coverings.

The site is the Axis Community Health food distribution program, which began seven months ago in partnership with the Alameda County Community Food Bank. It's the only food distribution site in Pleasanton, and has an emphasis on offering healthy and fresh fruits and vegetables, serving over 100 locals in need.

"Everyone is appreciative of this effort," said Valerie Jonas, chief development officer at Axis. "These are people who would not have access to fresh produce."

Because eating healthy can be expensive.

Axis coordinators reached out last year to the community food bank, which was seeking more partners in the Tri-Valley at the time. The program concept arose because they saw a need to improve access to nutritious foods for low-income patients enrolled in their system.

"Access to healthy food is a major factor in achieving and maintaining wellness; food access is regarded as a key social determinant of health," Jonas said. Poverty can lead people to make tough choices, between food, utilities,

transportation, housing and medical expenses. According to research by the Alameda County Community Food Bank, 52% of their clients eat food past the expiration date and 74% purchase inexpensive, unhealthy food, leading to higher rates of health problems such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

After three months of logistical planning, Axis and the food bank launched their first distribution on Feb. 15.

The distribution takes place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. in the Axis parking lot, with a long line of participants winding down Railroad Avenue, shopping bags in hand and sometimes umbrellas — for the sun or rain, depending on the weather.

At the event, about 20 volunteers set up the array of seasonal produce and some shelf stable foods — the assortment varies.

"For example, items at one month's distribution included apples, cabbage, spinach, corn, and plums along with cans of chicken and pineapple, beans, rice, eggs and boxed milk," Jonas said.

The items are arranged in assembly-line style, allowing attendees to pick and choose what they want.

"One of the positives of this distribution model is that because the food is arrayed down



ERIKA ALVERO

About 20 volunteers show up to Axis parking lot on the third Thursday of the month to distribute an assortment of fresh produce and some shelf stable products.

a line, participants can select their preferred items and pass on items they are not interested in — not everyone likes bell peppers," Jonas said. "This model is different from receiving a prepackaged bundle of food items."

The health care center alerts clients to the distribution taking place through text messages, posting on community boards and word of mouth. Between 140 and 160 people have been showing up every month, and about one-third are new clients each time, Jonas said.

Also serving the Tri-Valley, the nonprofit Open Heart Kitchen is another partner of the Alameda County Community Food Bank, and finds avenues to provide needy residents of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore with fresh fruits and veggies. Though the nonprofit primarily serves hot meals — they're not a food pantry or distribution program — the food bank does give Open Heart two pallets of fresh produce every week for distribution at one of their hot meal sites, said Clare Gomes, the organization's operations director.

"It's about a thousand pounds of produce that we hand out," Gomes said.

Healthy produce is a focus for their standard programs too, though, and Open Heart Kitchen has been shifting their donation policies, focusing more on fresh produce as opposed to sugary desserts.

"As grateful as we are for donations, sometimes people are cleaning out their pantry, and they're not thinking," Gomes said. "They're donating items we can't use, or they're dented, or they're open or they're expired. And we can't use those, and so we did create this nutritional policy, on the kind of items we do accept."

Both Jonas and Gomes said that one of the biggest challenges they face is perception, that people don't realize poverty and affordable food needs exist in the Tri-Valley.

"The community needs to be supportive of these opportunities," Jonas said. "Because our friends and neighbors really need the support." ■

## Nama-Sit, Nama-Stay

Doga helps office workers relax, destress

By RYAN J. DEGAN

A San Ramon company is bringing new meaning to downward facing dog, providing dog yoga and puppy cuddles to regional corporations for employee appreciation and health and wellness events in an attempt to destress corporate employees.

For two years, "Puppy Love" has flipped the script on the common animal shelter strategy of showing animals as an object of pity, in need of saving. Instead the organization views people as the ones who need to be saved from the stresses of office life with yoga, fun and of course puppy love.

"Animals just have this way when you hold onto them or touch them of just slowing your heart rate down, slowing you down, giving you that unconditional love. Which is all anyone really wants," said Puppy Love's founder Sabrina Freed.

Puppy Love's mission is to help corporate workers relax and destress, through puppy playtime, fresh air and exercise — hopefully finding forever homes for orphaned dogs in the process. One of the more recent ways the organization aims to achieve these goals is through doga, or dog yoga.

Doga sessions are led by Puppy Love's certified yoga instructor Beverly Bachoo, who begins sessions without dogs in order to help participants achieve a relaxed state of mind. After a series of poses, the dogs are released and will join however they wish.

Freed says that typically dogs will join in on the stretches in a variety of ways: some will sit



KERSTI MALVRE

Certified yoga instructor Beverly Bachoo leads groups in doga exercises. The dogs are encouraged to move about the room as they please and incorporate into a person's pose naturally.

near or on a participant, some will cuddle up with a poser, and others appear to join in on the stretches. Dogs don't receive any special training beforehand, so participants are encouraged to just go with the flow.

"The more relaxed people are the more relaxed the dogs will be. While people are doing poses, (dogs) will naturally incorporate into your pose or they will sit with you," Freed said, adding that dogs are provided from regional shelters but participants are encouraged to bring their own dogs if they are socialized.

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# Helping children heal with crayons

Danville's Crayon Initiative covers the country

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Danville-based nonprofit The Crayon Initiative — an organization that donates crayons to children's hospitals — has only been operating for four years, but during that time has seen exponential growth and expects to hit major milestones this year.

Started in order to help provide hospitals with art supplies, today over 150 children's hospitals receive shipments of at least 200 crayons every two to three months. By September's end the organization fully expects to be delivering regular shipments to all 240 children's hospitals — registered as Children's Hospital Association locations — in all 50 states.

"Every hospital I spoke with I got the same response. They were like, we are out here on our own, fundraising, trying to find crayons, (saying) 'our kids might get two colors, that's all we can afford to buy,'" said Bryan Ware, the Crayon Initiative's president and founder, describing the nonprofit's inception. "In child life departments there is a stipend from the hospital normally, but it's not really funded because they often can't."

The first donation was made in February 2015 to the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center. That year, Ware and his team donated 5,000 packs of crayons to various hospitals, mostly across the state. In 2017,

37,000 packs were donated. Ware said that the initiative has already donated 85,000 packs this year and estimates they will celebrate their 200,000th shipment before the year lets out.

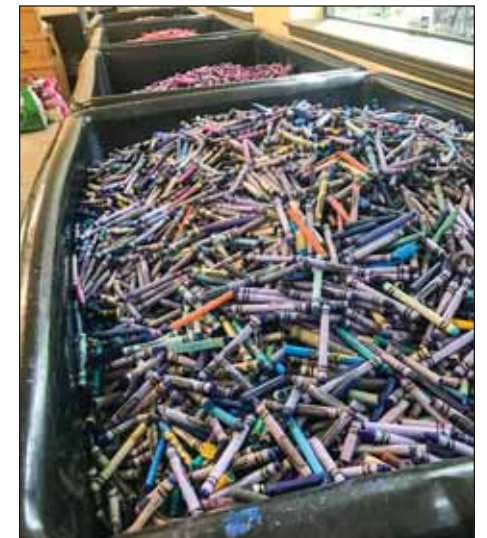
"Some people want us to go all around the world and I go, 'I'm still figuring out what we are doing here.' So for now we're focusing on right here," Ware said with a laugh, while acknowledging that going global is not out of the realm of possibility.

The idea for the Crayon Initiative was planted in 2011 while Ware was at a restaurant with his wife — a school teacher and the Crayon Initiative's secretary — over how she was going to provide crayons for her classroom.

"My conversation with my wife at the time was, 'What's it going to cost for you to be a teacher this year?' Art was cut from the California budget in 2011 and that was a problem," Ware said. "Art was what kept me in school. So that was the jumping point."

Ware saw an opportunity to take discarded crayons from restaurants, many of which will throw away an entire pack after one use due to sanitary issues. Over time, the idea evolved to donating the crayons to children's hospitals in need and the rest is history.

While local restaurants still provide thousands of crayons every year, today the Crayon Initiative receives material from a hugely



RYAN J. DEGAN

Crayon Initiative founder Bryan Ware says about 2,000 volunteers, from senior citizen groups to elementary school students, come to help sort, melt and remold crayons every year. Originally crayons were gathered almost exclusively from restaurants, but today the initiative receives donations from thousands of schools and individuals from across the country.

diverse set of donors all across the country. In an intricate system, the nonprofit will send boxes to 5,000-6,000 schools across the country, who will acquire crayons from various sources and send them to the initiative.

The decision to supply hospitals with crayons was reinforced when Ware started to meet the patients who received the supplies. One of the earliest he met was a young girl who didn't speak English.

"Her eyes lit up and she starts coloring and is like, this is cool. It's one of those things kids instinctively get and it brings adults back to their childhood," he said.

Crayons are constantly flowing in. Some come in five at a time in an envelope from a third grader, and others on a pallet sent from a corporate fundraiser. It is estimated that the nonprofit has collected nearly 18 million crayons from these diverse donor sources that have been distributed to 137,950 patients across the country, all manufactured in the initiative's base of operations in Danville.

What makes the large number of hospitals reached even more impressive is that the entire operation is almost completely run by

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- Oct 14 | Race Day @ Iron Horse Middle School

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Doga sessions will last for an hour and are typically followed with an hour-long “puppy party” where employees can walk, play and cuddle with puppies.

Freed said the programs are particularly popular among young professionals who, through time or living constraints, cannot have their own dogs.

“People that don’t have a dog or can’t, they get this experience for a short amount of time,” Freed said. “Especially so many of these younger millennials who are dying to have one but maybe can’t for whatever reason.”

While sessions give dogless animal lovers the opportunity to stretch, cuddle and play with many types of dogs, Freed still hopes that some of the participants will take home one of the dogs. And so far she has not been disappointed. Over the past six months, more than 30 dogs have found forever homes and new families.

Puppy Love always hopes participants will fall in love and adopt a pet, but Freed stressed her organization’s strict policy on no same day adoptions. If someone really wants a dog they need to take a day and think on it; this reduces impulsive decisions and pet returns.

“We never adopt a dog the day of the event. We make sure that everyone goes home and thinks about it because it is way too much of an emotional moment,” Freed said. “In the beginning when I did (allow it) they got returned.”

Typically Freed will bring around 10 dogs to events, most of the time puppies, from several regional animal shelters she has partnered with. Shelters are responsible for representing themselves at these events and will receive 20% of the proceeds to help fund animal care and facility maintenance. Finding a Best Friend Rescue from Stockton is one of her largest suppliers of actual puppies.

Freed explained that Stockton is one of the worst areas in the region for animal cruelty and abandonment cases. The high rate of



KERSTI MALVRE

Puppy Love will supply about 10 dogs for each session from animal shelters in Northern California.

abandonment, combined with a lack of animal birth control, such as neutering, has led to a high number of puppies in need of homes.

Puppy Love’s mission can really be summed up in their new philanthropic campaign “The Human Walking Program,” which aims to have shelter dogs come to the rescue of the people who walk them.

“In the Human Walking Program the dogs are the heroes and they are going to walk the adults, get them out of their cubicle, get them outside breathing some fresh air and help them relax,” Freed said. “We will have dogs there for (people) to walk and then we’ll have a puppy play area as well.”

The Human Walking Program works with regional corporations, so they can get involved in fundraising campaigns and have office employees volunteer during work hours to walk dogs who are also in need of some fresh air time. Much like Puppy Party and doga, the hope is that some of the employees will find a new furry friend to take home and brighten their day.

Freed imagines the campaign as a friendly competition between companies on who can raise the most money and be walked by the most dogs. She would like to extend the campaign locally to Bishop Ranch, which does not allow dogs inside but has several nearby parks that would be perfect for an event, she said.

For more information on Puppy Love or how you can help shelter animals, visit [puppyloveparty.com](http://puppyloveparty.com). ■

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volunteers. On average, the Crayon Initiative has somewhere between 1,800 and 2,000 volunteers collect and manufacture the crayons per year. Ware says volunteers are mostly local folks and range from elementary-aged students to senior citizens.

Crayons donated are sorted by color and then stripped of their paper cover — the paper is donated to Duraflame to be kept out of the landfill and made into fire logs. Next the raw crayon pieces are melted down and cooled in a mold. Finally volunteers will place the crayons into boxes — after sanitizing their hands of course — and ship the boxes to partnered hospitals.

Volunteers have to be at least 12 years old to participate in the melting process, but anyone can help sort donated materials by color.

“We also do family events once or twice a month,” Ware said. “Then we have 3- and 4-year-olds sorting and running around. They can see what the process is even if they can’t partake in the process on this (the melting) side.”

This exponential growth has not come

without its challenges. While overhead costs decrease as the organization expands and more crayons are manufactured in the Danville facility, logistics costs begin to go way up.

The initiative is always grateful to receive crayons from willing donors, but physical crayons are not the only need the organization has. Financial donations can be just as important as the raw materials. Ware says that on average his organization pays over \$1,000 a week in shipping costs, far and away the largest drain on financial resources for the nonprofit.

“That’s the big problem with the growth we’ve been having. We’re doing great but we are spending more money to cover more ground,” Ware said. “We supply the hospitals free of charge so we have to pay for that freight. It takes money and people can have a tough time understanding that.”

The Crayon Initiative is also always looking for volunteers, either to hold fundraisers or help assemble the crayons at its Danville facility, 155 Railroad Ave. Suite E. The facility is typically open four to six days a week, but hours of operation can fluctuate based off of Ware’s schedule. More information can be found at: <http://thecrayoninitiative.org/volunteer/>. ■

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# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Saving democracy

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading a book titled, "How Democracies Die" by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. It gives a quick history of how other democracies have died and how even we have experienced presidential overreach in our past.

Of course democracies have been overthrown by foreign powers, but they also crumble from within. Our democracy is not invincible. Despite the Constitution, we are vulnerable to corruption, extremism, overreach of power and the weakening of longstanding norms that have kept our institutions working.

Has the "unraveling" of our system of government already begun? We must find a way to bring our divided country back together again ... at least to respecting our differences.

You are familiar with a saying attributed to Thomas Jefferson (but not a direct quote), "a democracy requires an informed citizenry." I would add a citizenry that participates. We must vote.

We can also make phone calls and write letters to our representatives. We can even attend town hall meetings to find out what is going on and to voice our opinions. The worst things you can say are "it can never happen here" or "nothing I can do will make a difference."

To that I give you this quote by Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

—Trudi Hartley

### Gov. Brown's invisible budget

The financial crisis created today by our State Legislature are the same as they were in 2015. The same people were voted for in June as were voted in 2015. The problem is the people we have elected to run California's government.

Gov. Jerry Brown said: "Californians must make what they have done work."

What we have done is vote in bond after bond after bond, and voted into office over and over, people who are not fiscally prudent with our tax money. The length of bonds can be 20-40 years or more with enormous interest. Are the schools improving? Is the infrastructure improving? What happened to all that bond money?

In 2015, the state was \$330 billion-plus in debt. The legislature and Gov. Brown have created a huge bucket of unfunded burdens. Gov. Brown borrowed billions of dollars from schools and community colleges and millions from local governments.

The state owes billions, yet spends money the state doesn't have on a train to nowhere and a Delta tunnel. The legislature raised gas and auto registration taxes, then gives salary raises to state employees involved in the use of this money.

A responsible legislature would: curtail borrowing, allow the healthy supply and demand process to function in the medical-insurance field, accomplish Tort reform, cease borrowing money, and all 7,000+ state agencies cut annual budgets.

We must know the issues, elect fiscally responsible people, research

candidates and check incumbent voting records.

—Phyllis Couper

### No water rate increases

Zone 7 must stop with the hikes or give us a choice of another company such as EBMUD!

Our H2O bill is more than our PG&E bill, and we aren't even in a drought situation. Zone 7 is unfairly taking advantage of the Tri-Valley residents.

—Trish Levitin

### Water rate increase? Again?

Water rates in Zone 7 are already high and should not be increased at all. If Zone 7 board has no choice but to increase it, then they should own up to their responsibility and act like any private organization to stay fiscally afloat — that is, consider ways to reduce expenditures.

As for example, if the board chooses to increase the water rate by 20%, then they should cut the expenditures accordingly, such as reduce contracts by 20%, reduce salaries by 20% etc.

—Chandra Khandvalli

### Water rate hike

We pay way too much for our water as it is now. To increase the Zone 7 rate up to 42% would be exorbitant and irresponsible. Residents on a tight budget, retirees, etc., would be hit hardest by this increase.

I oppose any rate increase!

—Evelyn Murphy

### Residents oppose rate hikes

Dear Zone 7 Board of Directors: I'm writing to provide you with a document that includes 171 signatures of those who oppose any further Zone 7 water rate increases.

We're submitting this ahead of the special meeting (Sept. 5) on the wholesale water rate study.

We hope that you will read through the feedback that we've provided in a consolidated manner. The community is urging Zone 7 to reject these proposed increases.

—Eryka Wetherall

### Streng for City Council

I recently graduated from Foothill High School and will be starting at UCLA this fall. As a former Parks and Recreation Commission youth commissioner, I fully support Joe Streng's campaign for City Council.

I witnessed firsthand his leadership as commission chair on major community projects such as Cubby's Dog Park, the Bernal Community Park and the Alviso Adobe. Whether directly or indirectly, his work

for the city has positively affected a large percentage of residents in Pleasanton. While serving as a role model for me on the commission, he taught me how to give back to the community in any way I can.

His desire to identify problems and speak to their solutions is unmatched, and I have no doubt that this would translate perfectly to decisions made at the City Council level. As a result, I implore others to vote Joe Streng for City Council and follow his lead in contributing to the Pleasanton community in any capacity.

—Arman Abrishamchian

### Narum wants what's best for Pleasanton families

One of my children will attend Hart Middle School next year, so the school capacity issue in north Pleasanton schools is very concerning to me.

Maintaining small class size is important, and that requires adequate numbers of classrooms. I'm glad to see PUSD thoughtfully considering options to address school capacity issues in a way that targets the areas of Pleasanton that are most impacted.

My children currently attend Lydiksen, and it is wonderful to see evidence that the campus will get the upgrades that were formerly planned under the last bond measure passed in 1997. It is my hope that the latest bond measure will include creative options to address north Pleasanton capacity issues, as well.

I recently had coffee with Councilwoman Kathy Narum who serves on the City/School District Liaison Committee to ask her how the city is supporting PUSD's efforts on capacity. I was happy to hear that the city is collaborating with PUSD, and that Kathy in particular is committed to championing a solution that encompasses every local resource available.

I can see why all five school board members have endorsed Kathy Narum for re-election to city council. She is a reliable partner in the pursuit of what is best for Pleasanton kids and families.

—Amit Raman

### Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. Oct. 28. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this fall, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:editor@pleasantonweekly.com).

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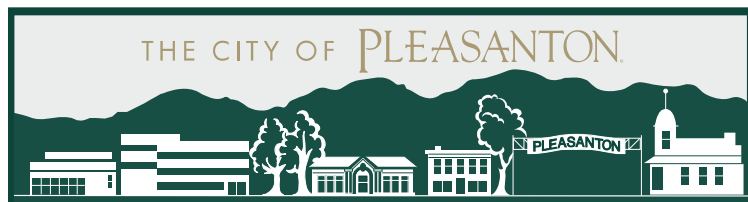
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THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### City Council

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Consider resolution adopting Capital Facility, Transportation and Affordable Housing Development Impact Fees and amending the Master Fee Schedule

#### Economic Vitality

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.  
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view information for this meeting

#### Housing Commission

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation of Alameda County Coordinated Entry System (CES)

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# Sports

## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER



### Amador-Foothill join forces on fundraising car raffle

Also: Falcons volleyball, both water polo teams have up-and-down weeks

It's no secret that fundraising for high school sports is a battle for both Amador Valley and Foothill.

There are some hard-working volunteers each year who go above and beyond in their attempts to help both schools raise enough funds to continue the quality athletic programs most people take for granted.

That pool of volunteers continues to shrink every year, and as a result, aspects of the programs suffer. Coaches, who should be able to focus on coaching their teams, now spend just as much time hustling funds.

The booster clubs at the respective

schools are always searching for new ways to raise funds, and they may have just scored a touchdown, hit a home run and scored a goal with one idea this year.

The clubs are getting together to raffle off a 2018 Chevy Cruze, sponsored by Dublin Chevrolet and ZOHO. The car will be raffled off at halftime during the Amador Valley-Foothill game on Oct. 26 at Amador Valley.

Tickets cost \$20 each and can be purchased at both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools. There is no limit on how many tickets

individuals can purchase.

The kicker — \$10 of every ticket purchase will go back to the athletic programs. This could help Foothill replace the turf field used by sports, the band and school classes. The turf is worn and badly in need of being replaced.

#### Foothill girls volleyball

The Falcons continued their strong early-season run, winning three of their last four matches.

The week of Aug. 28, Foothill beat Dougherty Valley in three straight games. Ekaylah Rampola (10 digs), Audrey Fracisco (7 service points, 4 digs) and Lexi Barrera (7 kills, 10 service pts) led the way.

Later in the week, the Falcons beat Monte Vista in a thrilling, five-game match. The leaders for Foothill in the win were Grayce Olson (22 kills, 14 digs), Ishana Ram (50 assists, 11 digs) and Emily Haskell (28 digs, 11 service pts).

Last week started on a bit of down note, as Foothill fell to California in three straight games. Playing well for the Falcons in the loss were Olson (20 kills, 7 service pts), Naya Williamson (14 kills, 7

service pts) and Haskell (25 digs).

Foothill closed the week by rebounding to beat Carondelet in three games. Olson (23 kills, 7 service pts), Haskell (21 digs, 4 service pts), Williamson (9 kills, 8 service pts) and Savannah Caires (6 kills, 1 block) were the statistical leaders.

#### Amador boys water polo

The Dons played a pair of matches last week, winning one easily and then dropping a heartbreaker.

The team opened the week by knocking off Alhambra 14-8.

Goals were scored by Josh Freeman (4), Jack Kost (3), Noah Freeman (3), Devon Kost (2), and Jack Bessiere (1).

Jack Kost, Devon Kost, Will Bosse, Jack Bessiere and Josh Freeman all had steals for the Dons, with goalie Tanner McMillen making 6 saves.

The next day, Amador dropped a tough 8-7 game to California in an intense defensive battle where the team battled to the end.

Scoring the goals were Noah Freeman (3), Jack Kost (1), Will Bosse (1) and Josh Freeman. Jack

Kost, Devon Kost, Ethan Braga and Josh Freeman all had steals.

#### Foothill boys water polo

Foothill defeated Granada 16-6 in the first league game, after falling in non-league action in their first two games to Las Lomas (20-5) and Bishop O'Dowd (14-13).

Standouts for Foothill were co-captain Ryan Weiglein with 6 goals, 2 assists and 2 steals, as well as Eugene Kruger with 4 goals, 4 steals and an assist.

In the loss to O'Dowd, Nathan Williams — the other co-captain — had 5 goals, 3 assists and 3 steals. Sanjay Menon and Ryan Weiglein had 3 goals each.

The JV also beat Granada 11-7 with 5 goals from Alexander Chen and 2 goals, 4 assists and 2 steals from Ian Jones. ■

*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.*

### Pleasanton little leagues merging into one

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's two little leagues plan to merge into one organization under the Pleasanton Little League name starting with the upcoming season, league officials announced this week.

The boards of directors for Pleasanton Little League and Pleasanton Foothill Little League have approved the merger, as have California District 57 officials. All that remains is a final endorsement from Little League International.

The consolidation would give Pleasanton a single Little League organization — a city that three years ago

had three distinct little leagues. Then, Pleasanton American and Pleasanton National little leagues merged to form the new Pleasanton Little League heading into the 2016 season, a move aimed at strengthening competition amid declining participation for each league separately.

League leaders hope the new merger for the 2019 season can provide the same positives for youth baseball in all of Pleasanton.

"The new organization should have over 800 children playing either T-ball or baseball this upcoming spring season," said Peter Easton,

the newly elected Pleasanton Little League president. "The biggest winners in this merger are the players and their families. There will now be more teams in each age group and a better opportunity for all kids to play with and against their friends."

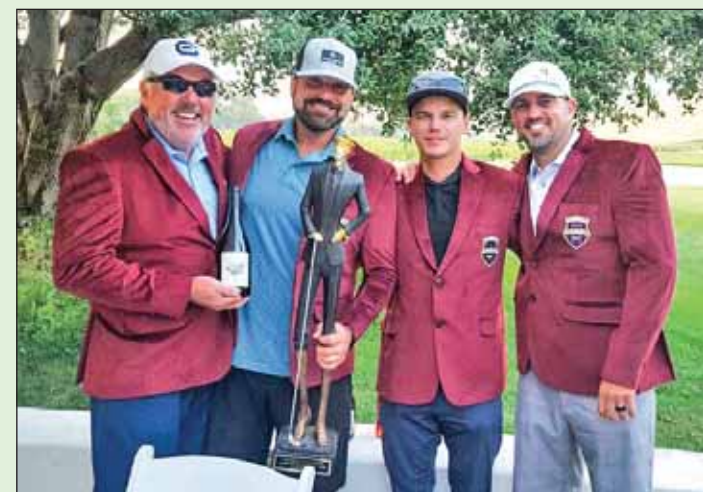
Like leagues throughout the country, organizations in Pleasanton have been striving to keep boys and girls interested in Little League baseball rather than other sports or travel baseball leagues.

The combined league, which will serve players from 5 to 16 years old throughout Pleasanton, also aims to create a culture of city pride while increasing competition and volunteers, according to Easton.

"The merger also unites the volunteer base from both leagues, which will continue to be the lifeblood of the new organization," he added. "We rely heavily on volunteers for a number of operational functions, including fundraising, training, field maintenance, event coordination, equipment management and most importantly, coaching."

A town hall meeting has been scheduled for current and prospective members of the new Pleasanton Little League, with the newly elected board of directors on-hand to answer questions and address any concerns. The event is set for 7-9 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Pleasanton Middle School multipurpose room at 5001 Case Ave.

The new league plans to maintain the Pleasanton Little League website, [www.pleasantonlittleleague.com](http://www.pleasantonlittleleague.com), moving forward. ■



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#### Golf tourney raises \$20K for TOPSoccer

The foursome of Phil Huff, Ryan Caine, Fusion coach Marc Beard and Jason Boyd shot a 17-under-par to win the eighth annual Fusion Soccer Club scramble golf tournament at The Course at Wente Vineyards last month. The event raised approximately \$20,000 for Fusion TOPSoccer, a Fusion SC program that provides soccer at no cost to Tri-Valley children with special needs.

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JOAN BROWN

#### Golf quilt giveaway

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### 997 All Other Legals

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.** Case No.: HG18917621TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Kent Tsz Lee filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kent Tsz Lee; Tsz Ming Lee; Ming Tsz Lee; Kent Lee to Kent Tsz Lee. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: September 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m., Dept.: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2018. Wynne S. Carvill JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
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# Calendar

## Talks & Lectures

**FUNDING YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION** The Community Education Series kicks off the 2018-19 season with Funding Your College Education, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 19, at the Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Learn the basics of Financial Aid; how and when to apply, who qualifies, and how eligibility is determined. Gather information and resources for student aid opportunities from the federal government, the state, post-secondary institutions, and private resources. Free. Email amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 931-5359 for more information.

## Fundraisers

**SUNFLOWER HILL AT THE STABLE CAFE** Esther Hall, owner of the Stable Cafe at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds is giving our special needs community members the opportunity to learn restaurant skills. Please join us for breakfast on any of the following dates: Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Gate 12 entrance. Make reservation for an available day (CASH ONLY), arrive during the time frame selected and note that the food ordered will not be free. No credit cards accepted. Visit eventbrite.com/e/sunflower-hill for more information.

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**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP** From 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month, at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, learn more about this common movement disorder. For more information visit eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

**LUPUS AND FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP** The group meets at 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, at the Weekes Library, 217300 Patrick Ave., Hayward. Contact janetip510@yahoo.com.

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY NAMI** Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. Drop-in, no registration, free. For more information contact Marsha McInnis at 980-5331 or marsha@nami-trivalley.org.

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## Teens

**TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT** Teen Open Mic Night, Friday, Sept. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. at Inklings Coffee & Tea, 530 Main St. Showcase your talent in music, spoken word poetry, or comedy. Performing is open to Pleasanton High School students; all ages invited to attend. For more information, email putsupervisorocityofpleasantonca.gov or call 931-3432.

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## Community Groups

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us for our Fall Workshop on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning on Sept. 6 and ending on Oct. 25, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Pre-registration is required. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information.

## Public Forums

**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 16** Incumbent Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and challenger Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will speak at a forum on Sunday, Sept. 16, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Doors open at 7 p.m.; event will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Moderators will be Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek. The Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com are partners.

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** Pleasanton City Council incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum and challengers Joseph Ledoux, Joe Streng and Julie Testa will speak at a candidates' forum on Monday, Sept. 17, at Pleasanton City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Doors open at 6 p.m.; candidates will speak and answer questions from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Moderators will be Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Pleasanton Weekly.

**LIVERMORE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** Livermore Mayor and City Council candidates will speak and answer questions on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Livermore High School theater, 600 Main St., Livermore. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Livermore incumbent Mayor John Marchand and challenger Joshua Laine will speak from 6:30 to 7:10 p.m. Incumbent Councilman Bob Woerner and challengers Rosemary Bartsch, Patricia Munro, Neal Pann and Brent (Alan) Siler have been invited to speak from 7:20 to 8:45 p.m. Moderators will be Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Pleasanton Weekly and Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce; Livermore Indivisible is a partner.

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 Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463.0436

**2377 Greenberry Court \$1,349,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462.7653

**7447 Laurel Court \$1,275,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Sylvia Desin 980.1012

**7961 Paragon Circle \$2,149,999**  
 Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846.6500

**2423 Pomino Way, Ruby Hill Call for pricing**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

**7935 Riviera Court \$1,449,000**  
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**570 Sycamore Creek Way \$2,199,888**  
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**5 BEDROOMS**  
**3229 Flemington Court \$1,199,000**  
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 998.3398

**387 Mullin Court \$1,949,000**  
 Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

**240 Napier Court \$1,799,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Wendy Harmon & Emily Barraclough 895.7253

**4228 W. Ruby Hill \$3,879,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

**6 BEDROOMS**  
**3304 Medallion Circle \$2,275,000**  
 Sun 1:30-4 Janna Chestnut 876.6015

### San Ramon

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**200 Compton Circle, Unit C \$550,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Stephany Jenkins 989.3318

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**2788 Dos Rios Drive \$798,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 April & Chris Duarte 699.1969

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**2+ BONUS**  
**2496 Kilkare Rd. \$699,999**  
 Sat 1-4 Natalie Bianco 200.5119

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**1313 Kilkare Rd. \$1,279,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Margene Rivara 200.6916

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### SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (July 25 to Aug. 1)

Total sales reported: 23  
 Lowest sale reported: \$583,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000  
 Average sales reported: \$1,302,370

Highest sale reported: \$2,225,000  
 Average sales reported: \$964,232

Sunol (July 25 to Aug. 1)

Total sales reported: 1  
 Lowest sale reported: \$1,000,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$1,000,000  
 Average sales reported: \$1,000,000

Dublin (July 25 to Aug. 1)

Total sales reported: 29  
 Lowest sale reported: \$610,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000  
 Average sales reported: \$949,983

San Ramon (Aug. 14-16)

Total sales reported: 8  
 Lowest sale reported: \$450,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$1,635,000  
 Average sales reported: \$1,184,375

Livermore (July 25 to Aug. 1)

Total sales reported: 28  
 Lowest sale reported: \$500,000

Source: California REsource

## Julia Murtagh



### 4874 DRYWOOD ST. PLEASANTON

Location, Location, Location in West Pleasanton. Updated two story home, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms on a larger lot, 2460 sq.ft. of living space with a stunning back yard. Summer fun with a beautiful pool / spa and built in slide for the kids. Julia represented Buyers on this sale.

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 25 to Aug. 1.

### Pleasanton

- 2156 Alexander Way** E. Andres to J. Yuan for \$840,000
- 5730 Belleza Drive** J. Palutla to H. Qiu for \$850,000
- 5483 Black Avenue #3** A. & R. Kloos to Vora Trust for \$761,000
- 542 Bonita Avenue** H. Kauffman to S. Wang for \$930,000
- 2654 Calle Alegre** C. & C. MacDonald to V. Chandran for \$1,720,000
- 2229 Camino Brazos** Diaz Trust to K. Kim for \$1,320,000
- 7819 Cypress Creek Court** Rinetti Trust to L. Guo for \$1,275,000
- 7855 Cypress Creek Court** Forsythe Trust to D. Huang for \$1,350,000
- 3768 Eastwood Way** Gibson Trust to A. Purohit for \$1,200,000
- 529 Gerard Court** Fralick Trust to Y. Zhu for \$930,000
- 4661 Holland Drive** Hodges Trust to T. George for \$1,050,000
- 2709 Milani Avenue** A. & S. Trivedi to S. Joshi for \$1,005,000
- 637 Norante Court** A. & K. Rana to J. Falcone for \$2,340,000
- 4020 Page Court** C. & K. Denton to M. Subramani for \$1,095,000
- 5621 Paseo Navarro** Ching Trust to W. Reilly for \$1,251,000
- 3720 Raboli Street** Papkoff Trust to E. Cressall for \$2,350,000
- 3346 Santa Rita Road** R. Ramalingam to S. Karanth for \$583,000
- 726 Sylvaner Drive** Talavera Trust to N. Zhan for \$1,140,000
- 1477 Trimmingham Drive** S. Garikipati to H. Bhanushali for \$900,000
- 2691 Turnstone Drive** D. & D. Rocki to G. Shah for \$1,386,000
- 672 Varese Court** Scrivner Trust to C. Zhao for \$2,273,500

- 3529 Villero Court** Sanzari Trust to A. & N. Hebel for \$2,325,000
- 3925 West Las Positas Boulevard** Sickels Trust to H. Du for \$1,080,000

### Dublin

- 5319 Alagro Court** R. & L. Wheat to L. Kothapalli for \$1,025,000
- 7183 Calistoga Lane** Warmington Associates to J. Morales for \$1,159,000
- 4066 Chalk Hill Way** J. Lu to N. Khullar for \$1,240,000
- 4383 Cherico Lane** Z. Zhuang to X. Liu for \$1,065,500
- 4409 Cherico Lane** U. Misra to S. Penna for \$1,089,000
- 7882 Crossridge Road** Lamb Trust to I. Majeed for \$1,021,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #106** T. Freund to V. Gupta for \$617,000
- 5888 Dublin Boulevard** Leung Trust to A. Hawks for \$875,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #104** K. Buxton to S. Kim for \$680,000
- 4366 Fitzwilliam Street** A. Qureshi to Weinstein Trust for \$754,000
- 7747 Gardella Drive** Goodwin Trust to C. Ma for \$1,050,000
- 5985 Hillbrook Place** Vallabhaneni Trust to S. Chandramohan for \$1,060,000
- 7460 Limerick Avenue** Carvacho Trust to A. Serbu for \$910,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #204** Edghill Trust to S. Narindray for \$650,000
- 3360 Maguire Way #213** D. Dicaldo to C. Dharmar for \$635,000
- 3269 Monaghan Street** S. Mabery to E. Broudy for \$750,000
- 8112 Mulberry Place** N. Shankaran to J. Li for \$875,000
- 5615 Newfields Lane** Coleman Trust to K. Desai for \$1,550,000
- 7050 North Mariposa Lane** A. Banu to J. Tondapu for \$882,000

Source: California REsource

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5,329+/- sqft, 17,830+/- lot sqft  
\$2,449,000

7342 JOSHUA CIRCLE, PLEASANTON



3 bedrooms/3 baths  
1,507+/- sqft, 4,500+/- lot sqft  
\$929,000

2211 CORTE MELINA, PLEASANTON



4 bedrooms/2.5 bathrooms  
2,124+/- sqft, 6,914+/- lot sqft  
\$1,249,000

1327 BENEDICT COURT, PLEASANTON



5 bedrooms/3.5 baths  
3,639+/- sqft, 15,497+/- lot sqft  
\$1,958,000

2377 GREENBERRY COURT, PLEASANTON



4 bedrooms/2.5 baths  
2,087+/- sqft, 8,659+/- lot sqft  
\$1,349,000

4026 RENNELLWOOD WAY, PLEASANTON



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1,614+/- sqft, 3,486+/- lot sqft  
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SOLD!



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1275 HILLVIEW DRIVE, LIVERMORE

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