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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

A new downtown plan is coming, or is it?

A proposed new Pleasanton Downtown Specific Plan due to be voted on this year has run into headwinds.

Critics are questioning the new plan's consideration of a proposal to relocate city buildings at the south end of Main Street, including the public library and police station, to Bernal Community Park, which by some estimates could cost up to \$200 million.

Others, citing what they view as the incompatible heights of new buildings downtown, want the new plan to lower the 40-foot height allowance in the current plan, adopted in 2002.

Gerry Beaudin, Pleasanton's director of community development, and city planning manager Ellen Clark fielded questions at a recent Chamber of Commerce committee meeting, which at times were unpredictably negative.

Beaudin responded to critics who said recent tall buildings downtown, such as the one that Starbucks occupies, dwarf the long-preserved historic ones.

He said the new plan retains the 40-foot height allowance on downtown buildings for good reason.

"If you lower the height of buildings allowed downtown, you'll be limiting development opportunities," Beaudin said. "That would create challenges for people to want to invest in our downtown."

He added that while no one expects that a freeway-oriented hotel would want to build downtown, boutique hotels like the Rose or another Starbucks-style commercial building are what investors want to build.

As for the new downtown plan's consideration of the current Civic Center site, Clark and Beaudin said it provides a framework on the kinds of development possible on the current 13-acre site if the city moves forward to build a new Civic Center complex at the Bernal Park.

For starters, a new library would be built on a 27-acre, city-owned site in the park. The existing Civic Center buildings would then be razed with city offices moved into the old library. Private developers would then be offered a chance to bid for the Civic Center properties, which would pay for the new library.

Eventually, a new City Hall, Civic Center, police station and possibly Pleasanton Unified School District



Community development director Gerry Beaudin and planning manager Ellen Clark.

administrative offices would move to the Bernal Park complex.

But before any of this could happen, voters would have to approve the plan to move city facilities to Bernal Park.

Like the 40-foot building height allowance, the Civic Center redevelopment project also has its critics. Newly-elected Councilwoman Julie Testa, a frequent participant at Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force meetings, said the estimated cost of relocating city offices and the library to Bernal is over \$200 million.

"Why do we want this?" she asked. Beaudin pointed out that there's much more to the new specific plan. Its purpose is to guide land development within downtown Pleasanton through the year 2040.

"When we talk about downtown Pleasanton, we usually think of Main Street," Beaudin said. "But it also includes side streets and more. It's a 319-acre area, covering 60 city blocks. There are about 1,270 homes in the area, and they're not to be forgotten in this process."

A key goal of the plan is to preserve the character and development traditions of the downtown and to retain its small-town scale and physical characteristics.

The Downtown Specific Plan draft update is available for review both online at www.ptowndtown.org and at the Planning Department counter in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Be prepared, though, to spend some time. The draft consists of 138 pages of commentary, two pages of acknowledgments, a five-page list of tables of contents and maps, and 53 pages of appendices. ■

Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly.

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Have you kept many — or even any — of your New Year's resolutions?



Rafael Vargas
Construction

I'd have to say so far, so good. My primary resolution was to improve my fitness level so that I can stay strong and healthy. And here I am, at the gym, where I just had a great workout.



Meeta Vengapally
Business owner

I actually don't believe in New Year's resolutions. They seem so artificial and contrived. So instead, I just make resolutions all year long as things come up. One day at a time. When I make resolutions that way, I find that I do tend to keep them.



Vince Vengapally
Technology

I only have one resolution this year, and I have all year to keep it. It is to learn to play golf. I haven't started on it yet, so therefore I can't have broken it. My goal is to keep this resolution by Christmas 2019. I'm pretty sure I can do it.



Abril Ramirez
Bartender/cafe attendant

I'm doing quite well with my resolutions so far. I've gotten into a good, healthy routine of working hard all day, working out, going to bed early and not procrastinating.



Zeba Klamín
Personal trainer

So far I'm doing really well. My two biggest resolutions were to travel more, and to manage my money better, and the two resolutions seem to go hand in hand. I am saving more money because I'm eating out less often and am able to use the savings to plan more travel. I've already booked three trips this year. One is to North Carolina to visit my best friend. Can't wait.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Veteran support

The Pleasanton Library next Thursday (Jan. 24) will host an outreach event to help connect local military veterans to services available to them.

The VA Palo Alto Rural Health Mobile Medical Outreach Team and Alameda County's veteran service officer will be on-hand to facilitate free examinations, consultations and referrals for veterans, along with other veteran benefits information.

Veterans uncertain of their benefits eligibility are encouraged to visit as requirements have changed, and VA health care may complement current medical coverage. The veteran service officer will also provide benefits counsel and process VSD 001 Forms for veterans who want to apply for the veteran designation on California driver's licenses or ID cards.

Veterans should bring an extra copy of military discharge papers (DD Form 214) and a list of current medications. The event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Jewish music

Award-winning songwriter, storyteller and performer Daniel Cainer will present his Jewish-themed one-man show "Gefilte Fish and Chips" this Saturday evening to close the "World of Jewish Music" weekend showcase co-sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews.

The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Hayward. Admission for the concert is \$20 (or included with registration for the weekend conference). For ticket information, visit <http://bit.ly/JWest-2019>.

Help homeless

Tri-Valley Haven is working to help homeless residents in the community combat cold temperatures.

The local nonprofit has started a drive to collect new or gently used items for homeless men, women and children in the Tri-Valley: coats, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, jackets, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags and one-person tents.

Donations are being accepted at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore on Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 11.

Fundraiser canceled

Livermore Valley Opera officials informed the Weekly on Tuesday that the organization's "Behind the Curtain" fundraiser, which was highlighted in last week's paper, has been canceled due to low ticket sales but will be rescheduled at a later, unspecified date. ■

Board reviews funding sources for new school on Donlon site

Also: New high school courses, retirement incentives, audio-visual pilot program

By RYAN J. DEGAN

As part of first steps toward building a second campus on the Donlon Elementary School property — now referred to by district staff as "Elementary School No. 10" — the Pleasanton school board has begun reviewing options for how it will pay for the estimated \$61.25 million project.

At an informational session with no decision made Tuesday night, the trustees discussed an initial option to allocate funds from the district's

Sycamore Fund 40 and Capital Fund 40 for the building of the new school, a move that would deplete both funds.

"I'm reluctant (to deplete the Sycamore Fund). That has been our safety net for a long time, so its conceivable, or certainly reasonable, that we might want to spend some of it down. But I would really hate for it to go to zero," Trustee Joan Laursen said at the regular board meeting. "If we did, I would like for us to consider increasing contributions because

we would have no other fail-safe."

Approved in concept at the board's Dec. 18 meeting, Elementary School No. 10 would be designated for approximately 500 fourth- and fifth-grade students and cost an estimated \$54.53 million for construction.

The existing campus on the Donlon property is planned to be converted into a transitional kindergarten through third-grade school with a projected enrollment of 700 students and an estimated renovation cost of \$380,000.

An additional \$6.34 million has been identified by district staff for traffic mitigation in the area, but deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa said that would best be funded through other sources such as local partners.

"I don't quite feel the same way with the Sycamore Fund," Board President Valerie Arkin said, countering Laursen's remarks. "I know it's been our safety net ... but it's

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FILE PHOTO

Castlewood Country Club leaders and members are exploring options for addressing costly ADA compliance concerns with the clubhouse, including a new bid from the Bay Club.

Castlewood's big decision

Bay Club makes bid as members weigh options

By TIM HUNT

Castlewood Country Club members will be making a major decision on the future of the club in the next few weeks.

Members will consider options at the Pleasanton club's annual meeting this weekend when the Board of Directors and senior staff will lay out various scenarios and their costs for tackling the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) shortcomings of the clubhouse.

The club has held three town hall meetings (Nov. 29, Jan. 5 and Jan. 10) to explain the options, answer members' questions and receive comments — including about a bid from the Bay Club.

The Castlewood board has been exploring improvements for the clubhouse, which was built back in the 1970s after the original clubhouse burned to the ground

in 1972. The challenge has been ADA regulations — first signed into law by then-President George H.W. Bush in 1990 — because the clubhouse doesn't come close to meeting the standards.

The board has used an outside consultant to identify the issues and then contractors to develop cost estimates. Options on the table now for members include:

- Doing only ADA-required updates to the clubhouse would cost members an additional \$100 per month for 15 years.
- Doing those updates plus other improvements to the clubhouse and swimming pool would cost \$200 per month for 15 years.
- Razing the clubhouse and building a new one would be a \$600-per-month increase.
- Merging the club into the Bay Club.

The Bay Club made headlines locally late last year when it purchased the ClubSport portfolio of clubs, including the original club in Pleasanton as well as the Fremont, Danville and Walnut Creek sites.

The proposal from the Bay Club calls for Castlewood equity members to receive the \$30,000 sapphire membership, which has monthly dues of \$900 for an individual and \$1,050 for a family. There's no food and beverage requirement (a change from the current club). With that level of membership, Castlewood members could use any of the Bay Club locations, including the nearby Pleasanton site on Johnson Drive.

Currently, Castlewood members pay about \$810 monthly plus

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Board names interim chancellor

College district to restart process after not picking finalist

By JEREMY WALSH

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will soon have its third interim leader as the Board of Trustees has decided to restart the hiring process to find a permanent chancellor after not approving any applicant from the first round of recruitment.

After confirming its initial inclination to not select any of the three finalists for final appointment Tuesday night in Dublin, the board voted to promote Ronald P. Gerhard, the district's vice chancellor of business services, to serve as interim chancellor starting next week.

"We believe it is in the best interest of the district to name an interim chancellor at this time," Board President Edralin "Ed" Maduli said in a statement Wednesday morning.

"Mr. Gerhard has a long history with the California Community Colleges and will help us stay the course until such time that we can launch another national search for a permanent chancellor," added Maduli, who represents Livermore and parts of Pleasanton in Trustee Area 7.

Gerhard, who was not a candidate



Ronald P. Gerhard

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PG&E intends to file for bankruptcy

Announcement comes after CEO resigns as utility faces financial uncertainty amid wildfire woes

San Francisco-based PG&E Co. announced via a news release early Monday morning that it is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy just one day after its CEO resigned, according to company officials.

The Monday announcement is a 15-day advance notice that the company intends to file for bankruptcy reorganization around Jan. 29, utility officials said. The company does not expect any impact to electric or natural gas customers, and reiterated its commitment to rebuilding communities affected by massive wildfires in 2017 and 2018.

“Chapter 11 will best enable PG&E to resolve its potential liabilities in an orderly, fair and expeditious fashion,” PG&E interim CEO John Simon said.

On Sunday, the company’s CEO Geisha Williams, the chief executive officer of PG&E since March 2017, resigned, and Simon, who was the corporation’s executive vice president and general counsel, was named as her interim replacement.

Cal Fire determined in June 2018 that some of the devastating wildfires that struck Northern California in 2017 were caused by PG&E equipment. Cal Fire announced that the utility’s “electric power and distribution lines, conductors and the failure of power poles,” caused at least a dozen wildfires in six Northern

California counties.

The Chapter 11 procedure enables a company to freeze its debts and continue operating while it develops a financial reorganization plan. The plan must be approved by a federal bankruptcy judge.

“Our goal will be to work collaboratively to fairly balance the interests of our many constituents — including wildfire victims, customers, employees, creditors, shareholders, the financial community and business partners — while creating a sustainable foundation for the delivery of safe service to our customers in the years ahead,” said Richard Kelly, chair of the PG&E Board of Directors.

The bankruptcy announcement and Williams’ departure comes as PG&E is facing a financial crisis. Its market value has plunged since November’s Camp Fire, which devastated the town of Paradise and surrounding areas in Butte County.

Damage from that blaze, the state’s deadliest ever, and from 2017’s Tubbs Fire that caused major damage in Santa Rosa and other parts of Sonoma, Napa and Lake counties, could lead to the company being liable for up to \$30 billion.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and other elected officials vowed on Monday



to work to protect the public interest during PG&E’s imminent Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

“Everyone’s immediate focus is, rightfully, on ensuring Californians have continuous, reliable and safe electric and gas service,” Newsom said in a statement.

Newsom said that in the coming months, he will work with the Legislature and all affected groups “on a solution that ensures consumers have access to safe, affordable and reliable service, fire victims are treated fairly, and California can continue to make progress toward our climate goals.”

In a separate statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the utility said its liability from the fires could be more than \$30 billion, not including possible punitive damages or fines.

The statement said PG&E Co. and its parent holding company, PG&E Corp., have \$1.4 billion in cash on hand, \$1.4 billion in wildfire liability insurance for the current year and \$840 million in insurance for the previous year. Simon said the utility expects to obtain an additional \$5.5 billion in bank loans by the time it files its bankruptcy petition.

State regulators have called for management changes within

PG&E, and the utility may end up getting a bailout package of some kind.

PG&E has started the search for a permanent CEO, but Richard C. Kelly, board chairman of PG&E, on Sunday said Simon is the man for the moment.

“We believe John is the right interim leader for the company while we work to identify a new CEO,” Kelly said in a statement. “Our search is focused on extensive operational and safety expertise, and the board is committed to further change at PG&E.”

Simon has served as PG&E’s executive vice president and general counsel since 2017, and has been with the company since 2007, serving in several management roles.

Williams had also been with PG&E since 2007, and in March 2017 became the first Latina CEO of a Fortune 500 company. In 2017, she made \$991,667 in base pay and \$7,600,410 in total compensation. She has resigned from the boards of both PG&E and its holding company.

PG&E, which is owned by shareholders, provides electricity and natural gas to 16 million customers in Northern and Central California.

The utility previously filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2001 in the midst of billions of dollars of debt for spiraling

wholesale electricity costs during the state’s 2000-01 energy crisis. It emerged from the bankruptcy case in 2004.

PG&E told the SEC that it is aware of 50 lawsuits filed thus far on behalf of 2,000 plaintiffs in connection with the Camp Fire and 700 lawsuits by 3,600 people related to the 2017 wildfires.

A federal judge who is overseeing PG&E’s probation in a criminal pipeline safety case has tentatively ordered the utility to inspect its entire electrical service area and remove or trim any trees and repair any transmission equipment that could cause wildfires.

U.S. District Judge William Alsup will hold a Jan. 30 hearing to decide whether to go ahead with the order, which if finalized would become a new condition of probation.

The federal pipeline safety investigation grew out of a fatal explosion in San Bruno in 2010 of a defectively welded PG&E natural gas transmission pipe. Eight people died.

PG&E was convicted of five counts of violating safety laws in connection with several pipelines and one count of obstructing the San Bruno investigation. It was fined \$3 million and sentenced to five years of probation with conditions including a requirement not to commit any federal, state or local crimes. ■

—Julia Cheever, Bay City News

PUSD leaders push for ‘full and fair funding’ for education

District, union reps seek public support in lobbying state officials

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Leaders in the Pleasanton Unified School District have issued a joint letter asking for community members to join them in advocating for full and fair funding for public education and Pleasanton students.

The letter, released last Friday, states that while the PUSD has a longstanding reputation for providing a quality and nationally recognized public education, it has not been receiving an adequate amount of funding from the state — which provides the majority of the district’s funding — to meet its students needs.

School officials further stated that while California is now the fifth largest economy in the world, its schools are funded in the bottom 10% when compared to other U.S. school systems.

“Our 15,000 students in Pleasanton — along with the other 6.2 million enrolled throughout the state — deserve better,” PUSD education leaders said in their letter.

“It will take all of us, focused on improving the state’s funding model, to ensure we are able to meet the needs of the next generation of learners. We must fight for what’s right for our children.”

In a showing of a united front, the letter was jointly signed by PUSD Superintendent David Haglund, Board of Trustees President Valerie Arkin, Association of Pleasanton Teachers president Janice Clark and Classified School Employees Association president Laura Martinez.

Their ultimate goal is to have California funding for public school match the national average by the year 2020, and to reach the average of the top 10 states by 2025, objectives they seek to accomplish through further collaboration with regional and state



David Haglund

education officials as well as community support.

Officials ended the letter with a call to action for the community, asking residents to connect with their elected officials and encourage them to support education friendly legislation and increased funding for public schools.

PUSD leaders also pointed to pending legislation affecting public schools, including:

- Assembly Bill 39 — Education finance: would specify new, higher base grant amounts for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

- AB 123 — Early childhood education: Would expand state preschool program and enable local education agencies to blend their programs with transitional kindergarten.

- AB 30 — Community colleges: Would bolster state’s community college system.

- AB 197 — Establish full-day kindergarten.

For more information, PUSD leaders encourage people to check out www.fullandfairfunding.org. ■

Winegrowers look back at 2018

Association lauds members, installs new board

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association gathered last week to look back on the achievements of 2018 and recognize contributions from its members.

One success noted was the introduction of the Wine & Wags event for wine lovers and their dogs. The association also announced the launch of its refreshed logo and website, and plans for a delegation of winery proprietors and winemakers to visit with national media in New York.

Executive Director Chris Chandler presented the following member awards:

- Winery Member of the Year: Longevity Wines (accepted by Phil Long, owner/winemaker).
- Community Partner of the Year: City of Livermore (accepted by Mayor John Marchand).
- Affiliate Member of the Year: Black Tie Transportation (accepted by Bill Wheeler, president).

Marchand also swore in the LVWA 2019-20 Board of Directors.

Alexandra Henkelman, owner and winemaker at Omega Road Winery, will serve as president. Other board members include:

- Gina Cardera, Garre Vineyard & Winery, vice president
- Debbie Cristiano, Page Mill Winery, secretary
- Lisa Maier, Las Positas Vineyards, treasurer
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For more information about the association, visit www.LVwine.org. ■

Council supports changes to Hacienda planning regulations

Comprehensive update focuses on development rules, design guidelines

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council gave its initial endorsement Tuesday to a series of changes proposed for the policy documents governing development in Hacienda Business Park.

Aimed at resolving inconsistencies and outdated regulations while consolidating guidelines currently spread across multiple documents, the revisions are comprehensive and mainly technical in nature, but don't increase Hacienda's development capacity or intensities, city officials said — though they acknowledged residential expansion could be examined on a case-by-case basis in the future.

City staff sees the modifications as streamlining rules and procedures for Hacienda leadership and individual property owners by creating documents that are "easy to navigate and understand," according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

"This helps to meet the primary objective of attracting new businesses to Hacienda, while ensuring impacts of development are appropriately mitigated and enhancing the design quality of the area," Beaudin told the council in his pre-meeting staff report.

The council, after hearing a presentation from Beaudin and associate city planner Jennifer Hagen and considering light public comment Tuesday night, voted 4-0 for initial approval of the proposed changes to the Hacienda Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan and design guidelines documents. Vice Mayor Karla Brown was absent.

The ordinance is due to return for second reading and final approval during the Feb. 5 council meeting. "The Hacienda Business Park is really our economic engine. It helps us fund our (city) activities," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said in voicing her support for the revisions. "And I think given the competition to the north, anything that we can do to make it more user-friendly — in terms of building buildings, modifying buildings, talking about the permitted uses, one set of design guidelines for the entire park — is a plus."

Encompassing 833 acres in north-central Pleasanton, Hacienda is home to office buildings and commercial operations large and small, including some of the most recognizable companies with headquarters or major satellite offices in the city, such as Oracle, Kaiser Permanente and Roche.

Over time, Hacienda has evolved into a mixed-use neighborhood that also boasts apartment complexes and other housing, shopping centers, restaurants, hotels, parks and other community amenities.

But with the expansion in



FILE PHOTO

Councilwoman Kathy Narum praised the proposed document updates to support Hacienda, which she said was Pleasanton's "economic engine."

Hacienda, piecemeal rule changes and revisions to other citywide regulations over the years, the policies and design guidelines governing Hacienda growth developed some inconsistencies and became cumbersome for property owners and city staff, Beaudin said.

City staff, along with consultant firm Van Meter Williams Pollack and the Hacienda Owners Association, set out starting in 2014 to overhaul and consolidate Hacienda's design documents.

Two years ago, the council made it a city priority to complete the updates to the Hacienda PUD development plan and design guidelines. The proposed changes, laid out in the draft documents presented Tuesday, have been endorsed by Hacienda leadership and city Planning Commission.

Hacienda General Manager James Paxson lauded the revisions, saying, "We've gotten a lot of things cleaned up and set straight so that, again, we have a much easier process for people to follow when they want to bring in projects."

Paxson told the council he likened the lengthy update process to "putting a new foundation on your house. It has to get done. It's grueling; there's a lot of work and then you don't get to see the results. But you do get to know that there is a firm base for everything else that you do."

The updates are divided into two main categories: development regulations and design standards.

One key modification on the development side would be creating a unified methodology for calculating the development capacity in Hacienda, according to Hagen.

The updates do not increase the development cap of 9,889,000 square feet, but they do change the formula that tracked Hacienda projects differently depending on rules pre- and post-1993 (when a major rezoning occurred). The result would be Hacienda has 740,682 square feet left for potential commercial growth going forward.

Hagen was quick to point out that the cap does not apply to residential development already completed in Hacienda nor for seven other lots identified for possible housing in the Hacienda area, including the BART property.

Currently Hacienda has the capacity to maintain up to 3,452 housing units, but Hagen noted that during the next mandated regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) cycle, the city may need to rezone one or more Hacienda properties to address state law or local housing site shortfalls. Changes to accommodate new residential units would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis in the future, she said.

Regarding future development, the recommended updates also aim to create consistency between the Hacienda PUD and the Pleasanton Municipal Code for permitted and conditionally permitted uses within all Hacienda planning districts.

City officials think the new methodology and other revisions would provide a unified approach for future projects while ensuring new development adequately mitigates its impacts, Beaudin said.

As for design guidelines, the updates focus on consolidating current rules into one document and aligning Hacienda design standards with current city practices and adopted regulations, according to Hagen.

She noted there are no changes proposed to development intensities or onsite parking requirements.

Design guideline changes include in the categories of ground cover and turf specifications, making signage regulations consistent with current practice, encouraging roof-mounted installation for solar canopies, keeping in line with Pleasanton's water efficient landscape ordinance and recycled water implementation strategies.

City and Hacienda leaders see the updated design document as a consolidated version of all the original design guidelines that will aid in streamlining the development review process. ■

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Pleasanton set to reflect on impact of Martin Luther King Jr.

Annual fellowship breakfast set for Jan. 28

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative is set to hold the 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. fellowship breakfast later this month.

The morning event, which includes a keynote address and handing out the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Awards, is scheduled for Jan. 28 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton at The Club (7050 Johnson Drive).

The fellowship breakfast will come one week after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, which the nation will recognize this coming Monday.

King is etched into world history as one of the most influential American civil rights leaders. The Nobel Peace Prize recipient, who



Joanna Livingston



Lisa McNaney

would have marked his 90th birthday on Jan. 15, was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

The annual fellowship breakfast is among the ways the Pleasanton community commemorates King's contributions each winter.

This year, the event's keynote speaker will be Brian Copeland, an actor, author, playwright and radio talk show host. Entertainment will

be provided by The Blue Boat Jazz Quintet, and former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti will serve as the emcee.

The collaborative will also continue the tradition of recognizing community contributions with the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Awards. This year's recipients are Joanna "Joey" Livingston in honor of her support of nonprofits such as Child Care Links, and Lisa McNaney, founder and executive director of Culinary Angels.

Livingston has partnered with local nonprofits to promote early literacy to help young children, using her online presence from her "A Cup a Joey" blog and social media following to generate support for causes close to her heart.

She recently "adopted" Child Care Links and encouraged her

fans to donate over 7,000 diapers, 10,000 baby wipes and 200 books for low-income children in the Tri-Valley community. She has undertaken similar outreach and fundraising efforts for other early literacy projects in the East Bay. Livingston is married to Golden State Warriors guard Shaun Livingston.

McNaney, a longtime Livermore resident, founded Culinary Angels in November 2016 to provide nutrient-rich meals to people going through a serious health challenge.

A community volunteer for healthy living, education and cooking practices for over a decade, McNaney was inspired to create Culinary Angels after her own battle with cancer — during which she said she became acutely aware of the important role proper nutrition

plays in fighting cancer.

In just over two years, McNaney's all-volunteer, nonprofit organization has grown to serve over 1,800 meals to recipients and their caregivers.

Tickets to the Jan. 28 fellowship breakfast are \$40 per person while supplies last. Register online by visiting www.pleasanton.org/events and clicking on the "MLK Fellowship Breakfast 2019" tab. Proceeds from the event benefit the collaborative's Juanita Haugen Scholarship Fund.

This marks the second year in a row that the Community of Character Collaborative has spearheaded the King event, which for years was organized by the Tri-Valley YMCA before abruptly ending its sponsorship ahead of the 2018 event. ■

SCHOOL BOARD

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a-sale-of-property fund so it's kind of what the purpose of those funds has been used for."

Allocating finances from Sycamore Fund 40 would provide the district with \$7,177,080 and Capital Fund 40 would add an additional \$3.9 million. When combined with

\$3,480,169 in developer fees and the \$35 million from Measure II — the facilities bond approved by district voters in 2016 — the PUSD would have \$49,557,249 to work with.

While short of the estimated \$61.25 million needed for the entire project, district staff reminded the board and residents that the current design is a concept and staff will look for an architect who will be able to cut costs through "value engineering."

"I'm not suggesting that any one of those strategies is the right strategy. My advocacy is that we maintain a position of always putting all of the options on the table and then slowly walking back the options one by one until we get to the one that works best for us," Superintendent David

Haglund said. "We need to be able to say that we did our due diligence."

A final decision on where to acquire funding has not been made and the district will look to continue reviewing its options at its regular meeting on Feb. 12, during which staff will look to recommend a financial plan for action.

In other business

- The board reviewed a series of eight new courses and seven revised course outlines, but postponed a final decision on the new slate of classes proposed by district staff, who are working to anticipate students academic needs and desires for the 2019-20 school year.

The eight new courses pertain only to high school students: cyber

security, calculus, honors aerospace, honors civil engineering and architecture, honors digital electronics, honors human body systems, honors medical interventions and honors principles of engineering.

The seven revised course outlines include: reading and language, high school English, AP U.S. history, AP macroeconomics, AP human geography, AP psychology and African American literature.

Revised course outlines will be used for grades nine through 12 — with the exception of reading and language, which would be used in middle school special day class.

After reviewing the courses, trustees voted to hold over the package as a consent item for its next scheduled meeting. They plan to consider final approval of the new course descriptions then.

- To start off the meeting, the board took time to recognize Pleasanton high school students Ellen Ebbers, Zara Fatteh, Sander Head and Paulina Umansky for their designation as 2018's recipients of the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships.

The students were honored by the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative for best reflecting the scholarship's key principles of compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline. Each student received \$1,000 from the scholarship fund for their efforts to promote these principles and improve their community.

- After brief discussion trustees unanimously approved a waiver appointing Kelsey Kemp as the district's new behavioral specialist.

- Representatives from Cossolias, Wilson, Dominguez and Leavitt presented the board with its independent financial audit report for the 2017-18 fiscal year, as well as PUSD's 2017-18 Measure II performance and financial audits report.

- In an effort to incentivise early notifications from employees

planning to retire, trustees approved allocating up to \$10,000 in one-time funding for both certificated non-management and certificated management employees who alert the district of their intent to retire.

Now up to 10 employees who submit a retirement request no later than Feb. 15 will receive a \$1,000 bonus, so long as their effective retiring date is no later than June 30, 2019. The 10 employees will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Certified public accountant Lewis Liu was appointed by the board to serve a 1.5-year term on the district's Board Audit Committee.

- District staff presented a report on the finer points of newly elected Gov. Gavin Newsom's first budget proposal and how it differs from the mindset and priorities of his predecessor, Jerry Brown.

- Trustees established a Board Budget Subcommittee that will be comprised of trustees Laursen and Mark Miller, vice president Steve Maher will serve as an alternate.

- At staff's recommendation, the board approved purchasing new equipment for schools as a part of its 21st century classroom audio-visual pilot program at a total cost of \$84,000 from Measure II funds.

Select locations at all school sites — with the exception of Valley View and Lydiksen elementary schools — will be equipped with Aver interactive flat panels, an interactive audio visual screen meant to enhance teaching and learning.

- A consent agenda item, trustees approved increasing the per-mile reimbursement rate for employees, increasing the dollar amount received from 54.5 cents per mile to 58 cents.

- Trustees approved the allocation of \$53,000 from the instructional materials adoption fund, to pay for the purchase of new educational materials for AP human geography courses. ■

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Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Planning Commission Design Training Workshop and training with Rick Williams, Principal, Van Meter Williams Pollack, on concepts, strategies and approaches for effective project design review.

Committee on Energy and the Environment

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation on Lawn & Garden Equipment Related Air & Noise Pollution
- City Council 2019-2020 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process
- Climate Action Update
- Presentation of Climate Action Pledge Letter

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Amador students hosting ethical fashion show

Event aims to promote principled practices in clothing industry

By JEREMY WALSH

Two Amador Valley High students striving to raise awareness about the positive aspects of ethical practices in the clothing industry are holding an ethical fashion show in the school's multipurpose room next week.

Claire Shao and Sophia Xing founded an organization called #AgainstFastFashion as part of their community service project for the Amador Valley DECA entrepreneurial student club. Their group's goal is to spread awareness about the detrimental effects of fast-fashion and promote ethicality and reuse of

clothing within the community, according to Shao.

"What do these large fashion retailing companies have in common? They all do fast-fashion — a practice where companies want to quickly get trendy clothing in stores. However, this leads to textile waste, underpaid labor and exploits employees," Shao said.

To promote their organization, the founders are hosting an #AgainstFastFashion Ethical Fashion Show on Tuesday (Jan. 22), featuring models wearing clothes from local shops such as Change of the Heart Boutique

and Girlfriends Boutique and other ethical companies like Passion Lilie, Krochet Kids Intl., Loomstate and Osei-Duro.

Billed as a night filled with fashion and awareness, the show is also set to feature a presentation from Nordstrom about its ethical fashion practices.

The event is scheduled to run from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday in the Amador Valley MPR at 1155 Santa Rita Road. Admission is free, with raffles and prizes on the docket as well. To learn more, visit <https://sx0331.wixsite.com/againstfastfashion>. ■

Zone 7 earns Budget Excellence Award

Agency honored for 2018-19 financial document

The Zone 7 Water Agency was recently recognized for high-level municipal budgeting by peers in the public finance field.

The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) selected Zone 7 to receive an Operating Budget Excellence Award for the Tri-Valley agency's 2018-19 budget document.

This marks the fourth straight year Zone 7 was honored by the CSMFO's award program, which aims to single out public agencies that have prepared a budget document that meets the highest criteria and standards applied to municipal budgeting.

"We are honored to receive this award, a recognition of the agency's efforts to put forth a clear and detailed budget document to the public," Zone 7 Board President Angela Ramirez Holmes said in a statement last week. "The award validates the board's continuing

commitment to fiscal accountability and transparency."

To receive the Excellence Award, a governmental body must publish a budget document that meets programmatic criteria as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communication device, according to Zone 7 officials.

The CSMFO has two different budget awards that are presented to public agencies. The initial level is a Meritorious Budget Award and the advanced level is an Excellence in Budgeting Award — with Zone 7 earning the highest-level rating.

Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor praised the agency's leadership team for the award, saying she was "pleased that the Zone 7 Finance Team was recognized for its commitment to best practices in financial reporting and financial transparency. The award is a testament to the hard work and

professionalism of Zone 7 staff".

Based in Livermore, Zone 7 is the wholesale water retailer for the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and Cal Water's Livermore division. The public agency also provides flood control and protection for the Livermore and Amador valleys. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Hospital names new chief strategy officer

Yoo tasked with leading San Ramon Regional's growth, development

San Ramon Regional Medical Center announced last week the appointment of Pam Yoo as its new chief strategy officer.

Yoo's primary duties will be growing and developing San Ramon Regional's network of services to ensure the hospital is meeting the needs of the community and providing convenient access to high-quality care close to home, according to hospital officials.

"Pam brings with her a fresh perspective on strategic development and new energy to enhancing and expanding our healthcare delivery," CEO Ann Lucena said in a statement. "We are delighted to have her join our executive team."

Yoo joins San Ramon Regional after working as senior manager of strategy implementation at the Sutter Health System Office, where she was the strategic leader and adviser to senior executives in the planning, execution and monitoring of large-scale initiatives.

She also served as the director



Pam Yoo

of neuroscience at UCSF Medical Center and the program manager of neuroscience at Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento.

Yoo earned a bachelor's degree in sociology (with minor in political science) and master's degree in business administration from the University of California at Davis. She is also a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves on the Graduate School of Management Alumni Association Board at UC Davis. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Church, SRVUSD settle sex abuse lawsuit

Victim receiving \$1.5M after assault by ex-coach, youth leader

By RYAN J. DEGAN

A sexual assault survivor is receiving more than \$1.5 million combined from New Life Church of Alamo and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District as part of the settlement of legal complaints stemming from abuse committed by a former church youth group leader and California High School head wrestling coach, according to a statement from the young man's attorneys last week.

New Life Church has agreed to pay \$849,000 and SRVUSD will pay \$699,000 to the victim, who as a teen was abused by since-convicted sex offender Kevin Lopez in 2013 and 2014, according to the law firm of Corsiglia, McMahon & Allard.

"Insurance companies continue to pay for the sexual abuse caused by the negligence of school districts, churches and other institutions that are failing to protect our children," attorney Lauren Cerri, who represented the survivor in the lawsuit, said on Jan. 10. "We hope to start seeing school districts and churches taking steps to develop and implement child sexual abuse prevention training rather than relying on insurance companies to pay for the tragic results."

Representatives from New Life Church had not responded to requests for comment as of Tuesday.

SRVUSD spokeswoman Elizabeth Graswich on Jan. 10 confirmed that the case resolved with the district in

the fall, but declined further comment. "SRVUSD resolved the legal matter through a settlement in October 2018. We are not going to comment on a legal case that does not involve SRVUSD," she said.

Lopez, who was 27 at the time of his arrest in September 2014, accepted a plea deal from Contra Costa County prosecutors in February 2015, admitting to eight felonies for acts involving three boys between 2003 and September 2014. He is currently serving a sentence of 10 years and eight months in a state prison.

According to the original lawsuit that was submitted by Cerri's firm in October 2015, their client first met Lopez in August 2013 when he was

a 14-year-old student at Cal High in San Ramon and a member of the New Life Church youth group.

The teen joined the wrestling team in December 2013 and was sexually abused from around that time until September 2014, the time of Lopez's arrest.

Firm representatives alleged officials with the church and school district could have, and should have, done more to protect their client.

The lawsuit stated that not only did church officials ignore numerous complaints about Lopez's behavior, but they allowed him to chaperone kids to camps and mission trips throughout California and Mexico, where at least one of the assaults took place.

"Lopez was seen cuddling in bed and 'spooning' with our client in Mexico and the Church did not report the incident. It took no action whatsoever to stop the easily preventable sexual abuse that occurred after that trip," Cerri said.

Firm representatives said last week that the church has "re-evaluated and strengthened" its child protection policies in the wake of the Lopez case. They said the settlement with the church is \$549,000 above the \$300,000 sexual abuse insurance coverage that its insurance policy provided.

In the case of the SRVUSD, the survivor's attorneys alleged that the district also violated mandatory reporting laws by failing to report suspected sexual abuse, further stating that unidentified district staff chose to conduct its own investigation after receiving two complaints about Lopez without contacting police. ■

CASTLEWOOD

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facilities capital fees of another \$100 along with a \$400-per-quarter food and beverage minimum.

Bay Club would invest \$15 million to upgrade the clubhouse and other facilities and reportedly plans to maintain both 18-hole golf courses. The Bay Club has been acquiring new properties since it was purchased by international investment firm, KKR. The club was founded in 1997 and grew to more than 50,000 members before the ClubSport deal that added thousands more members.

The new proposal from the Bay Club is the major change since the Weekly reported last May that Castlewood was considering a joint venture with Ponderosa Homes to develop homes on the Valley Course. That

option faced some significant hurdles, including the property needing to be annexed to the city of Pleasanton for sewer, the railroad tracks that run right through it and three holes are bordered by the Arroyo de la Laguna.

In addition, the Valley Course, because it is relatively flat and walkable, gets about 60% of the members' play — compared to Castlewood's aptly named Hill Course.

Castlewood, as well as many other country clubs across the U.S., have been hit by a couple of trends.

Topping the list is an aging and declining membership. For a country club with two golf courses, 800 families is a good target. Castlewood's golf membership now hovers above 600 and has been steadily shrinking.

Two years ago, the Castlewood club president at the time told

members of the homeowners association (a separate nonprofit organization) that membership in the club had dropped to about 50% of the homeowners, when historically it was three-quarters or more. For residents with homes along the golf course, their views and expanded backyards were maintained by the club.

Should the club cease to exist, that green space could go away and take a substantial chunk of their homes' value with it. It's happened in a modest community like Springtown in Livermore where the city-owned nine-hole course was closed and has been designated as open space. The city is still working to fund improvements to the area after removing the large pond.

It's a national issue that the Wall Street Journal spotlighted in its

"Mansion" section on Jan. 11. The Journal reported that one consultant said home prices can plummet as much as 50% if there's a legal battle around the course closing.

Courses are shutting down because memberships are shrinking and, in some cases such as in San Diego, because the costs of irrigation water are soaring. The National Golf Foundation reported that more than 200 courses closed in 2017, with just 15 opening. Some of this resulted from the over-supply of golf course communities built in the 1990s. For instance, in Brentwood/Antioch, there were three golf communities within five miles — now just one club exists, and two golf courses have closed.

The second issue is what potential members want in a club also has shifted from a golf course, clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis to

a place for the entire family.

Ruby Hill Country Club in Pleasanton, which was not an equity club, was sold by founder Jim Ghielmetti to Arcis Golf in 2015. Arcis is a rapidly growing company founded in 2015 that runs everything from municipal courses to daily fee and country clubs. The firm rebranded the Pleasanton venue as The Club at Ruby Hill and remodeled the clubhouse to improve member dining options.

Last year, the Blackhawk Country Club, which boasts two 18-hole courses with one large clubhouse/banquet facility on the Lakeside Course, opened a 9,400-square-foot fitness center in its sports complex with tennis courts, pickle ball courts, bocce ball lanes and a bar and grill. That speaks to the interest in family-oriented country club offerings. ■

CHANCELLOR

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during the district's national search last fall, will take the helm next Tuesday when district offices reopen after Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Earning a new monthly salary of \$22,916.67, Gerhard is set to hold the position

through Aug. 22, 2020 or until the permanent position is filled, whichever occurs first.

Before becoming vice chancellor of business services, Gerhard worked in multiple roles for Chabot-Las Positas, including as vice president of administrative services at Chabot College in Hayward.

Earlier in his career, he held various finance or business leadership positions with City College of San Francisco, Peralta Community College District, Compton Community College District and San Bernardino Valley College. He earned a master's degree from the University of California at Riverside after completing a bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands.

Now, Gerhard will become the third interim leader since August for the district that serves 29,000 East Bay community college students among main campuses at Chabot in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore.

He will take the reins from Thomas Fallo, a longtime California community colleges administrator who came out of retirement to hold down the fort for Chabot-Las Positas until the board hired a permanent chancellor — which was originally expected to occur by February.

Fallo started in mid-September, succeeding Chancellor Emeritus Susan Cota who served briefly as interim chancellor in the immediate aftermath of chancellor Jannett

Jackson resigning in August after five years at the helm. Jackson stepped down two months after the Board of Trustees voted not to renew her contract beyond its June 2019 expiration date for unspecified reasons.

The district then kicked off a nationwide recruitment for a permanent chancellor, a process spearheaded by a consultant firm working with a district-wide search committee comprised of faculty, staff, students and community members.

District leaders announced in early December that the board had selected three finalists from among the pool of applicants.

The top candidates were Lisa Avery, president of Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus in Portland, Ore.; David Dore, campus president and vice chancellor of workforce and economic development at the Pima Community College District in Tucson, Ariz.; and Walter Tribbley, superintendent/president of Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey.

District leaders unveiled the finalists ahead of public forums at both main campuses, which were

followed by a board meeting Dec. 17 to hear public comment before talking in closed-session about the chancellor search.

The board then conducted closed-session interviews with the finalists Dec. 18, but announced after the meeting that no candidate was chosen for the position. But soon after district officials determined a clerical error resulted in the Dec. 18 meeting agenda not being properly posted in public, a violation of California's Brown Act, according to Guisselle Nuñez, the district's public relations director.

The rejections were rescinded in favor of a properly agendaed special meeting after the winter holidays, but the trustees did not reach a decision on the chancellor vacancy last week, forwarding the final vote to Tuesday night's regular meeting, according to Nuñez.

On Tuesday, the trustees confirmed their initial inclination by not selecting any of the three finalists.

The timeline and process for the district's renewed chancellor recruitment have not been revealed to date. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

PPD locates driver who hit pedestrian

Pleasanton police announced last week they have identified the driver accused of giving false information after hitting a pedestrian with his pickup truck last month, but they aren't releasing the man's name publicly because he has not been arrested.

Pleasanton Police Department officials put out a call on social media on Jan. 3 for public help in identifying the unknown man involved in the crash at the intersection of Tom Burnett Lane and Johnson Drive two weeks earlier.

Investigators confirmed on Jan. 9 that they received an anonymous tip after that social media push, leading to the driver being contacted and positively identified.

The driver is cooperating with the investigation and is not under arrest, though the case will be forwarded to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for review, according to police. The department is withholding the driver's identity from the public in keeping with its policy of not

naming people who are not arrested.

The original incident unfolded around 8:30 a.m. Dec. 21 when a pedestrian walking in the crosswalk on Tom Burnett Lane at Johnson Drive was struck by a pickup truck that failed to yield, according to security footage acquired by investigators, police said. The pedestrian sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Police allege that after striking the pedestrian and knocking them to the ground, the driver stepped out of his truck to exchange information that police would later determine was false.

The man then entered a nearby, security-controlled business by following an employee inside, but police later found that the man did not appear to have legitimate business there or be associated with the business in any way.

While looking for help identifying the driver, police released surveillance video of the crash and still photographs of the man inside the business.

In other news

- A man who was killed earlier this month when he lost control of his motorcycle while riding in heavy rain

on Interstate 580 east of Livermore has been identified by the Alameda County coroner as 21-year-old Cristo Garcia of Livermore.

According to California Highway Patrol Officer Tyler Hahn, witnesses said that Garcia was driving at high speeds and splitting lanes just before he lost control of his 2018 Harley Davidson between Livermore and Tracy on I-580 a mile west of the Grant Line Road exit at about 1:05 p.m. Jan. 6.

Hahn said a man driving a 2017 Jeep Wrangler struck Garcia after he was on the ground. Garcia was pronounced dead at the scene.

- There have been no new updates so far this week in Belmont police's investigation into the fatal shooting of a teenager in their city on Jan. 7.

The investigation took Belmont police into Pleasanton last week to serve a search warrant during the afternoon of Jan. 8 at a house on Blossom Court. The specifics of the warrant have not been confirmed. Three people were detained, but no arrests were made, according to Belmont PD Capt. Patrick Halleran.

Investigators continue to work leads related to the death of Redwood City resident Mohammad Othman, a 17-year-old student at Carlmont

High School who died of a bullet wound after being found shot at Central Elementary School in Belmont late the night of Jan. 7.

- The sentencing for a Livermore man who's been convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for the death of a 20-year-old woman who was a passenger in his car in a crash in Oakland four years ago was postponed last week at the request of his attorney.

Travis Maresca, 24, didn't even show up at his scheduled sentencing hearing last Friday.

Defense attorney Robert Byers told Alameda County Superior Court Judge James Cramer that Maresca couldn't make it to court because his father went out of town with the family's car.

The California Highway Patrol said Maresca, then 20 years old, was under the influence of alcohol and drugs in a crash near the High Street exit of eastbound Interstate 580 in Oakland at about 3:20 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2015, in which his 2009 Toyota Scion struck a pole and came to rest blocking the freeway's MacArthur Boulevard/High Street on-ramp.

Maresca's passenger, Kayla Turner, 20, of San Jose was pronounced dead

at the scene.

Maresca pleaded no contest Aug. 24 to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Judge Kevin Murphy told Maresca at that hearing that he could be placed on probation for three to five years when he's sentenced or face up to four years in state prison.

Murphy said the plea was "an open agreement," which means that it will be up to Cramer, the sentencing judge, to determine Maresca's punishment.

Prosecutor Nick Homer said he's spoken to Turner's family and "they have very strong feelings about what happened but their feelings about what should happen to the defendant (Maresca) are somewhat nuanced, as one can imagine in a case like this."

However, Homer said he hadn't been able to reach Turner's family before the plea agreement was reached. "It's quite possible they will be attending the hearing and will have some very strong feelings to voice to the court at the sentencing. I don't know what those feelings would be," he said.

Maresca's sentencing is now scheduled for Feb. 15. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 12

Burglary

- 7:50 a.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

- 6:48 p.m. on Segundo Court

Theft

- 8:47 a.m. on the 2300 block of Foothill Road
- 5:08 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:55 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 10:36 p.m., 4400 block of Mohr Avenue; theft of bicycle

Jan. 11

Fraud

- 10 p.m. on the 4800 block of Dolores Drive

Theft

- 3:05 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Blvd.
- 3:48 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 7:44 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 3:43 p.m. on the 1400 block of Freeman Lane

Graffiti offense

- 1:57 p.m. at Ray and First streets

DUI

- 1:40 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Jan 10

Theft

- 8:08 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 8:21 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 7:43 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Graffiti offense

- 9:57 a.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Burglary

- 5:33 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 8:47 a.m. on the 4200 block of Mirador Drive
- 10:17 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:12 p.m. on the 4200 block of Hacienda Drive

Jan. 9

Drug violation

- 3:06 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

Vandalism

- 2:19 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

Theft from auto

- 1:29 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 2:54 p.m. on the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

Burglary

- 9:17 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Jan. 8

Drug violation

- 6:07 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 9:33 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Robbery

- 8:24 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

- 9:54 a.m., 900 block of Concord Street; theft from auto
- 1:52 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:34 p.m. on the 4900 block of Dolores Drive
- 6:48 p.m., 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Fraud

- 12:05 p.m. on the 4000 block of Alvarado Street

Jan. 7

Theft

- 10:37 a.m., 4100 block of Hacienda Drive; theft of auto
- 1:36 p.m. at Valley Avenue and East Gate Way
- 5:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 11:12 p.m. on the 4300 block of Second Street

Burglary

- 4:19 a.m. on the 3900 block of Valley Avenue

DUI

- 1:49 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

Jan. 6

Drug violation

- 2:51 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 10:30 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 5:28 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 6:49 a.m., 4900 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 3:52 p.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 7:08 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 4:35 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Jan. 5

Shoplifting

- 11:11 a.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:24 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 4:30 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 1:54 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 4

Theft from auto

- 12:55 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 1:31 p.m. on Canelli Court at Concord Street
- 4:41 p.m. on the 2800 Vineyard Avenue

Shoplifting

- 2:33 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:37 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:19 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:34 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:03 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Robbery

- 8:37 p.m. on the 7500 block of Stonedale Drive

Assault/battery

- 5:39 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Graffiti offense

- 12:55 p.m. on the 100 block of Ray Street

Domestic battery

- 3:59 a.m. on Owens Court

Jan. 3

Drug violation

- 11:13 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 5:24 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 8:08 p.m. on the 1600 block of Whispering Oaks Way
- 9:09 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Assault/battery

- 6:11 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 1:49 p.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Jan. 2

Robbery

- 8:30 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 2:56 p.m. on the 600 block of Varese Court

- 4:05 p.m., 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 6:35 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

- 8:23 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 7:39 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

- 8:18 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Vandalism

- 9:33 a.m. on the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

- 7:54 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Weapons violation

- 6:40 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

- 4:07 p.m. at Park Access Road and Vineyard Avenue

Fraud

- 2:11 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Graffiti offense

- 8:54 a.m. on the 1400 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 1:21 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard



Holiday Fund

Thank you for your generosity

We have now reached the conclusion of the 2018 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. Over the course of the campaign, 256 donors have contributed \$59,516 to the fund. All of the money raised during the Holiday Fund will be split among our 15 nonprofit beneficiaries. Checks will be distributed to these organizations Feb. 21 at a luncheon to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. This final list of contributors includes donations received and reported on or before Jan. 14, 2019

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Every dollar donated will go to these 15 local nonprofits:

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency finds stable homes and a loving environment for abused and neglected children throughout 14 counties in Northern California, including here in Alameda County.

Axis Community Health is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured. It serves more than 14,000 members of our community.



CityServe of the Tri-Valley supports the community by caring for people in crisis, coordinating resources between the faith-based community, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and government agencies and connecting volunteers in the community to nonprofits.

Hope Hospice provides ethical hospice care, transition services for those not eligible for hospice, bereavement support for adults and children and end-of-life education to Tri-Valley families, regardless of insurance or income status.

Museum on Main is dedicated to preserving, clarifying and disseminating information about history specific to the Tri-Valley region and encourages participation in the arts and humanities through its public programs.

Open Heart Kitchen is the largest hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley feeding the hungry every weekday at multiple locations.

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation is an organization that has a collaborative relationship with the Pleasanton Unified School District and contributes to the needs of Pleasanton students and educators.

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council supports a wide variety of artistic programs in Pleasanton schools and the community at large.

Pleasanton Military Families serves families in the Tri-Valley with sons, daughters, husbands and wives serving in America's armed forces and provides support and mentoring for younger veterans as they transition back to civilian life.

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides local cancer patients with complementary therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley serves seniors over 60 in the communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol to promote independence, safety and well-being, preserve dignity and improve quality of life.

Sunflower Hill is working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, similar to senior living facilities.

Tri-Valley REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley) offers education programs, activities, resources and housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation plans to use its contribution from the annual campaign to help fund state-of-the-art health care technology, facilities, various clinical programs and services at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

Valley Humane Society rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.



'IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2019'

PAL, MUSEUM ON MAIN SHOWCASE TALENTS OF TRI-VALLEY ARTISTS

By JEREMY WALSH

The creativity of Tri-Valley artists is on display — and on sale — at Pleasanton's Museum on Main.

The Pleasanton Art League has partnered with the nonprofit museum on the 12th annual "Imagination Expressed" exhibition, which celebrated its opening reception last weekend ahead of its six-week run in the downtown museum.

"There is something for everyone to enjoy at this show," said Christine Bourg, who is serving as exhibit co-chair with Carole Hilton.

"Visitors walking into the museum are struck by the variety of mediums used — watercolors, oils, ceramics, jewelry, linocuts and woodcuts, pencil, pastel, charcoal, photography — as well as the variety of subject matter: landscapes, local and international historical buildings and scenes, portraits, abstracts of steel structures and splash/pour renderings, animals, water/ocean scenes, jewelry and flowers," Bourg told the Weekly.

"This year's version of Imagination Expressed promises to engage the eye, the mind and the soul with a wide variety of distinctive viewpoints and styles," museum curator Ken MacLennan added.

The annual showcase of Tri-Valley artists' talents has taken over the rotating exhibition space at the Museum on Main, with jewelry, ceramics and paintings lining the walls and paintings and other drawings displayed on temporary panels in the center.

The dozens of artworks span the medium spectrum.

Examples include display cases with painted ceramics by Eugenia W. Zobel and original jewelry from Rhonda Chase.

There are Pleasanton paintings like "Kolln Hardware Building" by Charlotte Severin, "Alviso Adobe" by Helene Roylance and "Seward Johnson Came to Town" by Stephen Barkkaire.

The San Francisco cityscape was the setting for "An Evening by the Bridge" by Rucha Chatur. And Larry Lagin found himself inspired by a Holocaust photograph, which

he recreated as a charcoal drawing in "Starving Jewish Children in Warsaw Ghetto," which will also be featured as part of "We Remember: A Holocaust Memorial Exhibit" coming to Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore in April.

"Inspiration is drawn from many, many sources," Bourg said. "Travel always inspires artists; viewing nature, even in your own backyard; stories of history or current news; love of historic events, places or structures; using new materials or media to challenge and broaden yourself; and everyday scenes from life."

Many of the artworks are available for purchase as well, with the museum set to receive 10% of the proceeds from all sales, according to MacLennan.

Also in support of the exhibit, PAL members are set to appear at the museum in the weeks ahead to demonstrate their methods and conduct family art classes. The schedule has not been confirmed yet, but it will be announced soon on the museum's website and Facebook page, according to MacLennan.

"Imagination Expressed 2019" runs through Feb. 24 at the museum, located at 603 Main St. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. To learn more, visit www.museumonmain.org. ■



Artworks in the "Imagination Expressed 2019" exhibit at the Museum on Main include (clockwise from top) "Curtain Time" by Linda Garbarino, ceramics painted by Eugenia W. Zobel, panels displaying paintings by various Pleasanton Art League members, "Kolln Hardware Building" by Charlotte Severin and "Dancing in Ruins" by Rucha Chatur.

‘Mamma Mia!’ opens next week at Firehouse

Upbeat show features ABBA hits and a charming tale

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

“Mamma Mia!”

Just the name lifts the heart.

The Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is opening the smash hit next weekend at the Firehouse Arts Center, with its ABBA ‘70s songs such as “Dancing Queen,” “Gimme Gimme Gimme” and “Take a Chance on Me.”

“Mamma Mia! is one of the most nostalgic types of shows in terms of music,” director Scott Maraj said. “People really love the music and the feelings it brings to them to hear these songs.”

The story follows the adventures of Sophie, a young woman living with her mother, Donna, on a Greek island who wants to know the identity of her father. Donna has kept this fact a secret, so Sophie invites three men from her mother’s past to attend her wedding. Donna’s two best friends from her youth, Tanya and Rosie, are also there.

“Story-wise, it’s a show that talks about first love and parent-and-child relationships as well as the bonds of friendship,” Maraj said. “In those aspects it’s highly relatable, those are universal themes.”

The show — called a “jukebox musical” because it features popular music —

opened in London in 1999 and since then has been a hit around the world, including being nominated for Tony Awards in New York.

Maraj estimates he has seen the show about a dozen times.

“I have seen this show more than any show in my life — tours coming through San Francisco, in Las Vegas, in Chicago and in Los Angeles,

where I am from,” he said. “ABBA Gold is one of my all-time favorite CDs, I still have it in my car.”

“The music is timeless,” he continued. “Like ‘Dancing Queen’ — when you hear it at a reception, everybody gets up to dance.”

“Mamma Mia!” starred Meryl Streep in a 2008 movie version that was not critically well-received but has remained popular with audiences. Last year’s sequel was much better, Maraj said, and “made up for the first movie.”

Maraj is one of the founders of Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, and he also directed its productions of “Plaid” and “Taffeta.” Now he is enjoying putting together “Mamma Mia!”

“It’s just so much fun,” he said.

Artistic director David Judson noted this is the first professional production of “Mamma Mia!” in the Tri-Valley or San Jose areas. And he said they are thrilled to introduce Laura Park to the Bay Area in the role of Sophie.

“She is a New York actress who grew up in Moraga, a true gem that our audiences will fall in love with,” Judson said. “‘Mamma Mia!’ also fea-

tures other critically acclaimed, regional Actors’ Equity Association professionals, including the return of Pleasanton resident Joy Sherratt as Donna.”

The three possible fathers are played by Brian Watson as Harry, Noel Anthony as Sam and Shawn Bender as Bill. Other cast members include Jennifer Stark as Rosie,



GINO AND MIKA LUCAS FOR PCRT

Three longtime friends light up the stage in “Mamma Mia!” — (from left) Patricia Pitpitan as Tanya, Joy Sherratt as Donna and Jennifer Stark as Rosie.

‘We want this show to be a party. We want you to go to escape the reality of the real world.’

Scott Maraj,
Director

Patricia Pitpitan as Tanya, Melissa Momboisse as Ali and Kriselle Kelsey as Lisa.

The show has a cast of 23 with 13 speaking roles, one of the largest for a Pacific Coast Rep production.

“With these kind of people, professionals and who have talent, it opens itself up to more collaboration between the production team and the actors,” Maraj said. “I love to collaborate — instead of one brain, we have 23 brains in terms of what might work and what might not.”

The entire show takes place on a Greek island so it does not need a lot of sets, he added.

“We have an amazing creative set director in Patrick Brandon. He’s

done all 25 of our shows, since 2010, and because he knows the space, he know what we are able to do,” Maraj said.

Music director is Brett Strader, and choreography is by Gary Ferguson.

Maraj said not all the songs will be included on the program, which is typical in “Mamma Mia!” productions.

“When it first came out, in the orchestra pit they would hide the titles of the songs so the audience wouldn’t know what was coming next,” he explained, and they would be surprised and excited as each old favorite began.

“We will be looking to have fun,” Maraj said. “We want this show to be

a party. We want you to go to escape the reality of the real world.” ■

ABBA and more

What: “Mamma Mia!”

Who: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

When: Jan. 26 to Feb. 10

Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton

Tickets: \$25-\$44. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office.

Special: “Inside the Show” — Actors return to the stage to discuss the production following the 2 p.m. matinee performance Jan. 27.

Grants for the arts

County commission holding workshop in Livermore

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Alameda County Arts Commission will be awarding 2019 “Artsfund Grants” for nonprofit organizations of between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The deadline to apply is March 1.

The program supports all types of arts including dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual arts and multidisciplinary arts presented by nonprofit organizations. Last year, grants were presented to 48 groups.

Arts Commission staff are presenting three free workshops to

assist organizations in preparing their grant applications, including one from 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Livermore Community Center. Workshops are free, open to the public, and reservations are not required.

The workshop information is online in the Artsfund Video. To view the video and for more program details, go to www.acgov.org/arts and click on “Programs.” The Arts Commission office can also be contacted by email at artscommission@acgov.org or by telephone at 510-208-9646. ■



ERIC RYAN ANDERSON

Legendary jazz

The Branford Marsalis Quartet (from left: Joey Calderazzo, piano; Eric Revis, bass; Branford Marsalis, saxophones; and Justin Faulkner, drums) bring their unrivaled spirit, expressive melodies and provocative jazz forms to the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore, at 7:30 p.m. this Monday (Jan. 21). The show is nearly sold out, and remaining tickets start at \$50. Call 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org.

Looking ahead to a great 2019 for the Chamber

I am incredibly honored to be selected as the 2019 chair of the board for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, and I accept this role with excitement, humility and pride.



Herb Ritter

I want to extend a special thanks to the past chair, Harold Roundtree of Uncle Credit Union, who, along with the board and staff, did an amazing job in 2018 promoting local businesses and helping to build a strong community.

Scott Raty, who had been Chamber of Commerce CEO since 2007, announced his retirement in 2018. We are so grateful to the many years of top-notch service and leadership provided by Scott, and we wish him well on his retirement. Harold and the executive team, led by past Chamber chair John Sensiba, interviewed many qualified candidates to fill the CEO position, and they selected an awesome new CEO, Steve Van Dorn, who has over 30 years of experience working in Chambers throughout the Bay Area. 2018 was a great year.

I am excited about 2019 and energized to work with such a wonderful new board. You will be hearing more from our board members throughout the year, as each will be focused on different areas of the Chamber's goals, which are centered around helping to support the business community and our residents.

The 2019 Pleasanton Chamber Mission will benefit businesses and residents by being the 3 "Cs":

- The Catalyst for Business and Economic

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I am pleased to introduce you to the 2019 Chamber Board (see box above).

In addition, our talented Chamber staff of five bring more than 65 years of combined experience to the table each day, providing continuity and support to our more than 100 active volunteers. Thank you all for your hard work and support.

Pleasanton businesses contribute over 60% of the local tax base and collectively act as the economic engine that produces the jobs, incomes, investments and contributions that support our extraordinary quality of life. One of my primary goals as chair is to show residents and members many of the wonderful benefits and tools the Chamber can offer your business to help expand your business network and increase your bottom line.

Listed below are some of the issues the board and staff will focus on in 2019:

- Grow Chamber membership by showing a "value proposition" as a member to help your business meet its goals.

- Continue to support the highly energized Ambassadors, who help to educate our community on the value of the Chamber of Commerce.

- Help support the Young Professionals Group's mission of growing and supporting our future leaders.

- Work closely with the business community and the city leaders to update the 2020 Vision to a 2025 Vision

- Focus on workforce development with a Tri-Valley Chamber Alliance; consider holding a local job fair, women's conference and/or diversity inclusion seminar.

- Focus on philanthropic service groups and build stronger relations with nonprofit businesses.

We have a lot to do in 2019 and I hope you can get involved. Join me at the Business and Installation Luncheon 2019 on Wednesday, Jan. 30. Get your tickets today before it is sold out at www.pleasanton.org/events.

Everyone is invited to our monthly Chamber mixers. Bring a prospective member to learn more about what the chamber can do for you and what you can do for the Chamber. We want to hear from you. Stay tuned, for the best is yet to come! ■

Editor's note: Herb Ritter is the 2019 chair of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Ritter, owner of Ritter Investments LLC, is also a member of the city of Pleasanton's Planning Commission.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER



Basketball season showing good and bad in prep sports

Let's teach the right lessons by spotlighting all results, regardless of outcome

In all my years covering high school sports, one of the things I enjoyed the most was watching the coaches work with the kids — not just developing their skills in their sport, but how they developed as people.

I have always been a big believer in sports as a tremendous tool in the development of a high-schooler (and younger). Sports teach teamwork, hard work and dealing with the highs and lows of daily life.

You don't always win in life and how you succeed depends a lot on how you deal with adversity. This can be taught on the athletic fields.

In the last couple of weeks, I've seen shining examples of good and bad in prep sports, all relating to the Foothill girls basketball team.

The Falcons are not a strong team and stood 5-12 entering this week. Last week, they lost to San Ramon Valley 80-49 and then to Dublin 56-20. Before that, they

lost to Carondelet 57-37.

But here's the thing — they play hard from start to finish. If you didn't see a scoreboard, you would think it was a close game with how hard the girls work on the court. There is no quit in this team.

Foothill may be getting beat bad, but that doesn't diminish the effort one bit and that starts at the top with coach Bruce Funk.

Further, the Falcons are the lone team that continually turns in their results to me each week.

Pleasanton is a very front-running town. Teams win and they are apt to turn in their results. Lose and it's like they pretend the game didn't happen. That sends a poor message to the kids.

Everyone needs to stand up and be accountable.

Look, no one loves winning more than I do. First as a player, then a coach, then a parent, and as a fan, I always want to be on

the winning side. However, you are going to lose at times, and that's true in life as well.

My thought has always been — pick yourself up, dust off and get back to work. When my kids were playing sports, the rule of thumb was we would talk about the game in the car on the way home and then we were done with it, moving forward and looking at what's ahead.

Foothill's girls have the work ethic and desire to try hard every game. They may not rack up the "W's" on the court, but with how they are developing as people, I wouldn't bet against any of them in life.

In two of their games, I saw how opposing coaches handle winning easily. It was a contrast of day and night. I will not name the respective schools, as it's all about the lesson gained from the respective situations, not who was involved.

In one game, the team had built a 20-plus point lead over the Falcons by the half, so the coach sat the starters for the second half. The bench players got plenty of playing time and it was good for both teams. One team got time for girls who maybe don't get to play much and the Falcons played a strong second half.

In the other game, the coach kept the starters in almost the entire game and kept the full-court press on until the final minute of the game. In addition, the coach sent his best player back in the game late after she told him she wanted to hit the 20-point mark — she didn't get it.

Even the team's scorekeeper thought it was wrong and took the time to tell me that earlier in the season, in a similar situation, the refs came over to the bench and asked the coach to pull off the press.

Two games, two vastly different approaches and two lessons being taught. Which do you think was the better approach?

Thanks for reading my column, and now let's get those results in win or lose! ■

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.



Fore! Pleasanton Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh played golf at Royal Portrush Golf Club during his visit to Ireland last summer. The club's Dunluce Links course is hosting the 2019 Open Championship.

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Public Notices

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BD CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553253

The following person(s) doing business as: BD Construction, 4481 Hillsborough Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Bejenariu, 4481 Hillsborough Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546. 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, Daniel Bejenariu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 19, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, PUB DATES December 28, January 4, 11, 18).

Jam Jar Posies
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 557665

The following person doing business as: Jam Jar Posies, 4893 Black Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marilou Patricia Sande, 4893 Black Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Marilou Patricia Sande, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Nov. 12, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Marilou Patricia Sande, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Dec. 3, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 28, 2018, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 2019.)

Mortgage Dynamics
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553331

The following person doing business as: Mortgage Dynamics, 11501 Dublin Blvd. Suite 223, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Dynamic Real Estate Services, 11501 Dublin Blvd., Suite 223, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Dynamic Real Estate Services, a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 2004. Signature of Registrant: Levy Barnes, President, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Dec. 20, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019.)

ENTITLEMENT URETHANE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553082

The following person doing business as: ENTITLEMENT URETHANE, 2595 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Bently Anderson, 2595 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Bently Anderson, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 20, 2014. Signature of Registrant: Bently Anderson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Dec. 13, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553466

The following person(s) doing business as: EX, 6442 Paseo Santa Maria, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eric Hitchens, 6442 Paseo Santa Maria, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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, Eric Hitchens, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, PUB DATES January 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1, 2019.)

Reddy Consulting Group
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553285

The following person doing business as: Reddy Consulting Group, 5736 Owens Drive, #101, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Sunil Reddy, 5736 Owens Drive, #101, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Sunil Reddy, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious

business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Sunil Reddy, Owner/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Dec. 19, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 2019.)

A C Construction
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553658

The following person doing business as: A C Construction, 624 Harmony Drive, Hayward, CA 94541, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Aurel Cimpoaie, 624 Harmony Drive, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by Aurel Cimpoaie, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Jan. 1, 2010. Signature of Registrant: Aurel Cimpoaie, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 4, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 2019.)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 535194

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): Quality Custom Buttons. Sherry Sorman, 4181 Amberwood Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: October 11, 2017, UNDER FILE NO. 535194. REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Sherry Sorman, 4181 Amberwood Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY an Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 8, 2019, File #535194. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 18, 25, February 1, 8.)

TREASURY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553825

The following person(s) doing business as: Treasury Management Solutions, 5207 Crestline Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeanne Castro Schmidt, 5207 Crestline Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein December 5, 1995. Signature of registrant, Jeanne Castro Schmidt, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2019.)

MegaWatt CrossFit
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553506

The following person(s) doing business as: MegaWatt CrossFit, 5540 Springdale Ave., Suite 260 & 280, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katie Hogan, 7318 Joshua Circle, 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, Katie Hogan, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 31, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8 2019.)

SILS CAPITAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553259

The following persons doing business as: SILS CAPITAL, 3183 Conti Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Irina Meyer, Eric Meyer, 3183 Conti Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Irina Meyer and Eric Meyer, a Married Couple. Registrants have not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Irina Meyer, Managing Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Dec. 19, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2019.)

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Theatre

BEDTIME THEATER - 'YOUR SONG MY SONG'
At 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the Central Park Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, Bedtime Theater presents "Your Song, My Song", especially for children ages 2 to 7. Singer and ukulele player Jaime Lee Currier weaves tales of friendship, love, and learning, while her group keeps up a rockin' beat. Come sing along and laugh, shout, dance, and imagine. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Milk and cookies will be served following the performance. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$8 at SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

PCRT PRESENTS: 'MAMMA MIA!' Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre kicks off 2019 at 8 p.m. on Jan. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Shows run Thursdays through Sundays, closing Sunday, Feb. 10, with both evening and matinee performances available. Check the website or box office to confirm availability. Reserved seat tickets are \$25 to \$44, with child, student, and senior discounts available. Purchase tickets online at firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the center box office.

YOUNG & LITTLE PERFORMERS PRESENT 'SEUSSICAL KIDS' At 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Young and Little Performers presents "Seussical KIDS". For more information and to purchase tickets, go to firehousearts.org.

Music

JAZZ AT INKLINGS WITH ERIK JEKABSON From 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 8, jazz trumpeter Erik Jekabson will return to Inklings Event Room, 530 Main St. The drummer will be Jeff Marrs, Matt Finders will be on bass and James Hall will be on piano and vibraphone.

Talks & Lectures

ROBOTICS FAIR At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, The Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Livermore, will host a free Student Robotics Fair. The event will

begin in the Community Rooms, with a special presentation on remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs) by Dr. George Matsumoto from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and Jill Zande from the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center. They will demonstrate how ROVs are used to explore deep water habitats and more. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room, local students will showcase various robotics projects.

Fundraisers

LIVERMORE ROTARY CLUB 64TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED At 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, The Livermore Rotary Club hosts its annual Crab Feed. The event features a crab dinner and dancing to live music. The Livermore Rotary Club sponsors and runs the Livermore Rodeo Parade, awards mini-grants to worthwhile school and community programs, provides music scholarships to middle and high school students, supplies support to seniors and gives back to the Livermore community in countless ways. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please call for special \$55 pricing for groups of 8 to 10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck 447-4300.

PAWS IN NEED CRAB FEED From 6 to 10 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 2 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, the Paws In Need Crab Feed Fundraiser will be held. Enjoy crab and all the accompaniments. All proceeds benefit local animals. Tickets are \$60 by Jan. 19, \$70 thereafter at Paws-In-Need.org, or by mailing checks to P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583.

MUSEUM ON MAIN 12TH ANNUAL WINES & VALENTINES FUNDRAISER Museum on Main presents the 12th Annual Wines & Valentines Fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle. Tickets to the event are \$95 per person and may be purchased online at museumonmain.org, at the Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick

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up at Will Call in the lobby of the Castlewood Country Club on the evening of the event.

TUXES & TAILS From 6 to 10 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Tuxes & Tails signature fundraiser for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will be held. Go to TVAR.org for tickets.

LOVE IS THE ANSWER CONCERT At 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin, the performing artists will be Clay Foor, Nancy Iskander, Rev. David Deerfeeder and Rev. Dinah Chapman. A wonderful opportunity to be uplifted and enjoy a friendly and welcoming community. Invite your family and friends, because this is a love-offering fundraiser for Unity of Tri-Valley Church and their music program. For any questions, call 829-2733. unityoftrivalley.org.

Family

CARD PLEASANTON HIRING EVENT There is an opportunity to learn about employment opportunities at the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, (CARD) Hiring Event at 511 Johnson Drive. Please RSVP to one of the dates on the website. An RSVP is needed in order to attend. Be aware that you will need to arrive on time to attend the CARD employment presentation. If you aren't able to make it to any of the listed times, please email the days and times you are available to interview. For more information, email ml9395@centerforautism.com or call 818-345-2345 ext. 1164.

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.

DR. WENDY MOGEL TO SPEAK IN PLEASANTON From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave., The City of Pleasanton will host the Community Education Series, 3rd Annual Parenting Forum. Dr. Mogel unravels the paradox of good-intentioned, devoted parenting gone astray. Learn how to adopt a kinder, firmer, and ultimately more effective approach to the stress of daily family life. This is a free event, but registration is preferred at pleasantonfun.com, Course # 12411. For more information, email amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 931-5359.

Dance

LIVERMORE SCHOOL OF DANCE JAZZ COMPANY At 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.,

Livermore, The Livermore School Of Dance Jazz Company presents "Come Fly With Me", directed by Liz Roberts. A variety of dance styles will be performed, along with a diversified selection of music played from the old classics to new contemporary songs of today. This is a family performance for all to enjoy. Tickets are available now at lvpac.org.

Food & Drink

PMS WATCH D.O.G.S. PIZZA NIGHT Calling all Watch D.O.G.S. Please join us from 6 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. to learn all about this exciting program. We will serve pizza from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and then have a short informational meeting from 6:30 to 7 p.m. All Dads and/or any male role models and their children are welcome. Please RSVP for the total number attending, including kids. This popular program will sell out, so RSVP early at eventbrite.com/e/pms-watch-dogs.

Health & Wellness

VA MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH TEAM TO VISIT LIBRARY From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 400 Old Bernal Ave., The Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Rural Health Mobile Medical Outreach Team and the Alameda County Veteran Service Officer to facilitate free examinations, consultations, and referrals for veterans. Additional VA resource information will be available. Veterans uncertain of their benefits eligibility are encouraged to visit as requirements have changed, and VA health care may complement current medical coverage. VA representatives will provide information or assistance with questions and enrollment for VA care. For more information or assistance obtaining proof of service documents prior to the event, contact the library's information desk, 931-3400 ext. 4 or at jeseltine@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

TRI-VALLEY WOMEN'S MARCH: Women's rights advocates are set to participate in a Women's March in Pleasanton this Saturday. It will begin and end at the Amador Valley High School football field, starting with a rally at 1 p.m. with new Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and other speakers, followed by the march through downtown at 2 p.m. and a women's expo afterward until 4 p.m. To learn more, visit <https://tv-wm-ag.org>.

Support Groups

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP From 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month, at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, learn more about this common



SASCHA VAUGHN

Comic ballet troupe

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo will perform at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Bankhead Theater, marking not just the first time the famous all-male comic dance troupe has appeared in Livermore, but its only stop in Northern California this season. Known for their adherence to classical ballet technique, the dancers provide comedy with their exaggeration of the foibles, accidents and underlying incongruities of serious dance. Each dancer transforms into two personas, male and female, as performances froth with tutus and testosterone, blush-pink ballet shoes, fierce false eyelashes and prima ballerina attitude. Tickets range from \$20 for students and active military to \$100. Call 373-6800; go to www.lvpac.org; or visit the Bankhead box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore.

movement disorder. For more information visit eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY FAMILY/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (PLEASANTON) From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, at 5674 Stoneridge Drive, #114, families network, encourage, and support each other through the challenges of advocating and caring for adult loved ones who are diagnosed with a severe mental illness. Resources and information are provided as well. There is no cost. For more information, go to nami-trivalley.org.

LUPUS AND FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP The group meets at 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, at the Weekes Library, 217300 Patrick Ave., Hayward, (off Tennyson Road). Contact janetip510@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

NAMI TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, the NAMI Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org, or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, at (714) 296-3444.

Government Meetings

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE At 6:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, at The Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., the Parks and Recreation Commission meets to advise the City's Traffic Engineering Division on bicycle, pedestrian and trail related items.

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING At 7 p.m., on the first Monday of the month, in City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Ave., the Commission meets to promote the acquisition, construction and installment of works of public art in Pleasanton. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the City's Civic Arts programs.

TAKE US ALONG



At Hallgrímskirkja: Yvonne Liu, Oryan Liu, Dongqing Yang and Yazhou (Joel) Liu took a family trip to Iceland, including a visit to Hallgrímskirkja (shown) and completing the famous Ring Road of Iceland.

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ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING At 7:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of the month in the Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road, The Committee meets to promote Pleasanton for its competitive advantages as highlighted in the Pleasanton Economic Assets Report.

Seniors

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME' At 10:30 a.m., on the second Wednesday of each month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., discover all the programs, classes, and services available to you. At the end of the tour you will receive a coupon for a free lunch at the Sage Cafe. For more information, call 931-5365.

PHOTO CLUB From 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., the photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365

Home & Garden

TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY HARVEST From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 26, at 5800 Parkside Drive, Lot 2, we will meet up to harvest fresh backyard fruit for donation to local soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and the food bank. Typical harvests take about 3 hours and travel no more than 25 miles from the starting location. We will have all the necessary equipment with us. Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothing appropriate for the expected weather conditions of the day. Come prepared to be outdoors for 3 hours. You must register ahead of time to participate. You can register and learn more about The Urban Farmers at theirurbanfarmers.org.

Business

DEVINE SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP ON WEB DESIGN There will be a new, free program from 4 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., to help small business owners learn about web design and digital

Hollywood Gala to benefit Bothwell

Arts Center offering sparkling star-studded night

Celebrate the Golden Age of Hollywood while benefiting the arts in Livermore at a Saturday night fundraising gala at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Bothwell Arts Center. Guests will make a grand entrance, strolling along the "Sunset Strip" to view its historic sights and visit the "Psychic to the Stars." Encore Players will light up the West End with an "audition call and screen test," giving everyone a chance to read from a script of the "Maltese Falcon." Live music will be by the Golden Age Orchestra, led by Matt Finders and featuring jazz vocalist Karen Marguth. A small plates buffet will be followed by dessert, and throughout the evening, Hollywood specialty drinks and punch bowls will be on sale at "The Hollywood

Roosevelt" and "The Spare Room" bars. Tickets for the Golden Age of Hollywood Gala are \$100 per person. The event will also feature a blind wine drawing, a silent auction, and jewelry and accessories for sale. Visit lvpac.org or call 373-6800. To be ready for the event, sign up for "How to Dance like a Hollywood Star," being held from 2-4 pm. next Saturday (Jan. 26) at the Bothwell, along with costume finery available for free. Dance tickets are \$10, which can be applied to the gala ticket. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Ave. in Livermore, offers affordable space for artists, musicians and arts organizations, run by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center along with the Bankhead Theater. ■ —Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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JEWISH APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO BE STUDIED AT CHABAD "Crime and Consequence" is a six-part series that will be offered beginning Feb. 5, at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 3370 Hopyard Road. With criminal justice reform center-stage in the United States, the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), the world's largest Jewish adult Jewish education network, is launching a course that explores the Jewish approach to the challenging questions of crime, punishment and justice. To register, visit JewishTriValley.com.

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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

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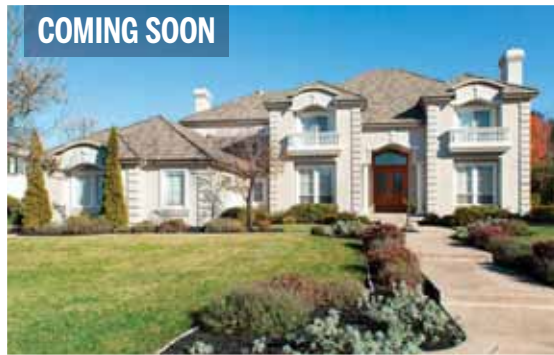
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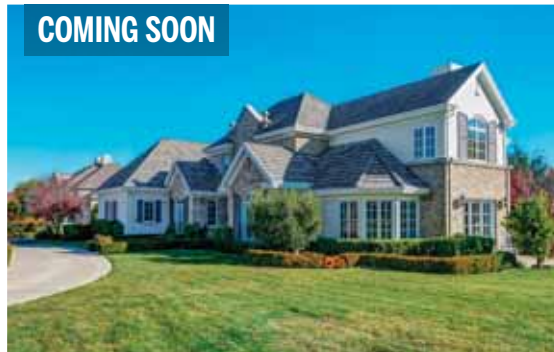
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