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Brett’s cross-country bicycling trip ended 1,000 miles short of his goal. While crossing through Oklahoma, he crashed, landing on his head. He spent nine days in a coma. Part of his skull was removed to create space for his swelling brain. When he was stable enough to be moved, his family chose Stanford.

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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Pleasanton spearheading recycling education effort

Pleasanton is playing a big role in encouraging recycling across America thanks to Jill Buck, who in 2002 wrote the Go Green Initiative that is now the largest and fastest growing comprehensive environmental education program in the country.

The initiative has even morphed into a hands-on effort to conserve natural resources for future generations and protect human health through environmental stewardship.

It also has hastened the pace of recycling centers. Many cities now require residents and businesses to separate green waste and recyclables from trash headed for landfills. But Buck, the Weekly's 2017 Tri-Valley Heroes recipient for Environmental Stewardship, said more needs to be done as landfills fill up and recyclables lose buyers.

She accompanied students to a Harvest Power compost center in Manteca where they saw how wastes can be kept out of landfills. The company, which operates 25 facilities around the country, recycles two million tons of organics a year, creating 40 million bags and hundreds of cubic yards of quality soils and mulches in the process.

In the near future, refuse companies may have image-sensing cameras to detect toxic materials and other contaminants being tossed into their trucks. Homeowners or businesses responsible for the flaw could then automatically be issued a citation.

"Every good thing that has been accomplished by the program started right here in Pleasanton," Buck said in remarks made recently at a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. "It's been the support of this community that's made everything possible."

It all started when Buck was serving as the PTA president at Walnut Grove Elementary where her older daughter was attending school. A former Navy officer whose job entailed educating fellow officers about then-new recycling mandates across the federal government, Buck was surprised to find the practice missing from her daughter's school.

"We were teaching 18-year-old

sailors to do it and it was beyond me why we weren't teaching elementary school students to do it at the time," she recalled.

Buck said she wanted to jumpstart recycling at Walnut Grove, but knew that unless teachers added their support, the program would fail.

So, she enlisted the support of local organizations to raise \$345,000 to buy recycling bins and fund mini-grants for teachers interested in spearheading the project.

"We offered incentives," Buck explained. "I was on campus every day and if I saw kids actually recycling in a classroom, the teacher received a \$100 mini-grant. Once that happened, all of the classrooms were recycling overnight."

As adviser for Local Leaders of the 21st Century at Amador Valley High School, Buck arranges guest speakers and field trips for students, such as to the Vasco Road Landfill as part of their study of Pleasanton's waste system. The concept, Buck pointed out, is to enable students to enact change themselves.

In their first year, they found an environmental initiative to work on right away when the city of Pleasanton began implementing an ordinance mandating that businesses that generate a lot of food scraps to sort those from their trash.

They took it upon themselves to go out and educate community members about the new policy, giving a presentation at a Pleasanton school board meeting and at an informational meeting for businesses that was hosted by the city.

At that point, Buck turned her attention eastward, taking her initiative first to New Jersey schools in Camden and Newark, and then beyond. Since then, the initiative's reach has grown to all 50 states and 72 countries.

Today, more than 2.5 million students are now following the Go Green Initiative, doing what Pleasanton kids started back in 2002 — quite an accomplishment by Buck. ■

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

Our 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes are (standing, from left) Bryan Ware of The Crayon Initiative (Environmental Stewardship), Dr. Marshall Kamena (Lifetime Achievement), Ramesh Immadi of Cricket for Cubs (Community Spirit), Sarah Banholzer (Courage), Samuel Lum (representing Meachelle Lum, Rising Star) and (sitting, from left) Dan McGovern of Eugene O'Neill Foundation (Arts & Culture), Doug Miller (Role Model) and Ruchir Baronia (Innovation). Photo by Mike Sedlak.

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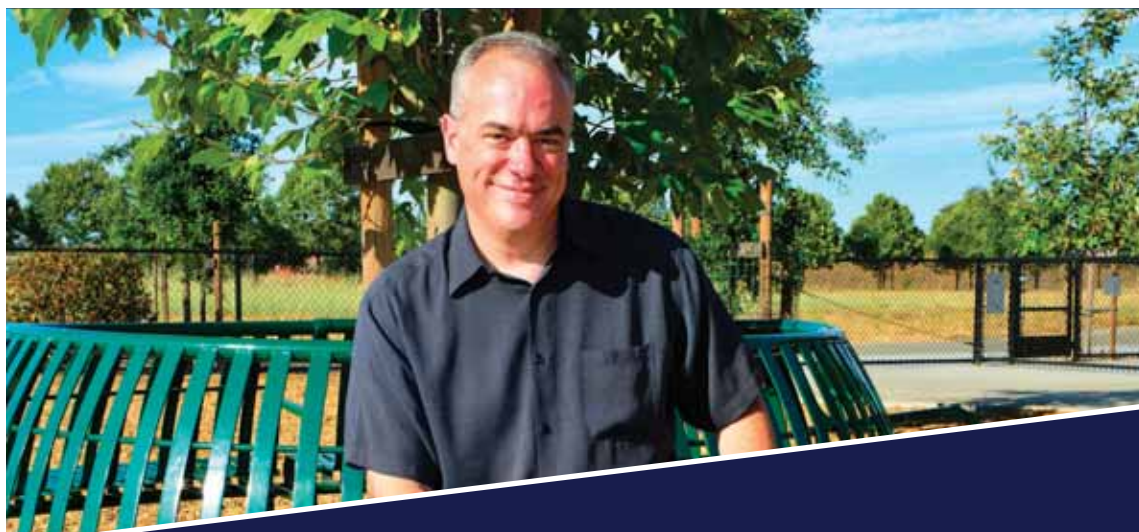
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What three liquids could you not live without?



Angel Perez

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Reid Swanson

Pre-kindergarten student

Vitamin Water because it tastes good, milk because it helps me to grow and makes my bones strong, and regular water because it makes me un-thirsty.



Erika Swanson

Clinical psychologist

Water and coffee, for obvious reasons. And white wine vinegar. I use it for everything. It is great for cleansing and disinfecting. When you have young children, those are important things to always keep in mind.



Noelle Hailey

Account manager

Wine, hands down, for sure. And water that I can drink because it is so important to stay well hydrated. And salty ocean water too, because the beach is my happy place. Being near the ocean always calms me and makes me feel good and at peace.



Kevin Roessler

Kitchen designer

Wine, water and blood. I like to drink wine and water. Often at the same time. And I couldn't live if I didn't have blood coursing constantly through my veins.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Foothill Band Review

Nearly three dozen middle and high school bands are set to take to the streets of downtown Pleasanton this Saturday for the 44th annual Foothill High School Band Review.

The bands will perform in a parade on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The day will conclude with a field show at the Foothill stadium from 2:45-10:30 p.m., with 27 marching bands performing.

Field show admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. The downtown parade is free. For more information, visit foothillmusic.org.

Dublin IKEA debate

The decision on the IKEA lifestyle retail center in Dublin likely will be made next month after the Nov. 6 election.

Last week, the Dublin City Council held a long public hearing and discussion on the IKEA project proposed at Interstate 580 and Hacienda Drive. The council, because of the late hour, decided to postpone the decision and it was delayed until Nov. 8.

By then, at least two council members, Abe Gupta and Janice Thalblum, will be in lame-duck status. Gupta did not stand for re-election on Nov. 6, while Thalblum had committed to the council that she would not run when she was appointed to fill the remaining months of the late Don Biddle's term. Plus, Mayor David Haubert is facing a spirited challenge from Councilman Arun Goel, so there potentially could be three votes in the lame-duck status.

Talking with council candidates and incumbents, many were pleased by the addition of the lifestyle retail and parking underground in the current proposal compared to the original plan.

Drug Take-Back Day

This Saturday is National Drug Take-Back Day and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office will have four drop-off sites open for free, confidential and safe disposal of expired, unused and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

The DA's Office sites include the East County Hall of Justice at 5151 Gleason Drive in Dublin. The other locations will be at courthouses in Oakland, Fremont and Alameda.

All collection sites also accept unused pet medication. Safe disposal of over-the-counter and prescription medication is essential to prevent the misuse of these substances, and to end the harmful environmental impacts of disposing of them in landfill or through the water system, officials said. ■

School board discusses tentative agreement with teachers union

Also: Lydiksen rebuild project changing course, series of recognitions, Unity Day

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton Unified School District trustees received a report on a tentative agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers bargaining unit during a four-hour-long board meeting Tuesday night.

No action was taken Tuesday night, as this was just a discussion and an opportunity for the public to consider the agreement in advance

of its prospective approval, said Julio Hernandez, assistant superintendent of human resources. The item had been slated for the meeting's end, but was moved up due to the late hour.

The proposed contract includes a 2.5% salary increase to the 2018-19 salary schedule, retroactive to July 1.

"I'm really pleased that we're able to offer our employees a raise," Trustee Joan Laursen said.

District staff from the Business

Services Department estimate the cost of the tentative agreement to be \$2,163,073, though the exact cost won't be known until payroll runs.

Along with salary increases, the contract allocates an annual stipend of \$1,250 for speech language pathologists, behavior specialists, nurses and social workers. It also revises the language regarding leaves of absence in order to be in compliance with the California Family Rights

Act, Hernandez said, specifically amending items relating to child bonding leave and to how employees accrue hours of service.

The agreement also includes instructional calendars for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years, along with start and end dates for the 2021-22 year.

"We agreed with APT that we

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Joined here by "Family Feud" host Steve Harvey, Team Valladon consists of (from left) Scott, Christine, Tara (Walker), Leslie and Josh.

Local family on 'Family Feud'

Valladon clan's three-episode run airs starting today

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton residents will have the opportunity to root for a local family appearing on Season 20 of "Family Feud" this weekend, sharing in their triumphs, laughs and embarrassments.

Pleasanton's Valladon family made a three-episode run on "Family Feud" hosted by Steve Harvey, with their pre-recorded episodes scheduled to air weeknights from tonight through Tuesday, with reruns to broadcast in the future.

"Thank God we had (the girls), otherwise we would have been screwed," team captain Josh Valladon said of his family.

Team Valladon consisted of Josh, his wife Leslie, sister Tara (Walker), cousin Scott and cousin-in-law Christine. Josh told the Weekly each family member brought different energy that created a strong and complementary team.

"I would say my cousin and I are over-the-top competitive ...

But then you have the three girls who are probably less competitive, but definitely the best on the team. So it was kind of a unique dynamic, but we had a good mix of really laid-back girls and high-strung guys that worked really well," he said.

Josh said that the process for being selected for the show was remarkably easy. Josh and Leslie have been fans of the show for years, and while they had been interested in competing, had never pulled the trigger. Until one day they signed up online almost on a whim, and soon after that they were invited to audition in Berkeley.

"It was probably the most fun experience I've ever had," Josh said. "I would recommend it to any family that's outgoing or watches the show. It is not as hard as you would think it would be to get on; it's definitely worth trying out."

While the Valladon family is not yet allowed to give away spoilers

on how they performed — and how much money they may have won — Josh did speak of an embarrassing answer that is sure to be an instant "Family Feud" classic moment.

The moment occurred when Harvey asked "if it were up to me, I'd never 'blank' again." With zero hesitation, Scott answers "cheat" — much to the delight of Harvey.

"That's the dumbest thing you could have said," Harvey responded through tears of laughter. "What are you, an idiot? What did you say it for? It's not gonna be up there."

"Keep in mind, his wife is on our team," Josh chuckled. "Obviously it was just the first thing that came to his mind ... but it was pretty funny."

Team Valladon's appearances on "Family Feud" are scheduled to be shown tonight, Monday and Tuesday, on CBS 5 and the CW. Be sure to check your local listings for accurate times. ■

Zone 7 narrowly OKs rate increases

Agency: Hikes necessary for reserves, water reliability

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors approved new water rate increases for the next four years in a 4-3 vote at its regular meeting last week.

About a dozen community members and a few retailer representatives showed up to the three-hour-long meeting Oct. 17 in Livermore, primarily voicing concerns about the rate increases, but also expressing appreciation to the water agency for improved transparency and dialogue with the public.

The board decided to approve the staff-recommended option to increase water rates by about 3.7% per year, plus add a 3% consumer price index adjustment, bringing the overall annual increase to 6.7%.

This scenario will fund three of the agency's reserves at target levels, provide \$3 million for water supply reliability projects and account for a gradually increasing fixed charge component from 35-45% by 2022. The fixed charge increase was included in all the options evaluated.

Directors Dick Quigley, Sarah Palmer, Dennis Gambis and Bill Stevens voted in favor of the recommended scenario one, with directors Olivia Sanwong, Angela Ramirez Holmes and Sandy Figuers voting against it. Though they did not state why they voted against the motion, the dissent appeared to be somewhat a matter of minor differences of opinion on details — "semantics," in the words of a few

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Council honors Pleasanton businesses for milestone anniversaries

Pleasanton Ready Mix leads the way, celebrating 50 years in operation

BY JEREMY WALSH

The City Council hosted a standing-room-only ceremony last week to recognize Pleasanton-based businesses — large and small — marking milestone anniversaries this year.

Mayor Jerry Thorne and his fellow council members handed out dozens of awards to business owners to commemorate their tenure in Pleasanton during what ceremony emcee Pamela Ott, the city's economic development director, called her favorite night of the year for the city.

"Our city's quality of life is closely connected to the success of our business community, and we are



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete Inc. representatives were recognized by the City Council last week for their company's 50th anniversary.

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TV30 airing local 'Election Specials'

Pleasanton episode features all four City Council candidates

BY JEREMY WALSH

With Election Day just over a week away, TV30 is reminding voters in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore to check out the station's nonpartisan "Election Specials," highlighting candidates in those communities' city and school board races.

The five separate "Election Specials," produced by Tri-Valley Community Television, feature the 23 candidates who accepted the station's invitation to share their views on issues facing the Tri-Valley. The programs are streaming now on the TV30 website as well as being broadcast on local access stations at various dates and times through Election Day on Nov. 6.

The Pleasanton special includes Tom Morrison interviewing each of the four candidates running for City Council: incumbent Kathy Narum and challengers Julie Testa, Joe Streng and Joseph Ledoux.

Mayor Jerry Thorne, who is on the ballot uncontested, was not featured.

The "Pleasanton City Council Election Special" is airing on TV30 on Mondays 9 p.m., Tuesdays 11 a.m., Wednesdays 11 a.m., Thursdays 4 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m.

The Dublin city special, featuring mayor and council candidates, is airing on TV30 on Mondays 11 a.m., Tuesdays 5 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m., Thursdays 12 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. and Sundays 7 a.m.

The Livermore mayor and city council episode is airing on TV30 on Mondays 10 a.m., Tuesdays 6 p.m., Wednesdays 8 a.m., Thursdays 11 a.m., Fridays 12 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. and Sundays 6 a.m.

Tri-Valley TV also interviewed candidates for the governing boards of Dublin Unified School District and Livermore Valley Joint Unified

School District. The Pleasanton Unified School District has forgone an election after incumbents Joan Laursen and Mark Miller were the only candidates to file for the race — they were reappointed without an election.

The Dublin school board special is being broadcast on TV28 on Fridays 6 a.m., Sundays 6:30 a.m., Mondays 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 1 p.m. and Thursdays 4 p.m.

The Livermore school board episode is being broadcast on TV28 on Fridays 7 a.m., Saturdays 12 p.m., Sundays 7 a.m., Mondays 5 p.m., Tuesdays 5 p.m., Wednesdays 12 p.m. and Thursdays 3 p.m.

The specials are airing on Comcast channels 28, 29 and 30 and AT&T U-Verse via Channel 99, as well as streaming live at tv30.org. They will repeat up to Election Day. Television broadcast days and times may be subject to change. ■



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Swingin' at Hart

Hart Middle School students twist and twirl at the annual swing dancing finale, this year held Oct. 5. All seventh- and eighth-grade students at Hart learned the basics in P.E., and those who wanted to take the dance further could participate in the competition.

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ZONE 7

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directors, who also asserted that they would re-examine the rates in two years.

Zone 7, which serves as the potable water wholesaler for southern Tri-Valley water service providers such as the city of Pleasanton, held a series of public meetings on the upcoming water rates decision starting at the end of August, during which they presented various options based off a recent cost study by utility consultant Raftelis.

Two options were specifically discussed Wednesday night, though Board President Ramirez Holmes emphasized early in the meeting that all options were still on the table.

The variables for the different scenarios included the timeline of the schedule to how much funds would be directed to the operating, emergency and drought contingency reserves.

Ultimately, the board settled on the staff recommendation of scenario one — though directors noted the close similarities between the two presented options.

“The difference is pennies,” Quigley said.

The second scenario presented would have still allocated \$3 million for water supply reliability projects, but would fund just the operating and emergency reserves

at target levels, while the drought contingency reserve would be funded at the minimum level — resulting in a 3% rate increase, instead of 3.7%.

All calculations are based off measurements in centum cubic feet (ccf), which is equivalent to 748 gallons of water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average American uses 100 gallons of water per day, and when considering the future water rates, staff looked at households that consume 10, 15 and 20 ccf per month, respectively.

In 2018, the total charge per ccf was \$3.18, which included \$1.14 for fixed costs and \$2.04 for variable charges. Under the newly passed schedule, that total will increase to \$3.33 next year, \$3.53 in 2020, \$3.73 in 2021 and \$3.96 in 2022.

Scenario two would have the total charge per ccf to \$3.31 in 2019, \$3.48 in 2020, \$3.66 in 2021 and \$3.86 in 2022.

For single-family-home Pleasanton customers using 10 ccf of water per month (who are currently seeing a bimonthly water bill of \$50.21), this would amount to a \$2.70 bimonthly increase — this accounts for the city’s bimonthly fixed charge increase of 80 cents and variable cost increase of \$0.012 that will happen in 2019. For customers using 20 ccf (a current bimonthly water bill of \$81.81), that

difference comes out to \$4.60.

Kathleen Yurchak from the city of Pleasanton and Dan McIntyre from Dublin San Ramon Services District spoke to the Zone 7 board during the public comments period, representing two of the agency’s four retailers. Officials from the city of Livermore and Cal Water did not speak.

However, the two retailers present had opposing positions on the rate increases.

Yurchak, speaking on behalf of the city as director of operations and water utilities, presented a resolution the City Council had passed the previous night, urging the Zone 7 board to delay its vote so the city and the public could further analyze the proposed rates, and asking the agency to revisit its reserve policy.

“We’d also like you to consider taking out bonds for your capital projects,” Yurchak said. “And looking at the useful life of those projects, to ensure the future users pay their fair share of those projects.”

But McIntyre didn’t think Zone 7 is going far enough in funding reserves and water supply reliability projects.

“Looking at water reliability for the Tri-Valley, the do-nothing option will have catastrophic consequences for the Tri-Valley,” McIntyre said. “It is unthinkable that we will not do one or more water reliability projects.”

“The idea of \$3 million over four years doesn’t seem like the best start

on that now,” he added.

He asked the board to make their final rates decision by the end of November, so that DSRSD could be more accurate in moving forward with their own rate adjustments.

Staff had previously proposed allocating \$9 million to \$15.2 million for water supply reliability projects over the next four years, but they reduced this down to \$3 million at the board’s direction.

When discussing how to proceed, the board discussion centered largely on the rate schedule’s timeline and on ensuring the agency is prepared for a future drought. Directors pointed to California’s most recent drought, which depleted the drought reserve by \$26 million — neither option presented will replenish this, they said.

Sanwong referenced one public speaker who had said the agency needed to be good stewards of ratepayers’ dollars.

“We also need to be good stewards in planning for these emergency scenarios, such as a drought,” she said.

Palmer added that in order to be able to pursue a debt-financing option, as was suggested by Pleasanton, they would need to retain good credit scores — determined in part by the state of their reserves.

Timeline-wise, staff said that some retailers preferred longer time periods, for planning purposes — a perspective McIntyre confirmed

when he spoke, adding that DSRSD would prefer a five or six-year schedule.

Stevens also noted that the water agency needed to remain competitive salary-wise, in order to retain employees.

“You cannot keep the employees unless you pay them,” Stevens said. “We want to steal them from everybody else in the water industry. That 3% (CPI) is a minimum level that we need to maintain our employees, because our water treatment plants have to be maintained, 24/7.”

Eight audience members spoke during the public comments period on this item, many of whom lauded the current board and staff for improved transparency and communication with the public.

“I want to second a prior speaker’s compliment to you as a board, for being much better about, I feel, this year, about being transparent and welcoming communication from community members,” said resident Tish Niehans.

However, several also asked Zone 7 to delay the vote, in accordance with the city of Pleasanton’s wishes, and to really think about the impact of the increases on customers.

“When you’re on a fixed income, and you don’t see those increases in income all the time, (rate increases) keeps dropping you down,” Joe Cunningham said. “Your status is getting pretty low.” ■

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East Bay Regional Park District Ward 5

Nov. 6, 2018

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Unanimous.



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EAST BAY TIMES

October 13, 2018

"Measure U would impact every dentist, optometrist, podiatrist and individual or group health care provider.... Some doctors... are already threatening to pick up and move to nearby cities.... The city of Livermore is estimating the cost at \$750,000 to set up the program and \$2 million a year to run it. **Ouch.... Vote No on Measure U."**

THE *Independent*

Thursday, October 4, 2018

"Vote No on Measure U"

"The setup cost is estimated to be \$1 million, and the annual expense \$1.9 million. These are taxpayer funds that could otherwise be used for police, fire and library services.... Insurance companies stand to win.... To protect health care options in Livermore, **vote 'no' on Measure U.**"

Pleasanton Weekly

October 5, 2018

"The proposal is a wolf in sheep's clothing.... Not only will it fail to help consumers and create perverse incentives for medical centers to cut staffing levels, but it will also saddle the city with the need to hire a staff of experts to analyze and oversee the charges being made by almost all medical professionals, including individual practitioners, dentists and orthodontists.... **Vote No on Measure U."**

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Valley Community Church celebrates 50 years

Anniversary service includes special candle-lighting, city commendation

Valley Community Church recently commemorated its 50th anniversary, with the congregation marking the occasion with a three-day celebration at the church just outside Pleasanton.

The weekend-long celebration featured a Friday worship night Sept. 28, followed by a well-attended church barbecue that Saturday and then a special anniversary service that Sunday.

“Founded in 1968, the church has worked prayerfully to seek the good of the city,” church officials said in a statement. “VCC exists to make, mature and mobilize apprentices of Jesus marked by a welcoming and giving attitude — learning and rejoicing in God and telling others about His love.”

The Sept. 30 service included Mayor Jerry Thorne presenting a special commendation on behalf of the city government. The event concluded with a candle-lighting during which former pastors passed the flame to current pastor,



Poignant candle-lighting concludes Valley Community Church’s 50th anniversary service.

Heath Hardesty, who then led them in lighting the candles of the entire congregation while encouraging them to “carry the fire” for another 50 years.

In presenting the commendation,

Thorne said, “This church has shown up for the community in so many important ways, from feeding the hungry and helping the

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ANNIVERSARIES

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pleased to recognize and honor the milestones of these businesses,” Ott said after the council presentations at the Civic Center on Oct. 16.

“Pleasanton is home to companies across an array of industries and sizes — all of whom offer employment, services and products to our residents,” she added. “The council’s recognition of these 175 companies offers a public opportunity to celebrate the value of these wonderful businesses and to thank them for their many years in Pleasanton.”

The council spent nearly half an

hour honoring the businesses in town that have a milestone anniversary in 2018 — celebrating 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years in operation.

Highest on this year’s list were Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete at 50 years and Dutchover & Associates at 40 years.

The honorees spanned the spectrum, from large companies including Black Tie Transportation (20 years) and Thermo Fisher Scientific (15) to recognizable brands like Abercrombie & Fitch (15), Federal Express (20) and Raley’s (30) to Pleasanton small-business staples such as Towne Center Books, Jue’s Taekwon Do, Hop Yard Alehouse & Grill and

Pleasanton Jewelers, each at 20 years.

There were also nonprofits such as Tri-Valley REACH (20), religious facilities led by St. Augustine Church (30) and personal services like Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (15), Pleasanton Lucky Cleaners (20) and Old Republic Title Company (30).

Pleasanton Ready Mix was among the nearly 30 businesses whose representatives were recognized during the council ceremony after accepting the city’s invitation.

The other groups honored at the event were:

- 30 years: Team Glass Inc.
 - 25 years: Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, Brian Keller Concrete Construction/Consulting, Clapp Moroney Vucinich Beeman & Scheley PC, Jue’s Taekwon Do, Mountain Mike’s Pizza, Playgrounds by Design Inc., Pleasant View Church of Christ and Valley Business Park Owners Association.
 - 20 years: Amador Valley Chiropractic, Art Garcia Concrete Construction Inc., Connex, DB General Contracting Inc., Diagnostic Biosystems, Ester Lisa P. Domingo DDS, QES Computers Inc., Tri-Valley REACH and US Bank.
 - 15 years: Extended Day Child Care Inc., Flaunt Hair Designs, Hairlights Salon, Heart of the Valley Pediatric Cardiology, Mexico Lindo, NDE Analytical, Noland’s Cake Shop, Pleasanton Gynecology, Real Protection Inc., Visual Eyes Optometry and Western Traffic Supply Inc.
- A full list of the 2018 business anniversaries is available on the city website. ■



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Party for the Pooches

The fifth annual Party for the Pooches raised more than \$41,000 to support Pleasanton-based nonprofit Valley Humane Society. Held at the home of Gina Piper (Valley Humane board chair) and Shawn Farrell, the festive backyard gala earlier this fall drew more than 225 attendees and featured auctions and raffles, wood-fired pizza, live music, wine and beer, and homemade desserts, with 100% of proceeds going to the nonprofit’s mission to provide programs and care for companion animals in the Tri-Valley.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Public Notice

Applications Requested for Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee
The Pleasanton Unified School District seeks community members for the Measure I1 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, for school and classroom safety renovation, construction and modernization.

The community members for which the District seeks applications are:

- Two members who are Representatives-at-large
- One member who is active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization

Interested parties please submit a letter of qualification and an application. **The deadline is 5 p.m. on November 5, 2018.**

Applications are available at the Pleasanton Unified School District Business Office, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or by calling (925) 426-4307, or emailing jwolfinger@pleasantonusd.net, mochoa@pleasantonusd.net, or website (www.pleasantonusd.net) and are available at all school site administrative offices.

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With new wildfires threatening our local communities, PG&E is partnering with our customers in high fire-threat areas to accelerate and expand our vegetation management work. We will be examining and addressing critical vegetation across 7,100 miles of power lines.

The 2018 wildfire season is already one of the worst on record — with more than 1.5 million acres burned and more than 1,000 homes lost. And it's not over yet. With the wildfire risk increasing at an alarming pace, the 2018 wildfire activity is on track to exceed the 2017 wildfire season, which was the most destructive on record.

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- **Step 1:** Our safety inspectors will be in your neighborhood to determine what vegetation may need to be trimmed or removed.
- **Step 2:** If needed, we will mark trees that need to be addressed and contact you to discuss the results of the safety inspection.
- **Step 3:** We will perform safety work shortly after the inspection.
- **Step 4:** We will plan to begin wood debris removal within a few weeks after completion of the safety work (unless you would like to keep it).

Now, and in the years ahead, we must all work together to be better prepared for wildfires.

KEEPING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

You can help keep your family and neighbors safe by maintaining defensible space around your home and property. We recommend you regularly trim bushes and trees, remove any dry or dead vegetation and be sure to leave space between trees and plants.



To learn if you live in a high fire-threat area and what you can do to keep your community safe, please visit pge.com/wildfiresafety.

Axis: Covered CA open enrollment underway

Nonprofit making counselors available to help with questions, concerns

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Open enrollment for Covered California health care plans has started, and Axis Community Health is offering assistance for those with questions or concerns.

The Covered California enrollment window began Oct. 15 and ends Jan. 15, 2019. In addition to having counselors on-hand to answer any questions, Axis officials will be hosting information sessions in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

“Health insurance can be confusing. If you have questions or concerns about enrolling we can help,” said Paula Barriga, community relations manager for Axis. “An Axis enrollment counselor can help determine if someone is eligible for Medi-Cal, Covered California or CalFresh during a free enrollment assistance appointment.”

Covered California provides plans from private insurance companies for qualifying U.S. citizens and documented immigrants. Individuals qualify if they make \$48,560 or less, while for a

family of four, the income limit is \$100,400.

Pre-existing conditions will not bar applicants from coverage, and those eligible can receive financial assistance to help cover plan and service costs. In order to be covered by Jan. 1, applicants need to enroll by Dec. 15, and all plans purchased during the open enrollment period will last through the end of 2019.

“It’s important that consumers not miss the three-month window for Covered CA or they may not have another opportunity to enroll,” Barriga said.

Axis counselors are also available to help eligible locals enroll in Medi-Cal or renew Medi-Cal coverage. Medi-Cal eligibility is determined through income and other qualifying requirements — the income limit is \$16,754 for individuals and \$34,638 for a family of four.

Medi-Cal enrollment is open year-round.

Counselors at the community health center are available for in-person assistance in both English

Covered California information sessions

- **Information table at Pleasanton Library**
400 Old Bernal Ave.
Nov. 2 and Dec. 7,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Information table at Dublin Library**
200 Civic Plaza
Nov. 5 and Dec. 10, 1-4 p.m.
- **Information table at Las Positas College**
3000 Campus Hill Drive,
Livermore
Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m.
- **Covered CA and Medi-Cal Basics presentation at Springtown Library**
998 Bluebell Drive,
Livermore
Nov. 27, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

and Spanish on Mondays through Fridays at sites in Livermore and Pleasanton. To set up an appointment, call 462-1755. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Out at sea: Aboard the Emerald Princess Cruise ship during an Alaskan cruise are (from left) Dennis Carr, Kathie Carr, Paul Martens, Sue Connolly, John Huk, Mary Huk, Ellen Aguirre and Joe Aguirre.

CHURCH

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homeless, to partnering with the school district on the parking lot next to the building, and investing in our downtown community by opening Inklings coffeehouse, as a way to be fully present and integrated into the fabric of this great community.”

“You’ve demonstrated that church is not a place, but a people who carry the fire of their faith into the community and everyday make it better,” he added. “Valley Community Church has been an incredible partner to Pleasanton and we look forward to our continued partnership.”

Valley Community Church meets on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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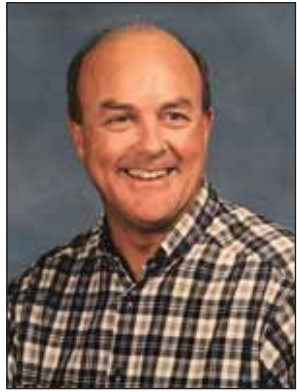


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Joseph Rolland Freitas

June 8, 1939 – October 14, 2018

Joseph Rolland “Joe” Freitas passed from this life on October 14, 2018 in Pleasanton, CA. As was his style, he was surrounded by family and friends until the end. Born in Vallejo, CA, on June 8, 1939, Joe was a proud Santa Clara University Bronco (Class of ’61) who valued his classmates as lifelong friends. Joe retired from ServiceMaster as an environmental services manager at San Jose State in 2006, then enjoyed traveling with his family, refurbishing his home in Ben Lomond, and sharing smiles on his weekly Meals for Wheels route. Joe lived by the motto, “Let go, and let God.”



He is survived by wife Ellen, sons Joe (Elizabeth) of Livermore; Jim of Pleasanton and John (Crystal) of San Leandro, brother Tom (Claudia) of Santa Clara and sister Jolaine (Rob) of Fair Oaks. He loved his five grandchildren, seven nieces and nephews and the blessings of his extended family through his 23 year marriage to Ellen. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Elaine, and brother, Jerry.

Services, followed by a reception, will be held at 11:00 am on October 25 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. He will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Vallejo. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County, 1777 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

PAID OBITUARY

Virginia Graf Waldron

August 24, 1929 – October 13, 2018

Virginia (Ginny) Graf Waldron, 89, long time resident of Pleasanton went to meet her Lord on October 13, 2018 due to complications of pneumonia.

Ginny was born on August 24, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois to Florence and William Graf. She was raised in Chicago along with her brother, Bill and sister, Betty. In June 1950, Ginny graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Liberal Arts. After college, she worked as a secretary for Continental Casualty Insurance until she moved to California in 1954 in search of job opportunities and a better climate for her parents who would join her.

In 1956, Ginny met the love of her life, Dick Waldron, and they were married for 47 years until Dick’s death in 2001.

Ginny had great faith which she lived daily and passed on to her children who surrounded her as she went home to be with her Lord and beloved husband, Dick. She is survived by her son Jim of Pleasanton; son, John, wife, Julie and children Grant and Grace of Rancho Palos Verdes; daughter Susan Feldman, husband, Doug and children John and Alison of Granite Bay; and daughter Julie Lawrence, husband Steve and daughters Michelle and Renee of Huntington Beach; and her faithful Bichon Buddy.

A Celebration of Ginny’s Life will be held on Sunday, November 4 at noon at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Ginny’s honor.

A life well lived!



PAID OBITUARY

SCHOOL BOARD

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would try to get two calendars ahead, so that we could make some planning ahead of time,” Hernandez said.

The agreement is scheduled to return to the board for potential approval at their Nov. 13 regular meeting.

The board’s agenda listed the APT salary increase for a final vote Tuesday night, but district staff says that verbiage was a typo. District administration recommends approval of the deal.

In other business

- The board heard a report on the Lydiksen Elementary School modernization and rebuild project.

Last time this project came before the board was in March, when trustees had approved its conceptual design. And in June, the district published a notice for bids for the modular building portion of the project. They only received one response, however, and at \$21.3 million, JL Modular’s bid was about \$6.5 million above the engineer’s estimate.

So after discussing options with JL Modular and the designer Aedis Architects, district staff are looking into various cost-cutting, “value engineering” possibilities, according to Nick Olsen, director of facilities and construction. Some of these include combining the TK building and the kindergarten cluster, removing from the plans a staff restroom or the large covered patio, and just overall reducing the project’s scope.

“The best way to cut costs in a project like this is to cut square footage,” Olsen said.

They plan to continue updating the project design with the value engineering recommendations

included, and then putting out a call for bids again in December.

- Board members approved a proposal to combine two Measure II bond projects, advancing \$5.783 million of bond funds by two years.

The projects combined the high school portable replacement project with the new high school science lab project at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, moving the science lab funds from Issuance C (2022) to Issuance B (2019).

A key benefit of doing this, Olsen said, is cost saving — approximately \$1.2 million per campus, by mitigating escalation costs and through savings from economies of scale. By moving up funds and combining the projects, the move will also minimize disruption on campus, he added.

- Earlier in the meeting, the board presented a series of public recognitions.

Two Harvest Park Middle School employees, librarian assistant Sue King and head custodian Stacey Leal, were honored as “Purveyors of Hope,” due to their efforts following the fire that erupted at the school’s library over the summer.

Next, parents and guardians on the Special Needs Committee were recognized as “Champions of Change,” for their work in work in raising ability awareness throughout the district.

Trustees also recognized Jeff Solomon from D-Prep Incorporated for leading safety training workshops for district staff, and finally the students from the Amador Valley High School Local Leaders of the 21st Century, who were previously honored by Innovation Tri-Valley as “Dreammakers and Risktakers,” were singled out for leading environmental stewardship efforts at their school and in the region.

- In her usual report, APT

President Janice Clark pulled out a few items on the consent calendar referencing district contracts with nonpublic schools and agencies to provide additional services for special education students.

Clark voiced the concern that PUSD was hiring outside specialists, rather than seeking to meet these standards within the district itself.

“Our district is having to resort to contracting expensive outside contractors because we are failing to attract and retain new hires in these specialized fields,” she said.

The items passed along with the other collection of items on the consent agenda, with the exception of 11.3, regarding HVAC replacement at Pleasanton Middle School, which was pulled for the next school board meeting on Nov. 13.

- Board members approved a resolution in support of Bay Area United Against Hate Week from Nov. 11-18, and proclaimed Oct. 24 to be Unity Day. The board and staff took turns to read aloud the resolution.

“When communities work together against intolerance, we can restore respect and civil discourse, embrace the strength of diversity and build inclusive and equitable communities for all,” the resolution reads.

Clark took note of this item as well in her comments, adding that bullying and cyberbullying against teachers is on the rise, and that goals of inclusion need to consider them as well.

- Staff from the Educational Services Department presented a report on the district’s intervention and integration specialists program, which centers on supporting students who qualify as English learners, special needs, socio-economically disadvantaged, gifted and talented and homeless and foster youth.

The report highlighted a variety of support systems in place, including during access and flex periods, along with the use of technological interventions for students. The presenters also emphasized the key importance of lesson design, as a way to best help all students learn.

“We are the connectors, from the curriculum department, to the administrators, to the teachers, to the students and even their parents,” said Lisa Highfill, an instructional technology coach in the district.

- Trustees received a report on the results from the California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance (CAASPP), which were released earlier this month.

This assessment is given to all students statewide in grades 3-8 and 11. While overall data didn’t show a great deal of change in results, said presenter Pam VandeKamp, the director of assessment and accountability.

However, she noted that English learners and students with disabilities were performing at higher levels, indicating that the district’s targeted interventions for these sub-groups in particular were helping to close achievement gaps. ■

Jerry Lynn Hill

August 20, 1943 – October 16, 2018

Mr. Jerry Lynn Hill, of St. Louis, Missouri was born on August 20, 1943 in Los Angeles, California, to the late Dorothea Marguerite Hill and the late Paul Wesley Hill who passed away at age 75 on October 16, 2018 in Pleasanton, California. Jerry served in the Air Force from 1963 to 1966. He was the owner of Jerry’s Exxon in Pleasanton.

Jerry was married to his loving wife, Pat for 51 years. He was preceded in death by his brothers, James Hill and Paul Hill. Jerry is survived by his son, Jeff Hill; daughter, Jennifer Hoobing; sisters, Shirley Sutcliffe and Mary Peterson; and grandchildren, Abby Hoobing, Zack Hoobing, Lindsay Hill, and Madison Hill.

Jerry enjoyed his family most of all. He also liked fishing, western movies, Oakland Raiders football, The St. Louis Cardinals, and San Jose Sharks hockey. He was a very proud resident of Pleasanton and volunteered tirelessly with the Jaycees and Pleasanton Lions Club. His Scleroderma benefit golf tournament was his true calling and helped raise over \$200,000 for research.

Friends and family members are welcome to attend the celebration of life service on a later date.



PAID OBITUARY

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Man sentenced to 30 years to life for double-fatal DUI crash

A Livermore man was sentenced last Friday to 30 years to life for killing a mother and her baby in a drunk-driving crash in Livermore in 2015.

Brian Jones, 39, was convicted last Nov. 13 of two counts of second-degree murder for causing the deaths of 46-year-old Esperanza Morales-Rodriguez of Seaside and her 14-month-old daughter, Ulidia Perez-Morales, on May 2, 2015.

Prosecutors and police said Jones lost control of his car while driving under the influence of alcohol and killed Morales-Rodriguez and her daughter when he crashed into an apartment complex in the 900 block of Murrieta Boulevard just before 6:50 p.m. that day.

Police said debris from the crash also struck two boys ages 6 and 7, who were taken to a hospital for treatment.

In addition to the two murder counts, Jones was convicted of felony driving while intoxicated for injuring the 7-year-old boy.

Livermore police said Jones had attended the Livermore Wine Country Festival before the collision and Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said his blood-alcohol content was 0.14%, well above the legal limit for drinking and driving.

O'Malley said Jones was under the influence of alcohol as he drove his

car at speeds ranging from 75 mph to 99 mph through residential streets in Livermore.

Jones' lawyer Ernie Castillo asked that Jones be allowed to serve his two second-degree convictions concurrently for a total of only 15 years to life but Alameda County Superior Court Judge Paul Delucchi ruled that Jones should serve them consecutively for a total of 30 years to life.

Castillo said after the sentencing that Delucchi acknowledged that Jones genuinely is remorseful for what he did and that a parole board should take that under consideration when he's eligible for parole.

Castillo said Jones has an appellate lawyer lined up to seek a new trial based on the defense's contention that there was juror misconduct during his trial late last year.

Delucchi ruled before Jones' trial began that the prosecution couldn't tell jurors that Jones has a prior conviction for driving while intoxicated in Sacramento County in 2003 because that information would be prejudicial.

But Castillo said that when a female juror told other jurors during deliberations that she would vote to convict Jones of gross vehicular manslaughter instead of second-degree murder, another female juror, in an attempt to get her to change her mind, told her in front of the entire panel about Jones' prior conviction.

Castillo said Delucchi dismissed the juror who disclosed Jones' prior conviction but he also dismissed the juror who had reported that juror's comments.

Castillo said he believes "jurors used external information to

deliberate, which is a violation of fundamental principles of constitutional law and the right to a fair trial."

In his closing argument in the case, Castillo admitted that what Jones did was irresponsible but said he should only be convicted of the lesser charge of gross vehicular manslaughter because he believes Jones didn't intend to kill anyone.

In other news

An Alameda County sheriff's sergeant was arraigned last week on four felony charges for allegedly making illegal and secret recordings of juvenile suspects in an interview room in March.

At his brief appearance at the Wiley Manuel Courthouse in Oakland on Oct. 17, Sgt. James Russell, 44, didn't enter a plea to four counts of eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications for his alleged actions at the Eden Township sheriff's substation in San Leandro on March 15.

Prosecutor Keydon Levy asked for \$40,000 bail for Russell, who is on paid suspension from his job and has been free on his own recognizance since the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed charges against him on Oct. 3.

But Russell's attorney Judith Odbert said Russell doesn't pose a public safety threat and isn't a flight risk because he's lived in the Bay Area his entire life, is married and has three children.

Referring to the charges against Russell, Odbert said, "When all the facts come to light it will be shown that this was more of a misunderstanding of the law and there was

not any intent to violate the law for nefarious purposes."

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Mark McCannon said his primary concern is the public safety and he agrees that Russell doesn't pose a public safety or flight risk so he allowed Russell to remain free on his own recognizance.

Russell's next court hearing is at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin on Oct. 31 for a potential plea entry.

The allegations against Russell came to light in August when the county public defender's office provided evidence of the recording of confidential conversations between juvenile suspects and their lawyers.

The incident that led to the alleged eavesdropping occurred on March 15, when sheriff's deputies responded to a call about an attempted robbery at the Lake Chabot Public Market in Castro Valley, according to

court documents.

Four teenage suspects were arrested and were taken to the Eden Township substation, where a deputy contacted the public defender's office so that the teens could consult with an attorney before being interviewed.

Russell's body camera recorded a conversation he had with Lt. Timothy Schellenberg in which Russell said he has been recording conversations between attorneys and clients, according to court documents.

Prosecutors say such interviews are privileged communications and recording them is a crime.

The DA's office dismissed the cases against the four teens when it learned about the secret recordings.

Prosecutors are still reviewing all other juvenile cases submitted by the sheriff's office since the beginning of the year to see if more cases will be dismissed. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 21

Vandalism

■ 3:48 p.m. on the 5400 block of Black Avenue

Oct. 20

Alcohol violation

■ 8:50 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Robbery

■ 1:15 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

Drug violation

■ 2:28 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

■ 10:48 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 19

Drug violation

■ 7:52 p.m. on the 3500 block of Brent Court

DUI

■ 4:52 p.m. on the 200 block of Main Street

Theft

■ 11:54 a.m., 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 12:10 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 1:15 p.m., 2700 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

■ 1:23 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

■ 4:06 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

■ 3:08 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 5:03 a.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Oct. 18

Fraud

■ 8:52 p.m. on the 3800 block of Saratoga Way

Theft

■ 6:56 a.m. on Johnson Drive at Stoneridge Drive

■ 8:38 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Shoplifting

■ 3:27 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:14 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

Drug violation

■ 12:36 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 17

Drug violation

■ 9:11 p.m. at Stoneridge and Denker drives

Shoplifting

■ 6:33 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 2:47 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 16

Shoplifting

■ 8:31 a.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 2:43 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:49 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

■ 10:19 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Missing person report

■ 6:30 p.m. on the 3800 block of Antonini Way

Robbery

■ 2:56 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Oct. 15

Fraud

■ 9:22 a.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:47 p.m. on the 7900 block of Winged Foot Court

Assault/battery

■ 2:10 p.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way

Barbara Starr Christensen

December 4, 1939 – October 16, 2018

Barbara Starr Christensen passed away peacefully in her home on Tuesday, October 16th in Pleasanton CA with her daughter and son-in-law lovingly caring for her.

Barbara was born in Arizona in 1939, and grew up in both San Francisco and Walnut Creek, California. She graduated from Las Lomas High School in 1957. Distinct as a woman of her era, Barbara truly had a love for adventure. Following high school, Barbara decided to move to Hawaii, where she worked as a tour directress and immersed herself in the beauty of the islands. After Hawaii, she returned to San Francisco, where she was employed by both Bechtel & Standard Oil. While working at Standard Oil, Barbara met her husband William Christensen, who encouraged her to continue to pursue her love of travel by joining him at Matson Luxury Cruise Lines. Together, they traveled throughout the South Pacific and Australia. In February of 1967, when her only child, Laurel was born, Barbara transitioned into civilian life as a full-time mother.

During her daughter's formative years in grade school, Barbara was active as the President of St. Dunstan's Women's Club in Millbrae CA, doing fundraising for the church and school. In 1983, Barbara joined the food service industry, working for companies such as Bromar, as their western regional sales manager. Barbara retired in 2008 and enjoyed living near her family. She spent her time doting on her most treasured grandchildren, her trusted companion Cookie, walking on Main Street, reading, and listening to classical music. She was active in both hiking and sailing clubs.

One of Barbara's proudest accomplishments was completing a 26.2-mile marathon supporting the Leukemia Society at the age of 62.

Most recently, Barbara served in her community by deploying her food service background through working for Open Heart Kitchen, providing meals for those-in-need around the Tri-Valley.

Barbara is survived by her daughter Laurel Grillos, son-in-law John Grillos, grandchildren Alexandra Starr Grillos, John Robert Grillos, and her two sisters Marilyn Morton and Pamela Adamson.

Barbara's Celebration of Life service will be held at 11am on November 3rd at the Old St Raymond's church: 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin, CA.

Memorial donations may be made to Open Heart Kitchen at www.donate.openheartkitchen.org



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2018 TRI-VALLEY HEROES



STORY BY RYAN J. DEGAN | PHOTOS BY MIKE SEDLAK

Environmental stewards, innovators, artists and philanthropists alike were honored Monday during the seventh annual Tri-Valley Heroes awards ceremony, presented by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

Awards are given to local heroes who stood out in one of eight designated categories, all of whom work to create a better Tri-Valley, be it through fundraising, creating awareness or fostering community togetherness.

Since Embarcadero Media staff launched the program in 2012, more than 50 community members and groups have been recognized for their contributions to improve life in the Tri-Valley.

"Our staff decided to create the Tri-Valley Heroes program to recognize those individuals, groups and organizations that stand out because of their actions, integrity

and honor," Gina Channell, the Weekly's president and publisher, told the audience Monday evening at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton.

"Whether that hero is someone who gives his life to save another, a young man with a debilitating condition who talks to young people about self image and loving life, or the mother-daughter team that plants a garden to give fresh produce to the local food pantry," Channell added, referring to previous Heroes.

This year's recipients were the Eugene O'Neill Foundation (Arts & Culture), Cricket for Cubs (Community Spirit), Sarah Banholzer (Courage), Bryan Ware of The Crayon Initiative (Environmental Stewardship), Ruchir Baronia (Innovation), Meachelle Lum (Rising Star), Doug Miller (Role Model) and Dr. Marshall Kamena (Lifetime Achievement).

The honorees received a crystal

award from Embarcadero Media and certificates of recognition from U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, State Senator Steve Glazer, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

"We look around us every day and see heroes who deserve recognition, and we are honored to be able to present these awards again this year," Channell added.

The 2018 Heroes met in the DoubleTree ballroom, which was filled with local public officials and supporters alike. Overall the recipients said they were humbled by the honor, and in turn were quick to recognize the accomplishments of their fellow heroes.

"This is really quite an honor. I'm very much in awe of the awardees who have just come before me," Kamena said upon receiving his Lifetime Achievement award. "Service is a rent one pays for the space one occupies on this Earth. It has been my honor to serve the Tri-Valley community to the best of my ability."

During their speeches, Heroes were of one mind that, while the recognition is appreciated, service to one's community is a reward in itself.

"I am so happy and grateful that I am able to make (other kids') days a little bit better, a little bit brighter, through the swimathon and fundraising," said Banholzer, who raises money to support doctors, nurses and young cancer patients — all while battling cancer herself. "It is so awesome to deliver presents and see that they go to kids that will really, really enjoy them and appreciate them. That's an amazing feeling."

The evening had a special meaning for recipient Lum and her father, as Nov. 13 will mark two years since the death of Meachelle's mother Megan, whose passing inspired her philanthropic efforts.

"Our idea is taking something negative and providing something

positive to others and we will continue to do that," said Samuel Lum, who accepted the award on behalf of his daughter who is away at college. "We are here to give back to society. Time is our enemy, life is short, enjoy and take advantage of it, because there are a lot of obstacles, a lot of challenges that we cannot predict. But we can do our best to keep positive. That is all we can do because that is within our control."

In a continuation of the giving, during his acceptance of the award Samuel Lum pledged \$1,000 toward Banholzer and her fundraising efforts, telling her to "keep the courage."

The 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes were selected for their outstanding contributions to the community that exemplify the following award categories:

ARTS & CULTURE

Formed in 1974 to save Tao House in Danville — the former residence and workspace of Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Eugene

O'Neill — the Eugene O'Neill Foundation has a long history of preserving and promoting the arts.

After holding a festival celebrating O'Neill for 19 years in Danville, the foundation partnered with the O'Neill Ancestral Trust of Ireland this year, to connect with the international community over the vision and legacy of the celebrated playwright, with the production of "One Festival, Two Countries."

Two festivals were held by the organizations, one in Danville and the other in O'Neill's ancestral home in New Ross, Ireland, with delegations from each city visiting the other. Danville's festival featured two plays, an Irish music concert, a guided hike to Tao House, a historic guided walk of "O'Neill's Danville" and an O'Neill exhibit at the Danville Library.

Foundation president Dan McGovern accepted the award, which was sponsored by the Harrington Art Partnership.

JEB BING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

While cricket is the second-most



The Jeb Bing Community Spirit Award was received by a delegation from Cricket for Cubs, a Dublin-based nonprofit that promotes the bat-and-ball sport among schools and other community members in the Tri-Valley.



During his speech, longtime Livermore public servant and Lifetime Achievement recipient Dr. Marshall Kamena was quick to recognize the achievements of his fellow Heroes, saying he was "in awe" of their accomplishments.

popular sport in the world, until recently the sport had been a relative unknown in the Tri-Valley.

That unfamiliarity has begun to disappear thanks to the efforts of Dublin's Cricket for Cubs. As demographics change and the population of Indian or Asian residents increases in the Tri-Valley, so does the popularity of this bat-and-ball sport.

Cricket for Cubs organizes local, regional, national and international youth cricket tournaments, as well as partners with local community groups and municipalities to develop cricket infrastructure and conducts coaching sessions in the community and schools.

Through the efforts of a dedicated community and the leadership of club president Ramesh Immadi, Cricket for Cubs now reaches 18 schools in Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon, and cricket has been established as part of the physical education curriculum at three middle schools, with plans to continue its expansion.

Their 2018 International Youth Cricket Tournament runs Nov. 17-24 in the Tri-Valley.

COURAGE

Banholzer — now 16 — was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 4 years old and underwent 2-1/2 years of chemotherapy and several surgical procedures at the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

After receiving a clear cancer diagnosis, Banholzer dedicated a large portion of her time to philanthropic efforts, including her annual Be Strong and Give Back Happiness Swimathon, which have raised more than \$50,000 to benefit the hospital that treated her. She has also started a chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation at Amador Valley High School, where the group holds fundraisers for the \$10,000 needed to grant a wish.

Last year, Banholzer was diagnosed with lymphoma, but this hasn't dampened her giving spirit. On her website, she wrote that after receiving so much support her desire to give back has only grown deeper.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Founded by Ware, Danville-based nonprofit The Crayon Initiative has only been operating for four years, but during that time has seen exponential growth and hit a major milestone this year.

Born from an idea first cooked up during a family dinner at a diner, the initiative takes donated crayons that would otherwise pollute the planet in a landfill — crayons turn into a toxic waxy sludge that never fully biodegrades — and re-manufactures them before donating them to children's hospitals that can often have issues funding non-essential items such as art supplies.

As of September, The Crayon Initiative is officially donating crayons to over 240 Children's Hospital Association locations in all 50 states. In addition to that, Ware expects that before the year ends the initiative will have made its 200,000th crayon shipment, saving hundreds of thousands of pounds of crayons from the landfill.

INNOVATION

A Dougherty Valley High School junior, Baronia created a potentially revolutionary smartphone app that will assist people in dangerous situations who need help but for whatever reason, cannot speak.

"The Rescuer" app can be activated by voice or by hitting the sound button in a predetermined pattern in order to alert police, family or a trusted friend that the user is hurt or in an unsafe situation. The app will not only alert an emergency contact that the user is in danger, but it will be able to notify the contact of the user's location through remote location tracking technology, if the contact knows the passcode.

Currently available on Android phones, Baronia said he is working on designing an Apple version. A self-taught coder, Baronia has created several other apps, games and was the 2017 recipient of the Congressional App Challenge award for the 15th Congressional District.

RISING STAR

Lum, 17, was recognized for establishing the Lum AVM Organization, an initiative with the goal of raising awareness of arteriovenous malformation — more commonly known as AVM — as well as money for charitable causes. The teen was inspired to create the organization after her mother's death, believed to be caused by AVM, in November 2016.

Since starting the organization, she has raised over \$115,000 to support causes ranging from brain aneurysm research, to scholarships for women's and children's charities.

A recent graduate of Dougherty Valley High, Lum currently attends the University of California at Los Angeles where she is pre-med, currently studying neuroscience. She was unable to attend the Heroes ceremony due to exams, so her father Samuel accepted the award on her behalf.

ROLE MODEL

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Miller has created a reputation for dedicating himself to improving the lives of veterans, active duty military members and their families throughout the Tri-Valley.

Miller has taken the leadership experience he gained as a military officer and helicopter pilot, and used it to lead the charge on various community organizations and events.

Not only does Miller support organizations such as the Army's Wounded Warrior program and East Bay Stand Down, but he spearheaded the efforts to complete the Veterans Memorial that in 2016 was dedicated in Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery.

The Role Model trophy was presented to Miller by Gary Alt of Monterey Private Wealth, which sponsored the award.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Kamena has dedicated his life to serving the public in Livermore and the Tri-Valley, which in his words is "the crown jewel of Northern California."



Bryan Ware was honored for his Environmental Stewardship for creating The Crayon Initiative in Danville. Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh, co-presenter during Monday's ceremony, listens on as Ware tells the audience about The Crayon Initiative's effort to decrease toxic landfill waste while simultaneously giving to children in need.

A longtime public servant of Livermore, Kamena served on the Livermore City Council from 1976 to 1985 and as a six-term mayor of Livermore, leaving office in 2011 as the only mayor emeritus of the city.

Not content with just being a longtime city leader and well-regarded optometrist, in the late 1970s he put together a plan to start a public access television channel, which is known today as Tri-Valley Community Television — or TV30, to locals.

Sponsors of the 2018 Tri-Valley

Heroes awards program are Monterey Private Wealth, Robert Half, Harrington Art Partnership, ChiroSports USA, Crown Trophy, and DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club.

Profiles on each award recipient will run as a series in the Pleasanton Weekly and online at PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com beginning next week. TV30 also recorded Monday's ceremony, with air dates to be announced soon. ■



Pleasanton teen Sarah Banholzer received the Courage award for her fundraising and support efforts for cancer patients as well as the doctors and staff who treat them, all while herself battling cancer.



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Bauer-Kahan has the right priorities

This is a frightening time when the Trump administration is putting big business interests over the protection of wildlife and a clean environment, in spite of the warnings of reliable climate science.

It is vital that we have someone representing our Assembly district who will fight 100% of the time for critical issues like (1) healthy classrooms free of chemical-based cleaners and (2) protecting people, our parks and wildlife.

Catharine Baker may espouse her willingness to cross the aisle for our environment, but when I checked her record myself, it is far far less than 100%. Baker voted against support for local agencies to use water more efficiently (AB 1668), against setting new pollution limits for big polluters exploiting 'cap and trade' (AB 378), against providing state funds to the low-income communities most harmed by pollution (AB 523) and against mandating that all new developments undergo environmental review (AB 890).

I cannot support a record like that, so I will be voting for Rebecca Bauer-Kahan for a healthy future for all of our children and grandchildren.

—Susan Forman

Strong support for Baker

I support Catharine Baker for Assembly District 16 because she works with both Democrats and Republicans to create the best possible legislation to solve California problems. She also monitors spending to assure that money is spent for the purposes specified in the legislation that becomes law.

In August, Baker voted for SB 100, increasing California's target for using renewable energy — hardly supportive of "Big Oil." Her rating by the NRA has been between 0%-7% since 2014 — certainly not doing NRA's bidding.

And Everytown for Gun Sense has donated to her campaign this year. Her rating by Planned Parenthood in 2017 was 100% — clearly not against women's health or choice.

The ratings above are available at www.votesmart.org, a nonpartisan, independent, accurate, unbiased database that I have personally experienced by volunteering for two weeks working 9-5 Monday through Friday helping to triple check before posting data with any political conversation forbidden. I urge everyone to consult this or other independent information sources.

I heartily advocate voting for Catharine Baker for Assembly District 16.

—Laura Sanchez

Re-elect Kathy Narum

Pleasanton lives up to its motto, the "City of Planned Progress." A perfect example of good planning that will result in very good progress is the Costco project that we are waiting patiently for in north Pleasanton.

I followed the long and exhaustive deliberations regarding the project as it made its way through the city staff review as well as numerous public hearings. The project was well-vetted before it was approved by the City Council.

In spite of that, some ... very, very "special interests" paid outside signature gatherers to put the project on a ballot. Not surprisingly, the referendum was defeated and the Costco was overwhelmingly endorsed by the voters of Pleasanton.

The reason? It's a good project that is needed, pays its own way and mitigates its impacts.

City Council member Kathy Narum was front and center every step of the way through the approval process. She is a skillful negotiator that knows a good thing when she sees one. I want to be in attendance when she cuts the ribbon at the Costco grand-opening.

Let's re-elect Kathy Narum. She works hard to preserve our quality of life in Pleasanton.

—David L Rhodes

Trish 4 Livermore

I'm voting for Patricia (Trish) Munro for Livermore City Council. Having known Trish for almost 25 years, I know with certainty what she will bring to the position: Brainpower, passion, fairness, independence, empathy, selflessness, accessibility and a highly collaborative spirit.

Trish is strong-minded yet open-minded; she will be unequivocal in stating her views, but will not hesitate to flex based on the facts and what is best for the community. She will be extremely thorough in probing all sides of an issue before staking out a position. She is a leader, a listener and a learner.

Please join the Mercury News, East Bay Times, Pleasanton Weekly, John Marchand, Bob Woerner, Steven Spedowski, me and many others in supporting Trish 4 Livermore.

—David Jonas

Testa for a new future

What do you like about living in Pleasanton? The small-town feel, good schools, great locally-owned restaurants? Most people who value these attributes are unaware of the vigilance required by citizens to preserve the things taken for granted.

Take clean water for example. Nearly 20 years ago I worked with a small group of dedicated citizens, including Julie Testa, to prevent our underground aquifer from being

contaminated with treated sewage. Now that issue is back on the table and the new City Council will be taking action. Hopefully, they will preserve the overwhelming vote of the citizens.

But there is considerably more to running a city like Pleasanton than approving more parks and bike lanes. The impact any new development will have on traffic, school overcrowding, inadequate parking (which we already have), fiscal responsibilities and maintaining a healthy local business environment will all be on the table in the next few years.

And if you think the plans to spend more than \$200 million on an unnecessary new civic center are outrageous, then think about voting for Julie Testa. She has the vision to change our city from one run by business-as-usual compromisers to a sustainable and vibrant city, poised for future challenges.

Julie Testa gets my vote.

—Paulette Salisbury

No BART to Livermore?

For over four decades I have dreamed of BART to Livermore. With AB 2923 signed, those dreams are dashed.

A BART station in Livermore, with local land-use and zoning governed by BART instead of our locally elected leaders, could have played havoc with schools, parks and all that make Livermore such a wonderful place to live.

ValleyLink, the coming train system along I-580, may not offer a one-seat ride to BART-land, but we won't need to put up with what Sacramento is forcing upon our neighbors. Count your blessings, friends.

—Robert S. Allen
BART director, 1974-88

Baker delivers results

As a longtime Dublin resident, I would like to commend Assemblywoman Catharine Baker for her perseverance and leadership in securing funding for an additional parking structure at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

For years, the long-awaited parking structure languished in delays and setbacks while BART commuters paid the price. Catharine Baker came up with a solution that directly improves our daily lives. She routinely advocates for her constituents and delivers results.

Catharine Baker deserves to be re-elected to the California State Assembly.

—Elizabeth Carey

Foothill prom finances

What a story ... a legacy entitlement program struggling with a bloated budget; questionable appropriation of funds to cover the

budgetary shortfall, little or no accountability.

No, this is not the Washington swamp, nor Sacramento hi-jinx. This is the tale of the 2018 Foothill High School annual senior prom and its \$100,000 budget. That's right ... \$100K with \$250 ticket prices.

I see so many things wrong here. Where, for instance, was the adult supervision and imposition of financial reason during the planning of this event?

How will the ASB general fund be replenished, if at all? Moreover, is the lesson we want to teach our kids the one that says it's OK to be selfish and irresponsible as long as you get what you want in the short term?

In the meantime, the Foothill High School website reminds us that "There are backpacks and school supplies at The Hanger for families in need."

You can't make this stuff up.

—Harry Edwards

Baker prioritizes local needs

I can't commend Assemblywoman Baker enough for her perseverance in getting the new parking structure at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station off the ground. Our economy continues moving forward when people can continue moving forward and more parking for BART allows this to happen.

This project is a perfect example of why Catharine is such an effective representative for our community. She listened to her constituents, she brought people together, she fought hard, and never gave up.

We need more representatives like Catharine who, when faced with a challenge, steps up and delivers. Assemblywoman Baker's record speaks for itself. She deserves to be re-elected.

—John Sensiba

Protecting us from ourselves

The agencies denying Pleasanton and their interest group to cover both Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks were the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife ... to name a few.

I applaud the action taken by these agencies. The recent council meeting was a refreshing reminder, how well-meaning people do not understand these agency professionals and their lead role to protect us from ourselves.

Our city of Pleasanton is now on a level playing field with the rest of its citizens and neighborhoods to design/create an everlasting, mixed-uses, to complement our downtown "community" parks.

I would offer \$500 upfront, to our schools to complete building scale models of the final two designs. These would not be of the current

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library model of the library and civic center. But to showcase the ability of our own, future graphic designers, civil engineers, architects ... and more.

We owe ourselves, to own our downtown ... together. And offer assistance to the existing firm, in any way we can providing purpose, structure and flexibility, insight, for years to come.

—Peter Miller

Bauer-Kahan for better roads

There's no sugarcoating it — our roads simply stink. When I drive on I-680 and I-580, I see cracks and potholes that cause not just a bumpier ride, but a more costly, dangerous one.

Our Assembly member, Catharine Baker, would rather say “no” than solve the problem. She voted against the state's road repair funding plan last year, and her inaction cost the Tri-Valley millions of dollars of investments — dollars that could be fixing our roads right now.

Her challenger, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, has pledged to focus on bringing road repair dollars back to our community and prioritize transit projects like connecting ACE to BART to ensure Livermore has a rail connection to the rest of the Bay Area.

A vote for Bauer-Kahan is a vote for better roads.

—Olivia Vanier

Zafar for San Ramon council

Sabina Zafar is the woman we need now on the San Ramon City Council. She is not a tool of the current council, some of whom have shunned her when she has applied for commissions and committees to which they have appointed other residents. Nice, huh!

Sabina is a single working mother with two older children. She knows the problems faced by our kids and residents. She is not happy with many actions taken by the City Council, or lack thereof.

She wants to control further development and the traffic congestion it brings. She wants to help local small businesses survive. She wants residents to be more informed about city issues. Most importantly, she wants to ensure our schools are safe.

Sabina will bring a much-needed woman's point of view to the City Council.

—Greg Carr
Former mayor, councilman

Ex-mayor backs Testa

I'm voting Julie Testa for Pleasanton City Council. She has a long record of being an irrepensible advocate for transparency in local government, is a compassionate supporter of youth and an outspoken voice against injustice.

Julie is not the choice of the Chamber or development interests

because she puts resident interests first. She has long been a voice of the community, working selflessly as a volunteer and has demonstrated her commitment through action.

We need a diversity of interests on the City Council. Pleasanton needs to elect Julie Testa.

—Tom Pico
Former mayor, councilman

Medication safety

Medication-related problems and errors endanger the lives and well-being of a high percentage of our older adults, leaving them at risk for falls, dizziness, confusion or other side effects.

Reaching these mature adults who may need to improve health behaviors, be supported in wellness at home and improve medication adherence will make an enormous difference to the emotional and physical well-being of older adults in our community.

Enrolling in a medication safety program provides education about the importance of medication compliance to ensure and enhance the quality of life and safety of older adults. Benefits of this free, confidential, individualized medication review include education about the importance of medication compliance; a medication interaction report; assistive devices, including a pill box and personal medication record; safe disposal guidelines; and

encouragement for drug disposal to reduce harm from accidental exposure or unintentional use.

Medication safety programs are available to older adults throughout Alameda County by contracts with community-based organizations.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley offers this free, medication safety check. This vital program is designed to reduce seniors' medication misuse/error and is funded by taxpayers' dollars through Alameda County Measure A Essential Health Care Services Initiative.

To join medication safety, contact Senior Support at 931-5379.

—Marjory Tilley
Medication safety program manager

Bauer-Kahan for the environment

As smoke and ash billowed across Walnut Creek (recently) from the fire in Solano County, I was reminded again about the urgent need for our government to address environmental protection issues.

In the past 12 months, my children have had school closures and outdoor sports practices canceled due to poor air quality. As a mother of a child with asthma, this is particularly troubling.

Despite the United Nations releasing their landmark report on the catastrophic consequences of global climate change, Trump and his Republican lawmakers do nothing. It

is more important than ever for California to elect leaders who have the knowledge and determination to fight for our health and our environment.

Environmental attorney Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is the only candidate running for California Assembly in the 16th District who has a proven track record advocating for these issues. Bauer-Kahan is poised to be a champion for the environment in the Assembly. She is the leader that we need at this critical moment.

—Maureen Callaghan

Joe Streng knows Pleasanton

I ran for City Council two years ago and lost by a very small margin to two incumbent council members. I loved the entire process — especially talking to so many Pleasanton residents and listening to what mattered most to them. My decision not to run this year was due to family, business, and volunteer activities in our community that require a significant amount of my time.

It is important to elect the most qualified candidates who have experience and understanding on how to collaborate with residents to come up with solutions and positive results. Our community does not need council members who have an agenda, who have filed lawsuits against our city and who use scare tactics to

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SMALL BUSINESS

Profile

Clover Creek

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(925) 462-0814

Monday – Saturday 10AM–6PM
Sunday 11AM–4PM



MEET THE OWNER

ALEXIS GASS

Q What sets your business apart from other businesses?

A We have unique gifts, fabulous seasonal decorations and friendly service.

Q How long has your business been in downtown Pleasanton?

A 30 years

Q Why do you want to be located in downtown Pleasanton?

A Visibility and it is the heart of Pleasanton — where everyone likes to bring their out of town visitors.

Q What do you want your business to be known for?

A Friendly hometown atmosphere, friendly service, and unique, local souvenirs.

FUN FACT!

Our staff enjoys watching dads bring their little ones in to pick out a pretty package for mom.

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MEET THE OWNER

JAIME ZILE

Q What sets your business apart from other businesses?

A We have amazing employees that love what they do and treat our customers like family.

Q How long has your business been in downtown Pleasanton?

A 14.5 years

Q Why do you want to be located in downtown Pleasanton?

A Our customers love the location because there are so many restaurants to go to celebrate them finding their gown with us!

Q What do you want your business to be known for?

A Being the most recommended bridal salon in the area. Knowing that we have amazing dresses at a moderate price.

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We are a tester store for 3 of our designers: Maggie Sottero, Essense, and Jasmine Bridal. We get the newest designs before other stores in the US!

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generate votes. We need experienced leaders who have participated in a volunteer city commission, committee or service organization in our community.

Having personally served with Joe Streng on the Parks and Rec Commission prior to my move to Planning Commission, I witnessed first-hand how he effectively works with residents, staff and fellow commissioners to develop the best solution with a majority consensus.

As he has worked with the community and staff on the various commissions and committees that he has served on, Joe gets the best results for all the residents, not just those with the loudest voices.

Joe Streng grew up in Pleasanton, graduated from Amador, and has been an active volunteer, listening to residents' ideas and concerns and implementing solutions.

Vote for Joe Streng and Incumbent Kathy Narum. Experience matters.

—Herb Ritter

Planning Commission member

Home builders for Swalwell

The National Association of Home Builders has endorsed California Democrat Eric Swalwell for re-election to Congress.

Rep. Swalwell has consistently

fought to promote pro-housing policies that will spur job and economic growth, promote homeownership and provide rental housing opportunities.

Housing is important to local, state and national economies and accounts for about 15% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product. NAHB believes in this critical election year that it is important to elect pro-housing, pro-business candidates to Congress in order to ensure that the housing and economic recovery continues to move forward.

We are proud to endorse Rep. Swalwell in the midterm elections because he supports efforts to remove regulatory barriers that are harming housing affordability and believes that small businesses are the engine that drives our economy.

New home construction is an engine of job creation. On average, workers from 22 fields are needed to build a home. Constructing 100 single-family homes creates nearly 300 full-time jobs and \$11.1 million in fees and taxes for all levels of government to help fund schools, roads, police and firefighters.

—Randy Noel
NAHB chairman

Catharine Baker, a keeper!

Assembly District 16 voters are so fortunate to have Catharine Baker representing us in our California Legislature. She is a dedicated public

servant. We must keep her.

Catharine's re-election is needed to prevent a veto-proof State Legislature, meaning a Democrat supermajority could overrule a governor's veto. Very dangerous! Balanced, bipartisan representation is essential for good government.

CTA, the largest most endowed public union, is funding Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who has pledged her loyalty to those unions. Unions want her in Sacramento to do their bidding ... not ours.

Catharine has wide-ranging endorsements, i.e. San Francisco Chronicle, East Bay Times, Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Independent, most city councils, local sheriffs and officials. She helps them, help us.

Each vote matters. Keep Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

—Judy Symcox

No on Measure U

As a member of the Livermore health care community, I oppose Measure U.

If measure U passes, there is only one winner and many losers. The only winner is the large for-profit, out-of-state insurance companies. The losers are the residents and tax payers of Livermore, the city and your doctors.

If Measure U passes, it will require the city to add another unnecessary, expensive layer of bureaucracy with funding by unbudgeted

dollars to implement and enforce the ordinance. Based on the mayor, Measure U will cost a minimum of \$19,750,000 to operate over 10 years. Measure U requires cutting other city services, increasing city revenues (new taxes), or a combination of both.

Measure U has long-term negative implications for health care. Great hospitals and talented doctors will stay away from Livermore. Remaining doctors will cut costs in a manner that will reduce access and compromise the quality of patient care.

The heavy administrative burden that "U" would place on your doctors may also cause some to sell their practices to large corporations. The end result would be that residents will no longer have access to the talented, world-class health care providers who currently practice in Livermore.

In an ideal world, there should be no barrier between the patient and the doctor. Measure U will put even more barriers between the patient and the doctor. Vote No on Measure U.

—Lily Kelsey
Valley Family Dentistry

A spotty voting record

You can pick and choose Baker's position on women's rights, education, gun control, infrastructure improvement, climate protection and more via her votes.

She has been seen to change her vote after a bill's passage or demise in that short permissible window of time. She is known to vote against worthy bills because of a tiny clause that is not just right, but she claims to support the intended principle.

If you want someone to represent the common good and the interests of your district "all" of the time, and unequivocally, vote for Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a strong environmentalist — endorsed by the Sierra Club — an advocate for quality education, improved transportation, women's rights, safe gun laws, quality health care and more.

She wants to end Prop 13 tax protection for businesses only because companies don't die.

—Eloise Hamann

Testa stands up for residents, smart growth

Julie Testa has earned my vote for Pleasanton's City Council in November after reviewing all the City Council candidates' track records, following their campaign funding sources, and due also to my recent observations of her at the Downtown Specific Plan Task Force meetings.

Julie represents my views and many of my neighbors' views regarding the downtown development guidelines for Pleasanton. The new guidelines should reflect the majority of people who have spoken in favor of retaining Pleasanton's "small

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town character and charm” in the downtown core.

On numerous occasions, Julie has lent her voice to our vision for that area and to other concerns facing Pleasanton. Julie offers her experience of serving for 30 years on commissions, task forces and at public forums. She has consistently done her research on the important topics that impact our community and region, spoken out and stood up for residents. Julie would make it her priority to balance development with the necessary services to help our community thrive now and in the future as a member of the City Council.

Julie Testa will be an independent voice on Pleasanton’s City Council who is working for residents not developers.

—Diane Envent

Narum for the environment

Recently I attended my first joint meeting of the city and PUSD. I was asked to talk about a program for Amador students called Local Leaders of the 21st Century, which provides teens opportunities to lead initiatives related to Pleasanton’s waste, water, energy and food systems. They work with local policymakers, businesses and residents on issues that will keep our local community clean, healthy and sustainable for many years to come.

The city and Pleasanton Garbage Service provided the kids paid student internships this summer to help city-owned facilities improve their recycling and waste reduction efforts. After learning to conduct waste audits and provided data-driven recommendations for city facilities, the students are prepared to help all 15 PUSD schools comply with state laws requiring schools to separate recycling and organics from trash. This could go a long way in helping keep the Vasco Road landfill — where all Pleasanton trash ends up — from closing in just a few years.

Conserving natural resources and protecting human health from environmental pollutants is a big concern of many Pleasanton residents, young and old. I was impressed by the way the City Council members and PUSD board members responded to the work our Amador teens have undertaken.

Only one is up for election this year, Kathy Narum. I looked at her website and the other three candidates’ sites. She is the only one who mentions environmental improvements as a priority. Kathy Narum definitely has my vote.

—Jill Buck

Support for Joe Streng

It is important for those who serve on City Council to bring people together and do what is best for the community. I have known Joe Streng for many years and he is a very positive person who loves serving Pleasanton. He is also one

of the best, nicest and hardest working people I know.

We don’t agree on all of the issues, but he is an active listener who makes sure that everyone has a voice in the process. During his nine years on the Park and Recreation Commission, he worked with city staff to improve our parks and trails and plan for the future.

Our elected representatives need to have an open mind and the experience to get things done. Joe Streng is the person to do this, and I encourage you to join me in supporting Joe Streng for City Council.

—Kerry Pickett
PUSD employee

Bauer-Kahan will stand up to Trump

In this election, our values matter more than ever before. The Trump administration has acted completely antithetical to American values by instituting a Muslim ban and separating children from their parents.

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is the only candidate running for Assembly who has stood up to Trump time after time. When the administration announced the Muslim ban, Rebecca rushed to SFO to coordinate legal services for those impacted.

As the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Rebecca is paying it forward, to provide refugees and immigrants the ability to strive for the American dream that her own grandparents had. In office, Rebecca will continue to fight the administration’s anti-immigrant policies, including ensuring state resources aren’t used to divide children from their parents.

I’ve known Rebecca for years as a valued member of our community. She’s a person of character and integrity, with a strong moral compass, who always stands up to injustice and fights for what’s right. She is the clear choice for Assembly District 16.

—Tamara Ireland Stone

Vote Sabina in San Ramon

We need Sabina Zafar on the San Ramon City Council. She’s a much needed advocate for residents’ interests, first and foremost.

She has fresh and innovative ideas for the many challenges facing the city, including growth issues, traffic congestion, protecting open space, and prioritizing parks, especially Mudd’s.

She is the only candidate endorsed by the Sierra Club. She supports the neighbors and residents over the city and developers on the too big Church of the Valley commercial project. It would build into the protected creek corridor, and be way too close to neighbors’ fence line. She strongly supports the urban limit line protections of ag and open space. That means stopping the precedent setting Tassajara Parks 125-unit project, on the wrong side of the line.

If you want more of the same on growth, vote for the incumbents, or the mayor’s friend, Sridhar Verose. But, if you want more diversity, new ideas and a slowdown on growth, vote Sabina Zafar!

—Jim Blickenstaff
Former City Council member

Baker — We need you!

Your vote to re-elect Assemblywoman Catharine Baker will help assure that we continue to be represented by a woman who works well with “both sides of the aisle.” Catharine saw solutions to a variety of situations that our state needed fixes for and changed them through laws or regulations.

She gives her all to attending community affairs including Eagle Scout courts, all the veterans events she can fit in, panels on transportation, housing, economics and much more.

Catharine is thoughtful, pragmatic and independent. She’s just what we need in our elected leaders. Let your friends know you support Catharine!

—Sandee Wiedemann

Bauer-Kahan shares my priorities

When my children were small, our Orinda pediatrician would ask me every year during their well-checks “do you have a gun in the house?” right before he asked whether my kids wore helmets while riding their bikes.

As a mother, these were two non-negotiable issues for me. Our city wisely adopted in October an innovative gun storage ordinance that increases the safety of our children and adults. We need more than new laws, however.

We need gun sense candidates in office working hard to ensure that these local and state gun control laws are carried out. Otherwise these laws will have no teeth.

Assembly candidate Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is emphatic in her pledge to support and carry out gun control laws. My kids’ pediatrician would wholeheartedly approve of electing her to office on Nov. 6.

—Carol Larsen

Bauer-Kahan for gun sense

As a mother of three, I’m beyond concerned about the horrific, bloody gun violence in our schools. Children and teachers are dying — we have no more time to waste. We must elect leaders who will enact gun violence prevention laws right now.

I was upset to discover that my own Assembly member, Catharine Baker, did not support closing a loophole in 2017 to keep guns off school campuses (AB 424), even though her mailers say she supports gun safety.

I am now supporting Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who has pledged to vote on the side of gun sense

every single time, to protect all human lives, especially those of our children.

—Holly Grossman

Streng for City Council

Joe Streng cares about Pleasanton. He has called our fabulous city home for nearly 40 years and is passionate about keeping it a fantastic place to live, do business and raise a family.

Joe has already served our city for 12 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Subcommittee. Thanks to Joe’s guidance, we now have the popular Cubby’s Dog Park, phase two completion of the Bernal land, an expanded tennis center, new neighborhood parks, expanded trails, improved bike lanes and more. Joe truly cares about the quality of life in Pleasanton.

Joe is widely regarded as being a consensus-builder with a proven track record of working with city staff and residents to get things done. He does all of this with an award-winning smile, upbeat personality and optimistic view of Pleasanton’s future.

I hope everyone will join me in voting for Joe Streng for city council on Nov. 6. He has proven again and again his devotion to the continued success and extremely high livability of our great city.

—Zoe Francis

Baker earned re-election

I think Catharine Baker has earned our vote. She’s passed legislation for smarter transportation solutions like BART to ACE in Livermore, held the University of California accountable to put California students first, secured funding for our K-12 schools, and authored several bills to protect crime victims and to keep our community safe.

Her record speaks for itself. It is disheartening to see the misleading attacks against our assemblywoman in this election. If you want the facts, check out Catharine’s record for yourself. Vote for Catharine Baker in November.

—Lori Souza

It’s time for change

Many voters in our district believe in error that Assemblymember Catharine Baker supports the issues the majority of voters care about. That’s simply not true.

For example, she claims to be pro-environment — but her votes

don’t match this PR. She opposed putting limits on fracking, opposed incentivizing using green energy cars and opposed requiring local governments to prepare for climate change.

She has voted for some environmental bills but only when her vote didn’t matter; she regularly waits until a democratic majority has passed a bill, and then also casts her vote in favor and claims this makes her “bipartisan.” That’s being devious, not being the leader we need in Sacramento to represent our district.

It’s time for a change to a Democrat who reflects our community’s true values. I am voting for Rebecca Bauer-Kahan for AD16, a true environmentalist.

—Carol Weed, MD

San Ramon councilman backs Madireddi

As we near Nov. 6 and our city elections, I respectfully forward to you who I have endorsed for City Council: I believe Aparna Madireddi would make a great council member. I met her last year and was impressed with her intellect, communication skills and ability to easily connect with residents.

She is a member of the city Open Space Committee and serves as a liaison to the Planning Commission. She has regularly attended council meetings, not to speak but to listen. She’s started her own businesses and raised her family here. She has been active in our schools for years and has the support of many local community leaders and small business owners. Most importantly to me, she really understands the issues.

Aparna would continue my work of focusing in on neighborhood and city issues that improve infrastructure, city facilities and our other measurable “quality of life” standards. She supports real traffic solutions, a soundwall for San Ramon, keeping our golf courses and building a greenbelt around our city protecting open space.

She’ll be tough on new development making sure it pays its way and is the least impactful. She supports the current “golf course” zoning. She understands the city’s finances and pension costs. Simply stated, she has proven to be someone who is smart, listens and cares.

More than anything, she is independent, like I am. I believe our city is best served always by having creative, independent thinkers who can work toward consensus on complex issues.

—Harry M. Sachs
Outgoing City Council member

Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. this Sunday. 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.

GHOST STORIES DOWNTOWN

MUSEUM ON MAIN'S ANNUAL SERIES BRINGS ALIVE PLEASANTON'S HAUNTED PAST



Penny Woods portrays the Lady in Blue character rumored to haunt Gay Nineties Pizza.



Young improv actors from Creatures of Impulse and Museum on Main volunteers take on the roles of historical characters and ghosts who supposedly haunt sites downtown, including (from left) playful pranksters at the Rose Hotel, a sassy lady at Prim Boutique, a railroad conductor at the Bernal Avenue and First Street intersection and actress Mary Pickford at Blue Agave.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ERIKA ALVERO

If you're taking a stroll down Main Street, make sure to look up as you pass by Gay Nineties Pizza. You might catch a glimpse of the Lady in Blue, decked out in petticoats and a scandalous bodice, surveying the bustle of cars and pedestrians beneath her.

Some say the 19th century "woman of ill repute" liked Pleasanton enough to stick around for a century and a half.

And she's just one of the many characters who stayed, according to the organizers of the Museum on Main's popular annual Halloween tradition, the Ghost Walk.

"A lot has changed but there's still a lot of continuity in terms of downtown," said Sarah Schaefer, director of education at the museum. "So I don't know if that might increase the amount of ghosts that we have. Whether it was so great to live there — I'm sure that's what Pleasantonians would say."

The Ghost Walk intermingles local history and spooky lore, with "Ghost Host" tour guides taking participants through the haunted sites of downtown Pleasanton, where they are regaled with tales by museum volunteers and teen improvisational actors from Creatures of Impulse.

"There's too many stories and too many credible people who have come up and said, 'I've seen this' or 'this happened to me,' for even the skeptics, to start thinking, 'well, maybe,'" Schaefer said. "And that's the fun of it. You don't know."

The walk takes place on the last two weekends of October. Starting at the Museum on Main (which is also allegedly haunted), tour-goers traipse past diners and evening strollers, zigzagging from Dr. Adamos' dentist office to Gay Nineties to Kottlinger's Barn, among other sites — the red dots on Ghost Hosts' maps are plentiful.

The walk was started over a decade ago by Museum on Main board member Charles Huff. Rebecca Bruner, a local realtor and current board member, joined the effort soon after.

They took a team of "ghost trackers" through town, who posted cameras and recording devices in the buildings where ghosts were rumored to frequent. They also brought in psychics, for the more specific details, and gathered some interesting stories, particularly in the older buildings.

"Sometimes they don't know that they've passed," Bruner said. "And so they're stuck. Sometimes they stay because they choose to stay behind to see maybe what

loved ones are doing."

To hear the "ghosts" tell it, Pleasanton was a lawless, wild place in the mid-1800s, a bustling railroad stop filled with nefarious characters. And historians seem to corroborate this — in the mid-19th century, the closest police force was in Oakland, meaning a lot of criminals sought refuge in what was then called Alisal, earning it the title of "Most Desperate Town of the West."

By the 1950s, Pleasanton had transformed somewhat, though not exactly to the present-day scene with restaurant-goers dining along Main Street in the peaceful twilight of a Friday evening.

"In 1950 there were more bars per person than any other place in the nation," said Michael Bruner, Rebecca's son and the "ghost" at the Pleasanton Hotel stop. "There was a mandatory curfew to keep kids off Main Street after nightfall to keep them away from the bar fights alone."

The Gay Nineties site, built in 1864, used to be a Wells Fargo office, a general store and a bar; and museum staff believe that the upstairs was a brothel. The Lady in Blue, as legend has it, was a prostitute at the site who fell in love with a man promising to give her a better life, but who then "led to her death," according to the psychic.

But despite her tragic demise, the lady apparently has fond memories of Pleasanton, because she stayed put, watching out the upstairs window.

She's a mostly benign presence,

co-existing fairly harmoniously with the building's owners when they have lived in "her" quarters, though apparently not a plant-lover — whenever anyone has tried to grow flowers at the windowsill, she has killed them off, Schaefer said.

Another ghost has also taken up residence in the basement of Gay Nineties, though this one seems to be a bit more "mischievous," Schaefer said. Tales of pizza boxes flying off the shelves and of people getting trapped in the freezer inexplicably are attributed to this ghost — as is the mysterious "BOO" etched into the first floor mirror at the now-pizza parlor. If you pass by the mirror and throw a glance back over your shoulder, you can see the letters glimmering in the glass.

No amount of cleansing has been able to remove the letters, Schaefer said.

Perhaps one of the most-renowned ghost stories to linger around Main Street comes from the Pleasanton Hotel, the site of the former general store built by John Kottlinger in the mid-1800s and then a hotel about a decade later.

Much of what is "known" about this story comes from a psychic who examined the various buildings downtown — she determined that the building was haunted by a ghost named Lily, a former prostitute working at the hotel.

Lily was killed by a jealous man, the psychic said, who then fled the scene — his ghost now haunts the Museum on Main.

"He didn't know if Pleasanton, how they felt about a hanging, so he didn't want to stick around and find out,"

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Michael Bruner plays the part of a ghost at the Pleasanton Hotel.

PCAC awards for young artists

Day of performances ends with presentations

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council presented its annual awards in music and visual arts recently after a day of auditioning and viewing the art works of 44 talented high school students.

The event took place at Parkview Assisted Living Facility with many residents in the audience as well as parents, who all enjoyed seeing the broad range of musical instruments and visual art styles.

In one room, 11 young artists exhibited three artistic renderings each and spoke about their pieces. Judges Beth Okurowski and Vivian Hare encouraged them to talk of their passion for art, their artistic themes, their media and what they intended to accomplish in each work.

“The art work was rich in variety and creativity,” event chairman Dave Wright said.

The top finishers were:

- First place: Jiahua Liang for a prize of \$1,000.
- Second place: Robin Hong, \$500.
- Third place: Phaedra Hageman, \$300.

For the music awards, 33 students



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Arnor Chu (right) earned second place in the music category for his performance on the marimba, for a prize of \$500, accompanied by Nina Lim.

performed in room with a baby grand piano — used for solo performances as well as for accompanists — to a mostly senior audience. Judges were Bob Williams, director of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, and Cindy Browne Rosefield, recently head of Las Positas Music Department.

Talented students held forth individually with piano, violin, trombone, bassoon, voice, clarinet and cello. One musician played a Chinese stringed instrument, the Guzheng.

“There was plenty of pizzazz and technical versatility among the

contestants,” Wright said.

The top finishers were:

- First place: Andrew Choi, violin, for a prize of \$1,000, with a virtuoso classical performance.
- Second place: Arnor Chu, marimba, (accompanied by Nina Lim) for a prize of \$500, performing a selection he had composed.
- Third place: Minzae Kim, violin, for a prize of \$300 for her performance of a Mendelssohn concerto.

“PCAC hopes that all of the student contestants will cherish the further study of their art, and continue to enrich themselves and others by sharing it,” Wright said. “Bravo!” ■



TV30

TV30 films a segment of “About the Tri-Valley” at St. Michael’s in Livermore with host Dr. Marshall Kamena and art historian Barbara Mitchell discussing its century-old stained glass windows.

TV30 highlights church’s history

Art historian talks about St. Michael’s, now 100

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

St. Michael’s Church in Livermore is not only historic, its century-old stained glass windows are works of art. The subject is explored in the latest episode of TV30’s “About the Valley,” which was filmed recently with host Dr. Marshall Kamena and guest art historian Barbara Mitchell.

“The first St. Michael’s Church was built in 1872 and destroyed by fire in 1916,” Kamena said. “The new church, built in 1918, is celebrating 100 years in Livermore.”

During the rebuilding, efforts were made to commemorate the early families in the Tri-Valley.

“Twenty-two Renaissance-style stained glass windows were made for the 1918 church,” art historian Mitchell explained. “Many of the windows are dedicated to early pioneers in this Valley.”

In the show, Kamena and Mitchell also talk about critical times in the early settling of the area as well as its pioneering people and their present-day descendants, including Concannon and Bernal.

“About the Tri-Valley” is aired on Tri-Valley Community Television on Comcast TV Channel 30; AT&T U-verse on Channel 99; and Video-on-Demand at tv30.org. ■



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‘Live Well, Be Well’

Pleasanton Vice Mayor Arne Olson and City Councilman Jerry Pentin are joined by Kaiser Permanente staff and Gary and Nancy Harrington at the recent unveiling of “Live Well, Be Well,” a new mural for Pleasanton’s growing public art collection. When Kaiser approached the city for help in creating a more welcoming entrance to the facility for pediatric services at 7601 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton reached out to the Harringtons, who are active art donors to the city, to see if they would like to help. A call for artists for a mural went out, resulting in 47 submissions from all over the country, but Pleasanton artist Mark Shawver was chosen for his design, which showcases healthy life choices and iconic Pleasanton locations.

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Rebecca Bruner said.

Now the Pleasanton Hotel (though still historic, is not the original building, which burnt down at one point), consists of offices upstairs, whose tenants have occasionally felt her presence. On a previous Ghost Walk tour, a woman recounted having seen a floating pen and papers tossed off her father’s desk there when she was a little girl.

A woman who worked as a masseuse there had a skeleton model hanging on the wall. She kept getting “pestered” by an unknown presence,

Schaefer said, until she took down the skeleton.

“I guess Lily wants to be the only ghost/dead thing in the Pleasanton Hotel,” Schaefer said.

And Lily will be further memorialized in a few months, with the opening of Lily’s Spirit Room downstairs.

Ghost stories continue to collect over the years, and the annual Ghost Walk series changes to reflect this, much like history textbooks. Those who take part in the tour are attracted for a variety of reasons, whether they want an educational meander through familiar sites or appreciate a family-friendly way to celebrate the Halloween season. This year’s final

rounds of Ghost Walks will take place tonight and tomorrow.

Regardless of whether you are a skeptic or believer, though, the ghost stories are important, according to Michael Bruner.

“The reason I love these stories, whether or not you believe in ghosts, is because they tell such a vivid story of what Pleasanton used to be,” he said. “And if you consider that Pleasanton went from being the most desperate town of the West, to being Time magazine’s ‘Most Drinkingest Town in America’ in the 1950s — it really did — to being one of the most livable towns in America, it’s a Cinderella story.” ■

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Dons, Falcons ready for gridiron showdown

Amador golf, Foothill volleyball win EBAL titles; Dons dominate Mt. Sac Invitational

On paper, tonight's East Bay Athletic League finale between Amador Valley and Foothill looks like a major blowout.

The Dons are 7-2 and pretty healthy coming into the game at Amador that is set for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Falcons are 2-7 and have 15 players from their 49-player roster out with injuries.

There haven't been a lot of golden moments for the Falcons this year, while the Dons have turned into a balanced team that can light up the scoreboard.

Figures to be a blowout, right? Well, not if you know the history of the Amador-Foothill rivalry.

"You have to throw the records out the window," said Amador coach Danny Jones, who also played quarterback for the Dons when a teenager. "There have been years where we won the game and we had no business winning. This is going to be a dog fight."

For Foothill coach Greg Haubner, his initial season as the head coach has been a frustrating one as the Falcons have seemingly lost

players at every turn throughout the season.

"It has been frustrating," Haubner said. "But you have to play with the hand you're dealt. This game is a big deal for the kids, alumni, parents and the community. The kids are excited for the game."

Foothill volleyball

The Falcons claimed their first outright EBAL title since 2011 with a pair of wins last week.

The week started with a 25-19, 25-14, 25-14 win over Dublin. The highlights came from Emily Haskell (21 digs, 10 service points), Grayce Olson (16 kills, 9 digs), Riley Francis (9 kills, 1 block) and Savannah Caires (4 kills, 3 blocks).

Later in the week, needing a win over Amador to claim the title, the Falcons got just that with a 25-19, 25-19, 25-19 victory. This time the highlights came from Ishana Ram (35 assists, 10 digs), Olson (14 kills, 8 service pts, 6 digs), Naya Williamson (10 kills, 8 digs) and Haskell (15 digs, 8 service pts).

Foothill finished 17-1 in league.

Amador volleyball

The Dons sent their graduating seniors off with a win in their final home match, beating Granada 25-18, 25-12, 25-22. The seniors are Sarah Rieble, Helen Xiao, Mahlia Jackson, Lauren Melvin, Abby Swindale, Rachel Malmrose, Summer Reeves and Kaitlyn McFall.

Malmrose had 14 kills, Rieble adding 9 kills. Setter Xiao had 4 aces, 30 assists and 8 digs.

In the loss to Foothill, the Dons' offense was led by Malmrose's 9 kills. Sophomore Jillian Wittenauer led Amador's defense with 15 digs. Xiao and Jackson had 12 and 10 digs, respectively.

Amador cross-country

The Amador Valley boys and girls cross-country teams took team titles at the Mt. Sac Invitational last weekend.

There were 79 separate races over two days, with 300 schools and 10,000 athletes competing over the hilly three-mile course.

The boys team of seven runners were led by junior Jack Gray, finishing in eighth place overall with a time of 15:18 — which was also an Amador Valley record for the course.

He was followed closely by Aidan Boyle in 14th with a time of 15:36, Aidan McCarthy in 20th (15:46), Jacob Lawrence 40th (16:10), Euan Houston 48th (16:19), John Lester 56th (16:39) and Max Jorgenson 75th (16:56).

The seven girls of Amador Valley were led by sophomore Hope Bergmark, who won the race and beat the second-place finisher by seven seconds. Her time of 17:35 ranks second all-time at Amador for the Mt. Sac course.

The other finishers included Becky Laurence 21st (18:54), Ashley Baudin 31st (19:17), Derica Su 34th (19:19), Ella McCarthy



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The girls and boys of Amador cross-country celebrate their titles.

53rd (19:53), Surabhi Kumar 70th (20:26) and Rachel Dentler 74th (20:29).

Foothill cross-country

Russell Sullivan led the varsity boys in their debut in the Sweepstakes Division at Mt. Sac in sixth place in 15:00.3. Shrey Shah, Arjun Subramanian, Prithu Kachare, and Pranav Poominathan all achieved Mt. Sac personal records.

Aasahy Parab led the junior varsity team on the hilly course, while Eliseo Urrutia-Serrano was the fastest Falcon in the freshman race.

For the girls, Sydney Cohen at (23:02), Kina Atkin-Yamaguchi (23:16) and freshman Isabel Garcia-Flores close behind.

Foothill water polo

The Foothill High School boys varsity water polo team delivered a strong performance against San Ramon Valley on Oct. 18, however were unable to prevail against the league leader and lost 15-7.

The whole team played well with 3 goals scored by Nathan Williams, 2 by Dylan Weiglein and 1 each by Eugene Kruger and Sanjay Menon. Defensive standouts included goalie Moises Ambriz with 11 saves and a steal, and Ryan Weiglein

and Daniel Kim each with a pair of forced turnovers and a steal.

Amador girls golf

Amador won the EBAL championship on Oct. 15 at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley.

Ten teams in the league battled for first place, but Amador took the title with a team score of 386. Dougherty Valley placed second with a 391 and Foothill placed third with a 396.

Katie Murphy of Amador was the medalist for the tournament with a 71, beating the field by four strokes. ■

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.

Correction

A Livermore Fusion Soccer Club representative reached out last weekend to correct the amount of money they reported was raised during the club's benefit golf tournament, which was featured in the Sept. 14, 2018 Sports page. The tournament raised around \$2,000 for the Fusion TOPSoccer program.

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TAMIE SHADLE

RAGE players pack for Florida

Pleasanton RAGE packed 21,600 meals that went straight to Florida to help those affected by Hurricane Michael, as part of a community service pack-out event last week between RAGE competitive teams and local nonprofit Kids Against Hunger.

Concerts

JAZZ AT INKLINGS PRESENTS ERIK JEKABSON At 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Inklings, 530 Main St., Erik Jekabson, a Bay Area jazz trumpeter, will be coming to the stage for this concert in the "Jazz at Inklings" concert series.

Festivals & Fairs

OCTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER From 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, there will be an Oktoberfest fundraiser for Livermore Marilyn Ave. Elementary School. German food and entertainment. Dinner is \$15 per person, \$10 for children under 12.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIRE AND HIGH TEA 2018 The 7th Annual Victorian Christmas Faire from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 10, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Handcrafted hats, holiday crafts, wooden toys, jewelry, pottery, and photography. Enjoy lunch at the Cat and the Fiddle Pub or sit in the park to enjoy live entertainment, visit with Father Christmas and make reservations for High Tea at either 1 p.m. or 4 p.m. Admission is free and the tea is \$25 per person. Go to brownpapertickets.com/event.

45TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR The 45th Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Unique handmade gifts, children's items, holiday decorations, ornaments and more.

PAWS IN NEED HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE The 19th Annual Paws In Need Holiday Boutique, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate/Tri-Valley Realty, 101 E. Vineyard Ave., Suite #103, Livermore. Including animal-

themed holiday gifts for people and pets, garden art, cards, ornaments, gift basket raffles and more. All proceeds will benefit Paws In Need's animal medical program. For more information, contact 551-1877 or Info@Paws-In-Need.org.

Family

FOOD PANTRY AT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH The Food Pantry at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr. is open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings to serve anyone who needs food. No proof of residency is required, just come and get a couple of bags or more.

CHARACTERZ KIDZ FAMILY GAME NIGHT This Family Fun Night is free for all ages at 6 p.m., on the first Friday of every month at Characters Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd. KIDZ get a free hot cocoa or chocolate milk. Bring a game to share or play one of ours.

Food & Drink

HALLOWEEN BREW CRAWL From 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, The 8th Annual Halloween Brew Crawl is coming to Downtown Pleasanton. Stroll along Downtown and sip on craft brews, ciders and mead while enjoying tasty bites along the way at 30+ locations. For more information, go to pleasantondowntown.net.

PLEASANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEYOND THE CLOUD LUNCHEON EVENT The Annual Economic Development Luncheon, "Beyond the Cloud 6.0", is set for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Economic Driver Awards will be presented to 10x Genomics, ProSomnus Sleep Technologies and Sunbelt Controls. Register at pleasanton.org/events.

Government

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING The Commission meets at 7 p.m.

on the first Monday of the month, at City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Ave. to promote the acquisition, construction and installment of works of public art in Pleasanton. cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Lessons & Classes

FREE COMPUTER TUTORING From 5 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Bernal Ave., get help with downloading e-books from the library to an e-reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging or general internet questions. Call first to confirm 931-3400 ext. 4.

Support Groups

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or help@AlanonTriValley.org. Go to AlanonTriValley.org. Pleasanton.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets Wednesdays, from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. and is for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org, or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, (714) 296-3444.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND From 1 to 3 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, the Livermore Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets for any visually impaired or blind person. Call Carl at 449-9362.

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MEN OF BREAKFAST Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest.

FINDING WELLNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS Finding Wellness is a 7-week fun and interactive series designed to promote healthy living and well being. Classes meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 23 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave. (No class Nov. 20). Classes also include 20 minutes of gentle exercise. For age 60+. ssptv.org/finding-wellness-program.

Religion & Spirituality

HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOP Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive for our Holiday Grief Workshop for help in dealing with the upcoming holiday season. No registration required. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE A Mass of Remembrance is planned for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Please join us for this special evening of worship as we honor those you love who have died. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please bring a small picture or memento of your loved one to share and take home at the end of the evening.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY From 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday at Haps Original Steaks and Seafood at 122 West Neal St., we meet for lunch. Learn more about us online at pnr-rotary.org. Public Relations Contact Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email stacey@denalidatasystems.com.

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Troubadour Estas Tonne

Master guitarist Estas Tonne is bringing his spiritual sounds and excitement to the Bankhead Theater at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 on his first U.S. tour, "The Breath of Sound," which reflects a classical structure, the technique of Flamenco, roots of Gypsy, and characteristics of Latin and electronic soundscapes. "Life is breathing as music through each of us," Tonne said. "While trusting our breath, we trust life to sing that very song, which is the reason why all of us exist." Tickets are \$35-\$75. Go to www.lvpac.org, visit the box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore, or call 373-6100.

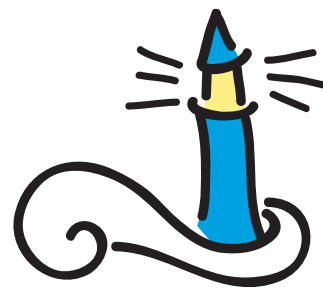


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Key Academy
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 550707
The following person doing business as: Key Academy, 1570 Ward Street, Hayward, CA 94541, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Knowledge Enlightens You, 1570 Ward St., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by Knowledge Enlightens You, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Krista Kastriotis, Executive Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 11, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2 and 9, 2018).

Golden State Taqueria, LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 550470
The following person doing business as: Golden State Taqueria, LLC, 4001 Santa Rita Road, Suite 1A, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Golden State Taqueria, LLC, Registrant, 4001 Santa Rita Road, Suite 1A, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Golden State Taqueria, LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Josue Ruiz, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 4, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2 and 9, 2018).

KAUFMAN RISK MANAGEMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.:539985
The following person(s) doing business as: Kaufman Risk Management

Consultants, 6350 Stoneridge Mall Road #G101, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joshua Kaufman, 6350 Stoneridge Mall Road, #G101, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein October 26, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Joshua Kaufman, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 8, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2018).


THE CHEESY COW
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.:550837
The following person(s) doing business as: The Cheesy Cow, 4083 Inniswood Place, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s):Debbie Barrett, 4083 Inniswood Place, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant: Debbie Barrett. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2018).

Ayurvedic Center of Health & Healing
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 550942
The following person doing business as: Ayurvedic Center of Health & Healing, 4725 First St., Suite 253, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Elizabeth Jean Bonser, 4725 First St., Suite 253, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Elizabeth Jean Bonser, an Individual. Signature of Registrant: Elizabeth Jean Bonser, Owner. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Oct. 17, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 17, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9 and 16, 2018).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 550913
The following person(s) doing business as: Amy Crandall, 2024 Olivia Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amy Crandall, 2024 Olivia Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Amy Crandall, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2018 (Pleasanton Weekly, October 26, November 2, 9, 16).

WESTERN GRADALL RENTALS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.:551057
The following person(s) doing business as: Western Gradall Rentals, 12315 Foothill Road, Sunol, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen D. Barkkarie, 12315 Foothill Road, Sunol, 94586. This business is conducted by a married couple. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein October 22, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 22, 2018(Pleasanton Weekly, October 26, November 2, 9, 16).

PUBLIC NOTICE
AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install a new wireless telecommunications facility on an existing building located at 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, Alameda County, CA 94566. The new facility will consist of adding nine RRH Units mounted on a new +/- 6' H Frame within a new ground-level equipment compound adjacent to the existing building. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6118005307-MH c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at (785) 760-5938.



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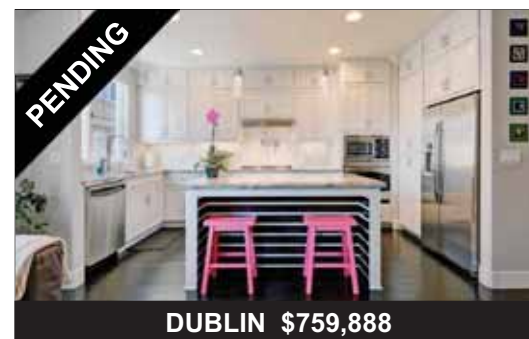
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