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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Church opening at new site with fresh vision, name

After decades of being tucked in the back of a neighborhood, the 50-year-old Ridgeview Hope Church formally opens its new church on a main thoroughfare next Sunday (Feb. 10).

The congregation, thanks to the foresight of earlier members, had owned 9 acres at the west end of the Valley Trails Drive loop. Suffice it to say, people didn't just happen to drive by the church.

That changed last year when the congregation started worshipping in the parking lot of its new building at 5901 Coronado Lane (right off West Las Positas) from June until mid-October. Pastor Bob Slack, who has led the church for nearly 20 years, said the congregation had dwindled until the decision was made to sell the Valley Trails land, and it already has doubled in 18 months.

It's one of the more than half of Protestant churches in America with fewer than 100 members, a situation he hopes to see changed in the next few months.

After entering into an agreement with Pleasanton-based Ponderosa Homes to purchase the land, the church leadership undertook a review of its mission. The core Biblical values remained the same, but it was time for fresh outreaches and other initiatives. A key move was bringing on board an associate pastor, Tony Mendoza.

That's a bold step of faith for a small congregation.

Another key step was asking whether the church's name, the Evangelical Free Church, would serve it well in a very public location. The answer was No, so Pastor Bob said they wanted to build a name around a "marker." In Pleasanton there are three, he said: Mount Diablo, the Altamont and Pleasanton Ridge. Using "devil mountain" made no sense for a Christian church (words do count) and Altamont also was a non-starter.

So, it became Ridgeview and they added Hope because of the hope that Christians have in Jesus Christ.

"I will lift my eyes to the hills where my health comes from — our prayer is to offer the hope of Christ to everyone within view of that ridge," Slack said.

The building process has been challenging because the second floor was removed for the sanctuary and a basketball court separated by a folding wall. That allows seating for up to

300 and likely will make Ridgeview Hope an ideal site for weddings and other events. It has a full commercial kitchen.

To ensure the building remained safe, engineers and the city required what amounted to a huge steel roll-cage. Most of it is behind walls and thus not visible. The steel frame is anchored in huge concrete footings with rebar that was so heavy it took three guys to carry one piece during construction (200 pounds). So, if a major earthquake hits, one of the safest places to be will be Ridgeview.

The church closed escrow on the Coronado site in June 2017 and rehab work started at the end of 2017. A temporary occupancy permit for the ground floor was issued last fall just before it started to rain.

The leadership selected the Coronado office building after visiting more than 40 other buildings in the area. It was a stretch because it was bigger than the congregation needed.

When the second floor is completed over the next few months, the church will lease space out to other users. It already shares space with a Chinese church and a Filipino church as well as with the tiny Lighthouse Christian School. Lighthouse has used space for about 20 years.

The ambitious Ridgeview plans call for the church to plant another church by 2022. Research has shown that new church plants are the best way to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Churches should strive to do so within three to eight years of their launch or it's unlikely to happen, Slack noted.

"We needed to replant ourselves with a new name and a new vision. The most important thing we can do is revitalize ourselves and use the new building as a tool as opposed to just a new building," Slack said in an interview.

"The church should be serving the community. We are grateful to all people who have helped us — the mayor, the council, commission, the city building department and Hacienda Business Park. This is a great opportunity for us to serve," he concluded. He welcomes anyone on Feb. 10. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years.

He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Generally, are you more interested in what is going on in your own local community or what is going on all over the rest of the country and in the world?



Barbara Roth
Marketing

I tend to pay more attention to local news because I find the national and world news so depressing. I know I should stay on top of it but sometimes, for my own sanity, I feel like it's better to be an oblivious, blissful idiot.



Lisa Xenakis, with Sailor
Self-employed

I like keeping abreast of our local news. It keeps me in the loop of what is going on where I live and play. It helps me decide who to vote for in the local elections, and it keeps my prayers for my community relevant and direct.



Bill Xenakis, with Jib
Senior product manager

I listen to world news and have a few newscasters I prefer to listen to on the radio during my commutes. I don't need to pay much attention to the local news because my wife is already all over that.



Marcos Gomez
Truck driver

I definitely pay attention to what is going on in the nation, and in the world, generally. My entire family is made up of immigrants, so things that go on all over the country and in the world have a direct impact on us every single day.



Bernadette Petrillo
Administrative assistant

I try to stay on top of national and worldwide current affairs so that I can speak intelligently at work and when I get together with friends and family. I think it's very important to be aware that there is a very big world out there, and to have a decent sense of what is going on in it.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Meet with PUSD

Pleasanton Unified officials are set to host their next “Connecting with Our Community” meeting next Tuesday (Feb. 5), giving students, families and other residents the chance to offer feedback about the district and engage with the executive team.

Officials will kick off the meeting by sharing information related to PUSD organizational goals for the year, engage in some informal Q&A, and take time to connect personally with attendees. There will also be a performance by students in PUSD’s mariachi program, “Estrella Del Pueblo.”

The meeting, open to the public, will run from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the multipurpose room at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road.

Crawford tourney

Pleasanton natives Brandon Crawford (Giants) and Stephen Piscotty (A’s) are getting ready to report to MLB spring training in Arizona, and though they play on rival pro teams, their families are joining together for a good cause.

The third annual Crawford Family Invitational Golf Tournament is set for Feb. 22 at Raven Golf Club in Phoenix.

This year, net proceeds will benefit ALS CURE, a nonprofit special project fund of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, established by Stephen’s father Mike Piscotty to support breakthroughs in ALS treatment and the search for a cure. Stephen’s mother, Gretchen Piscotty, died last spring after battling ALS.

The families want people in their hometown to know that spots to play in the golf tournament and sponsorship opportunities are still available but going fast. Learn more at www.crawford-golf4charity.com.

Lunar New Year

Stoneridge Shopping Center is celebrating the Year of the Pig with a special event in the mall’s grand court this Saturday from 12-2 p.m., featuring traditional lion dances, martial arts and percussion performances, crafts, activities and more.

Performances begin promptly at noon, so mall officials advise to arrive early and secure a seat.

LPC master plan

Las Positas College in Livermore is set to share the updated Facilities Master Plan draft during a community meeting next Wednesday (Feb. 6).

Las Positas stakeholders and Tri-Valley residents are invited to attend. The meeting is set for 3-6 p.m. in Multi-Disciplinary Building 2400, Room 2401 at the Livermore community college at 3000 Campus Hill Drive. ■

PUSD executive cabinet, trustees receiving compensation increases

Also: Assistant superintendent retiring, update on demographics and enrollment

By RYAN J. DEGAN
AND JEREMY WALSH

Pay raises were approved for members of the Pleasanton Unified School District’s leadership team on Tuesday night, when the Board of Trustees signed off on a 2.5% salary increase for executive cabinet members and a 5% bump for the board’s own monthly stipend.

When combined, the new pay grades will increase the annual payment to the school board’s leadership by \$34,335. Cabinet members’ raises

will take effect retroactively to July 1, while the trustees’ pay bumps will begin from here on out.

“I wanted to clarify for the public that the (cost-of-living adjustment) that we received from the state was 3% and we are giving 2.5%. So we are actually below the COLA, to keep it in perspective,” Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke said Tuesday night in the PUSD boardroom.

The 2.5% increase received by the district’s executive cabinet — which will cost the district an extra

\$33,075 this year — is consistent with the raises previously approved for teachers, classified employees and management.

The cabinet is comprised of Superintendent David Haglund, who is now set to earn \$288,139.80 a year; deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa (\$210,786.21), assistant superintendent of human resources Julio Hernandez (\$201,925.04), assistant superintendent of student support services Ed Diolazo (\$201,925.04)

and assistant superintendent of educational services Odie Douglas (\$205,963.50).

The 2.5% is consistent with the district-wide salary increases approved for classified staff and management by the board at its Dec. 11, meeting, as well as for teachers unions at its Nov. 13 meeting.

According to a county analysis presented at December’s meeting, if PUSD’s average daily attendance numbers align with demographer’s projections, the district should be able to afford the increases at current budget levels.

While cabinet’s raises were approved unanimously, those for trustees were approved slightly contested, at 4-1. The lone dissenting vote came

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FAMILY FEUD

The Miller family is set to appear on a two-episode run of “Family Feud” on Monday and Tuesday.

‘Survey says!’

Millers representing Pleasanton on ‘Family Feud’

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton fans of the game show “Family Feud” will have the opportunity to root for some hometown contestants next week, when the Miller family makes an appearance on the TV competition.

Pleasanton’s Team Miller made a two-episode run on “Family Feud” hosted by Steve Harvey, and their pre-recorded episodes are scheduled to air Monday and Tuesday evening, with reruns to broadcast in the future.

“My family and I have been watching ‘Family Feud’ probably for 40 years, and we had so much fun,” said Janine Miller, a Pleasanton resident for over 40 years. “It was an experience I will never forget.”

Janine was joined on Team Miller by her husband Marty, daughter-in-law Chrystal, and

two sons Chad and Josh — Josh, who works for the State Department in Washington D.C., served as the Miller family’s team captain.

Team Miller is the second Pleasanton family to appear on “Family Feud” in recent months, following the Valladon family’s three-episode run that aired in October.

Janine said that each family member brought a happy, excited energy that she believes resulted in their selection for the competition despite the fact they lost a trial run during tryouts.

“We auditioned in Oakland and ... we actually lost the trial game to the other family we tried out with. But we were very, I guess energetic, which I think is exactly what they were looking for,” Janine said, laughing.

The Miller family’s biggest takeaway from the experience, was the

motivational and comedic personality of show host Harvey.

“Steve is wonderful he gets up there and gets the people going. He really jokes around with you, and he’s just a wonderful guy,” Janine gushed. “He kids around with everyone and wants to know what everybody does and if they have any hidden talents. He’s a wonderful man.”

In between recording their episodes, Harvey asked if the Millers had any hidden talents, Josh responded that he could dance and proceed to entertain the audience with some moves — Janine said that Harvey joked to Josh, “don’t quit your day job.”

Team Miller’s appearances on “Family Feud” are scheduled to be shown on Monday and Tuesday, on CBS 5 and the CW. Be sure to check your local listings for accurate times. ■

District probing transcripts

Consultant investigating complaints of inconsistencies

By JEREMY WALSH

A legal consultant is investigating allegations of inconsistent grading and transcript practices at Pleasanton Unified School District high schools.

District spokesman Patrick Gannon confirmed the ongoing “investigation/audit” this week, saying the move to bring in one of the district’s contracted law firms to examine the situation is common practice when receiving complaints about policy implementation and student records.

“After we receive this type of information, we investigate to understand the issue better and determine any corrective actions,” Gannon told the Weekly.

“In this case, we engaged a law firm regarding information received around potentially inconsistent high school grading and/or transcript practices,” he said. “A law firm was consulted due to the fact that the concern raised was a legal one with regards to the Education Code and involved private student records. The investigation is still being conducted.”

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PG&E officially files for bankruptcy, plans to continue operating

Company estimates more than \$50 billion in liability from fatal NorCal wildfires

PG&E Co. told a federal bankruptcy court in its bankruptcy petition Tuesday that its estimated liability in the wake of devastating Northern California wildfires is more than \$50 billion.

The amount was specified in the utility's petition in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in San Francisco for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The Chapter 11 procedure freezes a company's debts but allows it to keep operating while developing a financial reorganization plan.

In a companion filing, PG&E explained it currently faces more than \$30 billion in possible liability from wildfire lawsuits and claims, but said that number doesn't include potential punitive damages and fines and said it expects additional lawsuits and claims.

"PG&E initiated these Chapter 11 cases to address extraordinary financial challenges," the company's lawyers wrote.

"That potential exposure has resulted in a severe deterioration of (PG&E's) credit profile and liquidity position," they said.

PG&E Corp., the utility's parent holding company, filed a twin petition seeking Chapter 11 protection and gave the same estimate of more

than \$50 billion in potential liability.

The company said in a statement it will continue providing electricity and natural gas, investing in system safety and paying its 24,000 workers while seeking an "orderly, fair and expeditious resolution of its liabilities from the 2017 and 2018 fires."

'Our most important responsibility is and must be safety.'

John Simon,
PG&E's Interim CEO

"Our most important responsibility is and must be safety, and that remains our focus," Interim CEO John Simon said.

San Francisco-based PG&E, which is owned by shareholders, provides electricity and natural gas to customers across Northern and Central California.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said, "My administration will continue working to ensure that Californians have access to safe, reliable and affordable service, that victims and employees are treated fairly, and that California continues to make forward progress on our climate change goals."

Tom Dalzell, the business manager of the union International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245, said, "At this point, we do not know exactly what the utility will look like once it emerges from bankruptcy.

"However, we remain fully committed to protecting our members' jobs, as well as the wages and benefits that they have earned, so that they can continue to provide safe and reliable gas and electric service to millions of Californians in thousands of communities across the state," Dalzell said.

PG&E also said Tuesday it has secured \$5.5 billion in loans from several banks to pay its operating costs during the bankruptcy.

The path for that step was cleared on Monday when the California Public Utilities Commission gave the utility approval to borrow up to \$10 billion for its operating expenses.

The bank loans will be given top priority for repayment and for possible liens on PG&E's assets, according to the utility's filings.

The utility filed a series of motions asking the bankruptcy court to allow it to continue paying workers' wages and benefits, to continue

paying suppliers and to promise the banks the priority in the repayment of the loans.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Montali was set to hold a hearing Thursday on 17 preliminary motions by PG&E Co. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

The motions to be heard by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Montali include requests for approval to continue paying the utility's 24,000 workers, to continue paying electricity and natural gas suppliers and to go ahead with receiving \$5.5 billion in bank

loans while giving those banks top priority for repayment.

Montali is the same judge who presided over PG&E's previous Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2001. That bankruptcy came in the midst of billions of dollars of debt for spiraling wholesale electricity costs during the state's 2000-01 energy crisis.

It was for the most part resolved in 2004 with shareholders forgoing some dividends and customers paying surcharges for nine years. ■

—Julia Cheever, Bay City News Service

SCHOOL BOARD

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from Trustee Steve Maher, who cast his vote somewhat reluctantly.

"I know that everyone here works way above and beyond ... I just personally have a hard time giving myself a raise at 5% when everyone else got a 2.5% raise," he said. "Certainly everyone deserves it; it's just something personally I feel."

The 5% stipend increase, which was recommended by district staff, equates to \$21 per month, resulting in school board members receiving a total of \$441 a month or \$5,292 annually. The new stipend results in a collective total of \$26,460 spent every year.

The board's previous stipend of \$420 per month has been in effect since June 2017.

Earlier in the evening, trustees voted down a motion to instead give themselves a 2.5% raise to match their colleagues in the executive cabinet, by a vote of 2-3 — trustees Mark Miller and Joan Laursen represented the aye votes. The board ultimately approved the recommended 5%.

"I would really like to see people in our community step forward and get less than half of what the City Council gets ... I think it makes it a little more palatable if we increase (the stipend) these teensy amounts in the next few times," said Board President Valerie Arkin. "There hasn't been a huge amount of public interest running for the board and at some point were going to need people to step forward."

Laursen added that prior to the increase in 2017, the board had not increased its stipend in "a very long time."

Pursuant with the California Education Code, the 5% increase is the largest amount a school board may grant themselves on an annual basis.

In other business

• As part of the regular personnel document in their consent agenda Tuesday, the trustees accepted Douglas' retirement request, effective at the end of the school year June 30.

Douglas, who holds a doctorate of education, is stepping down after

seven years as assistant superintendent of educational services and almost 40 years in education overall.

"I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the District for allowing me to serve the students, parents/guardians, staff members, and community. I have learned much and have grown tremendously, both personally and professionally," Douglas said in a letter to district administrators announcing his decision Jan. 24.

Haglund, in a statement to the Weekly, commended Douglas for extraordinary commitment and service to our schools, staff, students and their families."

"Over these past seven years, Dr. Douglas has played an integral role in implementing the district's mission and vision, as well as serving as a fierce advocate for our equity work. Well done, Dr. D," Haglund said. "While you will certainly be missed, we wish you good health and ample opportunities to relax as you moves into retirement."

• Student enrollment and demographics was a key item of discussion during Tuesday's meeting, where trustees reviewed the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS).

An annual statewide report created from data gathered every October, CBEDS collects raw information on school districts documenting enrollment trends, staffing numbers, student ethnicity and certain instructional programs.

For example as of Jan. 14, overall student enrollment in the PUSD had increased to 14,982 students. This is an increase of 24 students since October 2018, and an increase of 136 students since October 2017, according to the report.

CBEDS also includes statistics on the demographics of students enrolled in the district's public institutions. The report found that as of October 2018, students of Asian descent make up 43.8% of the population, followed by white students who make up 37.38%, and then Hispanic students who account for 9.7%.

The remaining 9.12% is comprised of students who identify as African American, Pacific Islander, mixed race or American Indian or were students who declined to state their ethnicity. ■



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Dublin voters to decide renewal of school parcel tax

Board OKs mail-only May election on expiring \$96 tax

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

Voters in the Dublin Unified School District will have a measure on the ballot for a mail-only special election May 7 — deciding whether to renew the district's existing parcel tax measure for an additional nine years.

Set to expire in June, the \$96-per-parcel annual tax raises approximately \$1.7 million each year, according to district staff, who note that those dollars go toward general funding for Dublin's public schools and argue the funding is vital in maintaining the district's quality of education.

"The parcel tax helps Dublin maintain a high-level of academic excellence in its schools. If local parcel tax funding expires, our schools would lose at least \$1.7 million in annual funding that is used for things like teachers, technology, maintaining classroom sizes and programs like the Gael Period at Dublin High," Superintendent Leslie Boozer told the Weekly.

"With California ranking near the bottom nationally in per-student funding, all California school districts are looking for various methods to support the funding of critical activities that benefit all children," Boozer added.

District staff stressed the point that the parcel tax would stay at \$96, and approval of the measure would serve as a continuation of the tax, not an increase. To put those funds into perspective, the \$1.7 million

'The parcel tax helps Dublin maintain a high-level of academic excellence in its schools.'

Leslie Boozer,
DUSD Superintendent

collected equates to the cost of about 20 or more teachers, according to the district's parcel tax FAQ webpage.

The parcel tax spending would be subject to oversight by a citizens' committee and funds could not go toward administrator salaries.

The Dublin school board voted unanimously Jan. 22 to place the measure on the ballot. The board also appointed Board President Amy Miller and Trustee Dan Cunningham to serve on a subcommittee to help draft the parcel tax resolution text.

The parcel tax renewal would need

to be approved by two-third of voters in order to pass and extend the tax through June 2028.

Two-thirds may seem like a large number, but based off Dublin's previous voting history it is far from insurmountable. Originally approved by Dublin voters in 2008, the parcel tax was renewed in 2014 for an additional five years by a large margin — 79.4% of voters approved the renewal measure in the mail-only special election in 2014.

For the 2019 renewal, the proposed ballot question included in the school board's resolution reads as follows:

"Without increasing the existing tax rate and to maintain high quality education for Dublin students by attracting/retaining qualified teachers; sustaining academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, engineering, and technology; preventing class size increases; maintaining school libraries, instructional materials and classroom technology, shall Dublin Unified School District renew the expiring \$96 parcel tax for nine years, raising \$1,700,000 annually, with senior exemptions, independent oversight, no money for administrators' salaries and all funds for Dublin schools?" ■

Pleasanton parenting forum

Bestselling author is keynote for third annual conference

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton city and education leaders are joining together to present their third annual parenting forum next weekend at Harvest Park Middle School.

Part of the city's ongoing Community Education Series, the free forum on Feb. 9 will feature a keynote address by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D., who is a practicing clinical psychologist, New York Times bestselling author and international public speaker.

Organizers said Mogel, author of

"The Blessing of a Skinned Knee," "The Blessing of a B Minus" and "Voice Lessons for Parents," will aim to "unravel the paradox of good-intentioned devoted parenting gone astray."

Lessons in Mogel's speech and the ensuing breakout sessions will focus on topics such as "how hyper-parenting and perfectionism undermine children's intrinsic motivation, resilience and pride in their achievements" as well as how parents and guardians can "adopt a kinder, firmer and ultimately more

effective approach to the stress of daily family life."

The parenting forum is set for 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 9 at Harvest Park, 4900 Valley Ave. It is offered by the city in partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation and the Pleasanton PTA Council.

Registration is free at www.pleasantonfun.com, using course No. 12411. Learn more by visiting www.ptownlife.org/parenting-forum. ■

TRANSCRIPTS

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Gannon would not confirm the exact nature of the allegations, including whether, or to what extent, transcript integrity is in question.

The situation unfolded after district staff received information in October about alleged transcript inconsistencies at the high schools — complaints shared during Superintendent David Haglund's listening tour at school sites and in community engagement meetings, according to Gannon.

"One area of feedback we

received a good deal of feedback related to the implementation of district policies and procedures, and how some may be being applied differently across school sites," Gannon said, speaking generally. "We have been doing a good deal of work in this arena, including adding the focus as one of our organizational goals for the year."

"Depending on the situation and need, we may vet and engage in these processes internally or reach out to a third-party for assistance," he added. "These outside sets of eyes often help to ensure our policies and procedures are clearly articulated and consistently applied

across the district — all of this is in an effort to provide the best services to schools, students and families."

The transcript investigation is spearheaded by one of the four law firms the district has under retainer each year. The consultants are working to complete the probe and present results as soon as possible, though an end date has not been identified, according to Gannon. There is no cost estimate at this point.

Grading and transcript oversight falls under multiple departments at the district level, as well as at individual school sites, Gannon said. ■

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Donor Network West sets new record for organ donations

Tri-Valley nonprofit also names new CEO to lead expansion into future

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Donor Network West, a San Ramon-based organ and tissue recovery organization, is coming off a successful 2018, setting an internal record for the number of organ donations in a year.

And the nonprofit will look to improve upon an established reputation of success with the selection of Janice F. Whaley as its new CEO.

Whaley will look to guide the organization as it enters its 32rd year of operation, now serving an estimated 13 million people in its areas of coverage across Northern California and Nevada.

"With nearly 10,000 people waiting for organ transplants in our service area, we are compelled to do everything in our power to give them hope by increasing donations," Whaley said in a statement. "I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this organization and will challenge myself and our staff to continue to increase our donor numbers to transform lives as we gratefully respect the generosity of our donors and their families."

In 2018, Donor Network West received contributions from 319 organ donors — its largest number of organ

donors ever for a single year — and 2,168 tissue donors, with 53% of those donors having registered themselves on official donor registries. According to the nonprofit, those donations will be used to help improve the lives of 73,500 people.

Whaley took the reins at Donor Network West on Jan. 2, bringing a wealth of experience with helping save lives, particularly for patients on the transplant waiting list.

Prior to coming out West, she served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for the LifeShare Transplant Donor Services of Oklahoma, where for five years she consistently oversaw an increase in the number of organ donors, officials said. This track-record placed LifeShare among the top organ procurement organizations in the United States.

She looks to continue the success realized last year by Donor Network West, which works to facilitate organ and tissue recovery for transplantation, serving 175 hospitals and over 13 million people across 40 counties.

After partnering with San Ramon Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Surgery Center three years ago, on

Dec. 26 the organizations celebrated their 250th organ donor. Since the partnership's inception, a total of 784 organs have been collected for those in need.

"The collaboration, the first of its

kind in California, has enabled Donor Network West to provide donor families a more certain time frame for the recovery of organs and reduces the overall time between organ referral and recovery," Donor Network West's director of communications



Janice F. Whaley

Cathy Koubek, wrote in a statement.

In Alameda County, 1,372 patients are currently waiting for a transplant, at least 17 of which reside in Pleasanton, according to the organization's interactive Organ Transplant Wait List Map. Officials note that 47.46% of Alameda County residents are registered as organ donors, but they are always looking to see that number increase.

Anyone can register as a donor by visiting their local DMV or online at DonorNetworkWest.org. ■

Welcoming Lunar New Year

More than 400 residents, families and team members at Stoneridge Creek senior living community celebrated at its fifth annual Lunar New Year festivities Saturday to welcome the Year of the Pig. About 30% of the residents are Asian-American, including Eleanor Fong, Kate Gong and Nga Vu Sims, shown posing in front of lion dancers from Vovinam Viet Martial Arts. A highlight of the event was the Royal Court Fashion Show of the Emperor and Empress.



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Police, school officials seek to deter students from playing 'Assassin'

Annual game results in false police calls, other dangerous situations

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton police and school district officials have issued a joint warning to students and their parents, requesting that they do not participate in the annual "Assassin" game played by many Foothill and Amador Valley high-schoolers around this time of year.

Authorities have raised concerns about the safety implications of the game, stating that to nonparticipants it appears as if an actual threatening or violent event is unfolding, resulting in multiple false alarm calls to police.

"Unfortunately, our youth are engaging in behavior that could have dire consequences," said Shannon Whitaker, PPD's community and public relations coordinator. "A major concern for parents, school staff and police is that the thrill of the game often overrides good judgment. Participants do not think about how their behavior may be viewed by community members who see individuals with potentially dangerous weapons, often chasing others on foot or in vehicles."

The game itself involves teams of students who are assigned peer "targets" whom they have to "assassinate" using toy Nerf guns that fire foam darts, Whitaker explained. There are usually specific rules governing what type of weapons can be used, where and when it is acceptable to play, and so on, but in past years, "assassinations" have happened in public spaces and frightened bystanders.

Police officers responding to calls about the game are forced to take time away from other issues, potentially jeopardizing a timely response to actual threats, Whitaker noted.

Consuming police resources that can be better spent elsewhere is only part of the problem, she added, as nonparticipants who feel threatened may respond with violence if they feel the need to protect themselves.

Police and school officials also warn of dangerous behavior from participants such as disguising weapons to make them look more realistic, reaching for concealed weapons in

public places, hiding on private property and driving recklessly in pursuit of a target.

The last player standing typically collects a cash prize gathered from entry fees, which police say has caused its own set of problems. In the past, the collection and custody of entry fees has led to accusations of mishandling funds.

"The (PPD) and school district are collectively concerned about the safety of our youth, so we are urging students to consider the potential ramifications of their behavior and to avoid playing this game," Whitaker stated. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Tanzania adventure: Randy Chester and sisters Shelley Cartier and Sherry Ward (all Foothill HS alums, from 1981 and 1984) spent time together last summer near Sherry's and Randy's home in Tanzania. They saw many different animals on two different safaris in Mikumi National Park and The Selous Reserve, visited the World Heritage Site at Kilwa Kisiwani, shopped the Island of Zanzibar and sailed on the Indian Ocean.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and other related audits for the year ending June 30, 2018
- Consider adoption of the Human Services Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Update and receive presentation by Sue Compton, CEO Axis Community Health regarding new dental clinic

Civic Arts
Monday February 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Council 2019-2020 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process
- Review of FY 2018/2019 Community Grant Midterm Reports
- Presentation of Cultural Arts Programs

Human Services
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Council 2019-2020 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process
- Library and Recreation Department Inclusion Services Program Evaluation and Enhancements
- Discuss Evaluation Process and Meeting Format for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Housing and Human Services Grant Program Review

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Pair of fatal crashes on I-580 east of Livermore

A woman from Los Angeles and a man from Concord were killed in separate car crashes less than 17 hours apart on Interstate 580 east of Livermore last week.

The earlier crash occurred around 1:15 p.m. Jan. 23 on westbound I-580 near Grant Line Road when a 2007 Toyota drifted off the roadway and down a 300-foot embankment between the westbound and eastbound sides of the freeway, according to California Highway Patrol Ofc. Tyler Hahn.

The car then overturned in a small ravine. The driver, identified as 76-year-old Marilyn Binder of Los Angeles, died at the scene. Alcohol does not seem to be a factor in the crash, Hahn said.

The crash initially blocked the two left westbound lanes of the freeway in the area. All lanes reopened by 3:10 p.m., according to the CHP.

Then the next morning, 59-year-old Concord resident Tom Morgan died after his pickup truck collided with a big-rig on eastbound I-580 in eastern Alameda County,

according to Hahn.

The crash, which was reported shortly before 5:30 a.m. Jan. 24, happened near the intersection of interstates 580 and 205.

Morgan, who was driving the pickup, died at the scene after his vehicle rear-ended the semi-tractor trailer, Hahn said. Morgan didn't have any passengers in his pickup and the big-rig driver wasn't injured.

The collision and cleanup caused gridlock during the morning commute, but all lanes reopened at 8:20 a.m. The cause of the crash is under investigation, Hahn said.

The CHP is asking anyone who witnessed either fatal crash to call their Dublin office at 828-0466.

In other news

- An ex-convict was sentenced Monday to 29 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting a Dublin man during an attempted robbery in West Oakland in 2015.

Damion Dupclay, 27, pleaded no contest on Sept. 24 to first-degree murder and a gun charge for the shooting death of software engineer Jonathan Josiah Orbeton, 39, in the 1600 block of 18th Street near Martin Luther King Jr. Way at 2:37 a.m. on Nov. 12, 2015.

In return, the Alameda County

District Attorney's Office dismissed a special circumstance allegation that he murdered Orbeton during the course of a robbery, an enhancement that could have resulted in Dupclay getting life in prison without parole or the death penalty.

Alameda County prosecutors said in a sentencing memorandum that Orbeton went to a bar in West Oakland on the night of Nov. 11, 2015 and consumed a large amount of alcohol there.

They said a friend bought a pizza for Orbeton in hopes that he would eat it and sober up, but while he was eating Dupclay approached him at gunpoint. Dupclay, who had been paroled from state prison a few months earlier after serving time for a carjacking conviction, asked Orbeton to turn over his belongings.

Prosecutors said Orbeton "refused to comply" so Dupclay shot him with a Glock 27 .40-caliber pistol.

They said Orbeton dropped to the sidewalk dead and Dupclay drove away in a black Nissan Sentra. The car was spotted later that day but Dupclay fled, leading police on a pursuit to the corner of 14th and Wood streets in West Oakland.

Dupclay got out of the car and ran, but officers caught him quickly.

They found a .40-caliber gun in his car that matched the casings found at the crime scene, police said.

After Dupclay was arrested he confessed to killing Orbeton, according to police.

Prosecutor Alex Hernandez wrote in his sentencing memo that Dupclay and Orbeton didn't know each other and said, "Mr. Orbeton was a working member of society when the defendant gunned him down for refusing to be robbed."

A friend of Orbeton who worked with him at a tech firm in San Francisco wrote in a letter to the court that Orbeton "had incredible software security skills and was instrumental in finding and stopping malicious and destructive cyber criminals."

The friend said Orbeton "traveled the world to speak at events teaching others his techniques and met with government officials in an effort to reduce this pervasive crime wave."

An online obituary for Orbeton said he was born in Westwood, but grew up in McKenzie Bridge, Ore., "loved the outdoors" and his most recent job had been with the Tesla Motor Car Company in Hayward.

The obituary said, "Jon loved dogs, kiteboarding, and the outdoors. He was also passionate about

the environment and social justice."

- The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control announced in mid-January that it has suspended the license of a Livermore bar.

The 45-day license suspension at The Venue Bar and Lounge, located at 2293 First St., is due to what ABC officials allege was disorderly operations happening there.

According to ABC officials, between April 2017 and June 2018, police were called to the bar several times for incidents such as fights, assaults, public drunkenness and disturbing the peace. In addition, ABC officials allege the bar sold alcohol to minors.

Under the suspension, The Venue will be prohibited from selling alcohol for 45 days and the bar's license will be on probation for the next three years.

During the three-year probation period, the business will be required to stop selling alcohol at 12:30 a.m. and must provide state-licensed security, ABC officials said. After the probation period, ABC officials could move to permanently revoke the business' license if similar disorderly activity continues to occur. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 27

DUI

■ 1:50 a.m. on the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

■ 2:46 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

■ 9:26 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

Jan. 26

Fraud

■ 4:31 p.m. on the 8100 block of Arroyo Drive

Theft

■ 10:42 a.m., 5800 block of West Las Positas Blvd.; theft from auto

■ 10:46 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

■ 11:35 a.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 2:32 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 11:13 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

Burglary

■ 8:45 a.m. on the 5900 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

■ 3:03 a.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

Jan. 25

Fraud

■ 9:25 a.m. on the 1800 block of Brooktree Way

Theft from auto

■ 5:13 a.m. on the 7700 block of Creekside Drive

■ 6:30 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

■ 7:03 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

■ 7:54 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 8:23 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 9:04 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 9:23 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 10:22 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

■ 4:35 p.m. on the 5200 block of Riverdale Court

Robbery

■ 1:45 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan 24

Burglary

■ 11:46 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

■ 8:06 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft from auto

■ 7:52 a.m. on the 400 block of Adams Way

■ 8:31 a.m. on the 400 block of Ewing Drive

■ 8:52 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

■ 7:36 p.m. on the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

■ 8:03 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Domestic battery

■ 10:21 a.m. on Herrin Way

Graffiti offense

■ 9:59 a.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road

Jan. 23

Theft

■ 12:38 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 1:30 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

■ 3:22 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 5:45 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

■ 10:59 p.m., 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; theft of auto

Drug violation

■ 1:21 a.m. on the 6000 block of Gibraltar Drive

■ 10:34 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Jan. 22

Theft

■ 2:21 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

■ 4:47 p.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road

■ 5:49 p.m. on the 2000 block of Cotterell Court

■ 6:13 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 2:02 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Burglary

■ 6:54 a.m. on the 1100 block of Germano Way

■ 10:02 a.m. on the 9100 block of Olson Court

■ 10:16 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

■ 7:26 p.m. on the 500 block of Trebbiano Place

Graffiti offense

■ 1:58 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Fraud

■ 1:22 p.m. on the 500 block of Cento Court

Vandalism

■ 11:22 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Jan. 21

Theft

■ 9:10 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft of auto

■ 10:24 a.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 11:44 a.m., 4400 block of Seminole Way; theft from auto

■ 3:12 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 4:27 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

■ 10:44 a.m. on the 3800 block of Eastwood Court

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Time to watch what's happening at Chabot-Las Positas

The leadership future of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has approached a critical juncture.

The Board of Trustees last month appointed vice chancellor Ronald P. Gerhard to serve as the district's next interim chancellor — the third in five months — while district leaders and key stakeholders initiate a second round of recruitment to find the next permanent chancellor.

And they'll be doing so in the face of a board vacancy, for now, after the sudden retirement of Area 5 Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli, a longtime Pleasanton resident, in the middle of his term. Of course, Livermore's Las Positas College is still being led by an interim president as well.

With uncertainty in high leadership positions, it's time to start paying close attention to the decisions of Chabot-Las Positas — a district that tends to operate with less public interest despite being the stewards of various local tax and bond revenues and state community college funding.

The board's decision to restart the chancellor recruitment process, after not liking any of the three finalists from the first go-around enough to hire them, was probably the most appropriate choice.

We in Pleasanton know all too well what can happen when the "right fit" isn't hired to lead an education program.

The Pleasanton Unified School District conducted a nearly yearlong

recruitment to fill its superintendent vacancy in the 2015-16 school year, only to have the school board fire its chosen candidate, Rick Rubino, six months into his tenure in January 2017.

At the time, the school board told residents they terminated Rubino, without cause, because he "was not a good fit for our organization" — though we later learned he had been investigated for inappropriate conduct, including checking out a female employee, an allegation Rubino denied.

Firing Rubino worked out for PUSD in the end because the ensuing hiring process yielded current Superintendent David Haglund, a forward-thinking leader well-respected in the community.

But there's no denying that picking the wrong fit the first time set PUSD back — in terms of time, money and embarrassment.

If that's how they felt about their three finalists, then we're glad Chabot-Las Positas trustees are opting for a second nationwide recruitment.

Then again, we don't really know why the board passed on all three finalists recommended by its search committee.

The Weekly emailed each finalist for comment, and two responded. Lisa Avery and David Dore were both complimentary of Chabot-Las Positas but did not elaborate on where their candidacy might have fallen through.

On the other hand, only two of the six current Chabot-Las Positas board members acknowledged our emails last week.

Board President Ed Maduli, whose district includes Livermore and parts of Pleasanton, told us, "The board, as it considers the future of the district, and being that our primary responsibility is to hire and manage the chancellor, we chose not to select any of the chancellor search finalists. We believe it was in the best interest of the district to name an interim chancellor at this time, which will help us stay the course until such time that we can launch another national search for a permanent chancellor."

Trustee Genevieve Randolph (south Hayward/Union City) declined to comment, saying, "as with all human resources hiring processes they need to remain confidential."

Trustees Marshall Mitzman (Hayward), Dobie Gelles (Castro Valley/Oakland), Hal Gin (Hayward/San Leandro) and Linda Granger (San Leandro) didn't bother to respond.

As these trustees embark on their next chancellor recruitment, they'll also be working to fill their seventh board position — the Area 5 seat that represents Dublin, Sunol and most of Pleasanton.

Vecchiarelli, a former instructor, administrator and dean with the district who had served on the board since 2004, stepped down on Jan. 15.

The district declined to release

his resignation letter without a California Public Records Act request, which the Weekly submitted last week. We received the one-page letter the next day:

"Due to my current health, it is with regret that I must tender my resignation as trustee of Area 5, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Jan. 15, 2019," Vecchiarelli wrote in the letter addressed to Maduli.

"I have been affiliated with this district since 1968, and have served as trustee since 2004. I have a great sense of pride in all that we have been able to accomplish together for our students, our employees and the communities we serve.

"I wish you all the best."

The board plans to appoint an Area 5 resident to complete Vecchiarelli's unexpired term through November 2020, rather than hold a special election this spring. More details on the trustee application process are due out in the coming weeks.

The trustees are also expected to meet soon to discuss next steps for restarting the chancellor recruitment process. Among the decisions will be whether to continue with consultant firm ACCT Searches (whose contract accounted for \$33,552.77 of the district's \$57,286.37 bill for the first search).

As these conversations pick up again, we will be watching closely. We suggest you do too. ■

LETTERS

Skate park expansion

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton has many wonderful amenities and programs for families, particularly those with young children. As the City Council prepares to set its priorities for the next two years, it's time to address an existing gap for "tweens" and teens who live in our community and enjoy a very popular activity.

The current Park and Rec Master Plan was adopted in 2014 and it noted a deficiency to meet the current demand for a skate park. The facility at Val Vista and smaller one at the Ken Mercer Sports Park aren't enough to accommodate the large number of young people who use them.

It's now five years later and the need has only grown over time. Luckily, there's an easy solution to the problem. We have ample space to increase the size of the skate facility at the Sports Park, and the Park

and Rec Master Plan provides a conceptual design for the expansion.

Over the years, our Park and Rec Commission has done an excellent job using the master plan as a guide to address gaps in services, including an expansion of our Tennis Park and the creation of a new dog park. When the commission meets later this month to set its priorities, I strongly encourage its members to recommend a skate park expansion for the next two-year planning cycle.

—*Joe Streng,*
Former parks and recreation commissioner

Bad roads

Don't take your kids to Disneyland, just drive on West Las Positas from Hopyard to Santa Rita and back. They will be happy with the ride, however you will spend the money you saved on not going to Disneyland on car repairs.

—*Robert Hadley*

Holiday gifts for seniors

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is proud to announce that over 240 Tri-Valley seniors in need received Christmas gifts this past December.

Each year, because of the involvement of community partners and the staff/volunteers at Senior Support Program, Tri-Valley seniors receive holiday gifts. Our Holiday Gift Program ensures they have an inspired and joyful Christmas. Many of our seniors are living alone and need the love and support of our community.

Senior Support Program friendly visitor coordinator Lorie Rolhoff says, "Our beloved seniors are very appreciative and thankful for the gifts. They always marvel how Senior Support Program continues to make this program bigger and better each year."

In addition to the holiday gifts, Lorie also hosts the Friendly Visitor

Luncheon for approximately 60-plus seniors each year. This past Dec. 13, Senior Support Program provided a wonderful lunch, holiday entertainment and holiday gifts to 62 seniors in need.

The Holiday Gift Program and Friendly Visitor Luncheon is made possible through the generosity of community supporters such as The Parkview, Cornerstone, YMSL Pleasanton chapter and Senior Support Program Board of Directors.

Thank You! Our Holiday Gift Program truly makes a positive difference in the lives of seniors in our community. Your involvement and support sends a message of caring and backing to seniors in need.

—*Robert Taylor*
Executive director, Senior Support Program

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Unchained Labs employees work with the firm's testing equipment. The Pleasanton-based works to make tools to greatly improve the research capabilities of life sciences companies.

Bio businesses booming

Life science companies – small and large – thriving in Pleasanton

BY TIM HUNT

One of the business sectors really booming here is life sciences.

Pleasanton has long been home to major campuses for Roche Molecular (Hacienda Business Park) and Thermo Fisher Scientific (Sunol Boulevard) as well as Abbot Laboratories (Stoneridge Drive, formerly Thoratec).

What's changed in the last decade in Pleasanton is life science startups have flourished here.

Lauren Moone, executive vice president of Mirador Capital in Pleasanton, summarized the sector here at the inaugural Tri-Valley Life Sciences Summit last November. She said there are more than 120 life science companies in the Tri-Valley, and 90% of those are making devices. Through 10 months in 2018, about \$300 million had been invested locally by venture capitalists with 60% of that going to device manufacturing firms.

These range from the CoolSculpting devices seen on TV with pro golfer Ian Poulter (Pleasanton-based Zeltiq developed the technology and was acquired by international firm Allergan in 2017) to home male fertility tests by Trak (being marketed by

Sandstone Diagnostic of Pleasanton) to infant diagnostic equipment made by Natus, a \$500 million company, to revolutionary biologic research equipment manufactured by 10X Genomics

and Unchained Labs.

Why? Business leaders point to three key factors:

1. Location, location, location. When developer Joe Callahan and the Prudential Insurance

Company put together Hacienda Business Park in the late 1970s, there was a 30-minute commute shed to the intersection of interstates 680 and 580, with workers coming from around the compass.

Add in the BART line and the ACE Trains and the competitive advantage is even stronger. The proximity to the Bay Area provides access to the best technical and scientific talent, while skilled manufacturing workers often live in San Joaquin County.

2. The presence and eagerness of Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national labs to license their technology and/or partner with the private sector. Former employees there have left to form their own successful companies, and Sandia even offers a tryout where employees can move into the private sector and then return to the lab within two years with no loss in seniority. The labs' decision to develop the Livermore Valley Open Campus in 2009, including the decades-old Combustion Research Facility at Sandia, has invited companies to partner.

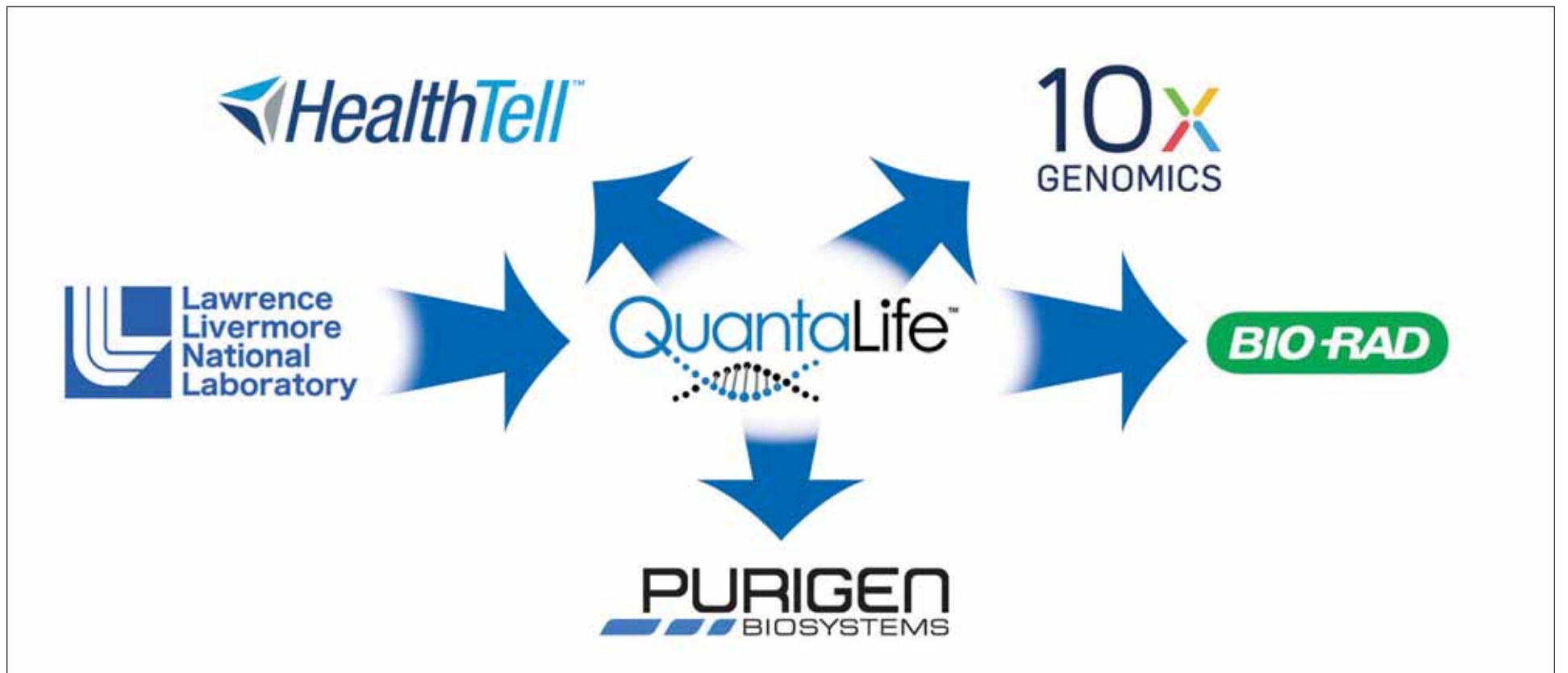
3. Senior executives have lived in Pleasanton and other Tri-Valley communities for years and commuted over the Sunol Grade or over a bridge to San Francisco or the Peninsula. They've found the business climate in Pleasanton



JULIA BERNSTEIN

Sandia researchers Chung-Yan Koh (left) and Chris Phaneuf show the newest version of SpinDX.

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PAUL LLEWELLYN

QuantaLife licensed a technology developed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and developed its high-speed, low-cost digital Polymerase Chain Reaction. Former lab employees Bill Colston and Ben Hindson were co-founders and were joined by lab veteran Klint Rose. Bio-Rad Laboratories, a 60-year-old public life sciences company headquartered in Hercules, acquired QuantaLife in 2011 and established its Digital Biology Division in Pleasanton. Three startups evolve from the Bio-Rad purchase. Hindson and fellow QuantaLife employee Serge Saxonov co-founded 10X Genomics in 2012. Colston and another former lab employee, Ted Tarasow (vice president product development) move on to found HealthTell with Colston as CEO. Rose becomes chief science officer at Purigen Biosystems and is joined on the Board of Directors by Colston.

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ideal to build their companies.

For instance, Tim Harkness, founder and CEO of Unchained Labs, has lived in Pleasanton since 2005. During that time, he built and sold two life science companies that were based in the South Bay. He described getting to the office at 5 a.m. to try and leave before the Sunol Grade became a parking lot. He's an evangelist for Pleasanton for life science companies.

"I love Pleasanton. It's a perfect place to build a business — great schools and a relatively lower cost of living. What I have found is it is a competitive advantage for hiring. I didn't know that was going to be the case when I set up the business here. It's the best decision I ever made for personal life and the community," Harkness said.

His commute now is 13 minutes by car to the headquarters in Koll Center or 25 minutes on his bike.

When Serge Saxonov and Ben Hindson decided to found 10X

Genomics, Saxonov said they had an open mind about where to headquarter the company. They checked out South San Francisco (the original life sciences hub in the Bay Area), the Peninsula, the South Bay, the I-880 corridor (Emeryville is another hub) and even Marin County.

Their decision was Pleasanton was the best location.

"Pleasanton had a number of things. With the commute pattern, we could get people from all across the Bay Area," he said. "In the early

days, the cost and availability of space (both office and importantly, labs). It's been great for people moving from outside the area who can actually afford to buy a house, and the schools are great."

He emphasizes that what defines 10X is the talent of its employees. The founders all hold PhDs and that's the educational level of many of their employees. It's also multidisciplinary with chemists, software engineers, hardware engineers and biologists.

Unchained Labs has a similar research and development team. Both manufacture their products in Pleasanton. They each make tools to greatly improve the research capabilities of life science companies.

10X is focused on the genome, while Unchained's tools are for research into proteins. Both companies are flourishing. Last fall, 10X leased 150,000 square feet on Stoneridge Mall Road, nearly tripling the 40,000 square feet it has in Koll Business Center. It plans to hire 200 people across the company, growing by 50% this year and formally became the valley's first home-grown life science unicorn when its value exceeded \$1 billion.

Unchained, which has sold more than 2,300 pieces of its equipment, started in February 2015, and is now financially self-sufficient. The goal is to build a \$100 million biologics pure play company. Most

of Harkness' executive team have worked together at other life science companies.

Saxonov noted that only about 5% of biology is understood so their tools can propel major innovations. One of their success metrics is how many research papers customers publish after using their tools.

Hindson and Saxonov worked together at QuantaLife, which licensed a technology from Lawrence Livermore in 2008. Bill Colston, who spent 20 years at Lawrence

Livermore, served as the CEO of the firm. Ted Tarasow, another former lab manager, also joined the firm.

It was acquired by East Bay life science firm, Bio-Rad Laboratories for \$162 million in 2011. QuantaLife developed a proprietary nucleic acid testing method. The Pleasanton company is the core of

BioRad's Digital Biology program, which is headquartered here in two buildings that were purchased last November, totaling 101,000 square feet.

The QuantaLife sale spawned three other companies. Saxonov and Hindson founded 10X Genomics, while CEO Colston founded Health-Tell in Pleasanton where Tarasow is vice president of product development and Klint Rose co-founded Purigen Biosystems in Pleasanton and serves its chief science officer. Colston serves on the board.



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The Switch in downtown Livermore provides co-working space for entrepreneurs.



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Trak, the male fertility home test kit, manufactured by Sandstone Diagnostics with technology licensed from Sandia's SpinDX.

Pleasanton-based Sandstone Diagnostic's technology roots are from Sandia where Greg Sommer and Ulrich Schaff helped develop a medical diagnostic device designed for use on the battlefield. The company now is marketing its at-home fertility test kit for men (Trak).

Meanwhile, Sandia researchers have continued to improve the device. The latest generation, portable and rugged, can diagnose up to 64 assays on a single disk within 15 minutes using a drop of blood. It likely will have wide application both in the United States and other western countries, as well as in developing nations — for instance when there's another Ebola outbreak.

In addition to BioRad's commitment to Pleasanton, startup Gritstone Oncology, headquartered in Emeryville, opened a 43,000-square-foot manufacturing

facility here. The biomanufacturing facility, with multiple clean rooms, will be the site of Gritstone's personalized cancer immunotherapy manufacturing.

There's already a critical mass of life science firms here.

What Pamela Ott, the city of Pleasanton's director of economic development, and Yolanda Fintschenko, co-founder of the East Bay Bio Network, are doing is helping them network together to enhance the ecosystem. Fintschenko, who worked 10 years at Sandia and then moved to Thermo Fisher, said, "This a healthy environment for life sciences with so much local talent."

"We're focused on introducing life scientists to others in the Tri-Valley," she added. "We start our events with a mixer, then have one entrepreneur interview another and then finish with a mixer. We create the environment to get the

right people in the room."

One of those mixers resulted in two women starting a company that now is working out of i-Gate in Livermore. I-Gate, formed by the national labs and the city of Livermore seven years ago, operates an incubator and co-working site, Switch, on 2nd Street in Livermore. It's another key part of the infrastructure.

"There's been a growing desire from the national labs to partner externally and be sure that local startup entrepreneurs and their own people know they are open for business," said i-Gate executive director Brandon Cardwell. "The labs have made a concerted effort to engage more with the local economy."

He added, "When people move here, they have the opportunity for a better quality of life and can volunteer as coaches and be involved in the arts." ■

National labs embrace private industry partners

By TIM HUNT

Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national labs have been the technology hub of the Livermore Valley for more 50 years. The mission initially was focused on the nation's nuclear weapons that aim to serve as a deterrent to potential enemies to this day.

In the 1990s, the national security mission broadened in anticipation of potential chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats. For instance, the technology was used in the government response to the anthrax attacks after 9/11. And 9/11 accelerated the research in these areas.

Since 1980, Sandia researchers have partnered with industry on the Combustion Research Facility. That pioneering effort led to the development of the Livermore Valley Open Campus, a joint venture between the two labs on the east side of both facilities. Collaboration with industry and academic researchers has soared with both labs dedicating employees to working with outsiders.

Lawrence Livermore is opening its first new building, the Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory. It has a 5,000-square-foot "wet lab" and a 5,000-square-foot "dry lab" that includes a special enclosure to process reactive materials. It's designed to work with industrial partners who can "spin out" lab-developed technology, while the lab can "spin in" cutting-edge industry technology. A key feature is a viewing area between the two labs to facilitate visits.

Rich Rankin, director of the innovation and partnerships office at Lawrence Livermore, emphasized the importance of the two-way door and encouraged lab employee to "embrace it." The goal is for win-win solutions. He readily acknowledges that lab researchers can learn from private industry.

Lawrence's Open Campus also includes the High Performance Computing Innovation Center that is housed in two modular buildings. Since 2011, it has hosted nearly 68,000 visits, nearly 7,000 events and researchers have partnered with companies such as IBM, Intel, Cisco and GE.

Across East Avenue at Sandia, the Combustion Research Facility has a nearly 40-year history of partnering with industry. Cummins produced the first diesel engine designed entirely

by computer simulation using software developed at the Sandia facility. It reduced development time and cost by 10% and now is powering more than 200,000 Ram trucks. Auto industry leaders attribute the greatly improved fuel efficiency in their fleets to research done at Livermore.

There's a lab devoted to algae research that could result in inexpensive biofuels as well as applications for biodefense. Another building houses the researchers who developed the next generation SpinDX, "a lab on a disk." This was the technology licensed by Sandstone Diagnostics, which was founded by former Sandia researchers Greg Sommer and Ulrich Schaff.

One of the interesting community outreaches Sandia has established is a lunch-hour farmers market that is open to anyone.

Here's a snapshot of some local companies with people and/or technology from Lawrence Livermore:

- POC Medical System licensed lab technology for the diagnosis of diseases such as cancer, cardiac, neurological and infectious diseases. It is in beta testing for a blood-based test on a portable platform for breast cancer. This will allow cancer screening in rural regions across the globe where screening methods are not available to women. It provides results in 15 minutes from a drop of blood. It's based in Livermore.

- SafeTraces, Inc., a Pleasanton-based startup, licensed lab technology that has a broad range of applications from securing the food supply chain to tracing the outbreak of food-borne illness. It utilizes DNA barcodes for labeling food ingredients or products. The odorless, colorless and tasteless barcodes are

applied directly to food or materials. Scanning the barcode with a reader that uses polymerase chain reaction, it takes only 15 minutes to reveal counterfeit materials or trace a food's source.

- SHAL Technologies, a Livermore startup, licenses lab technology and developed the first of a new class of small molecule drugs called Selective High Affinity Ligands. The drugs target and kill only cancer cells. Tests with mice infected with human lymphoma showed remarkable efficacy. It is raising funding and applying to Food and Drug Administration for clinical trials. ■



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10X Genomics founders Serge Saxonov (left) and Ben Hindson.



CONTEST FILMS FOCUS ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

One day Mary arrived at high school early and got a phone call from her friend Annie, who said she loved her and had called to say goodbye. Then Annie hung up.

Everything Mary had recently learned came flooding back: She located the school psychologist, who called 9-1-1, jumped in her car and drove to Annie's house. When she arrived, the paramedics were there. Annie was in and out of consciousness but they were able to determine what she had taken and stabilize her.

Their teachers credit Mary with saving Annie's life, as well as the Directing Change film project, which had

be more familiar with cultural backgrounds when helping people with mental illness."

"Every family has its own different culture," she explained. "When they suffer from depression or mental illness, their family background might have something to do with it."

Suicide in general crosses cultures, Chien said, but in many cases parents are unaware of problems, do not know how to find help, or resources might be limited.

"Delay in treatment can cause a crisis," she said.

Chien also noted that suicide carries a stigma, "And the stigma can be reduced."

TEENS LEARN ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES BY PRODUCING VIDEOS



Film contest categories

- Suicide Prevention
- Mental Health Matters
- Through the Lens of Culture
- SanaMente (30-second film in Spanish)
- Animated Short
- Walk in Our Shoes (for middle school students)

Tia Stout from San Ramon Valley High is awarded first place for "A Mormon Perspective" in the 2018 Directing Change Film Contest, at the gala held at the Ace Hotel in Los Angeles, shown with Eric Bigger, podcast host of "Bigger Talks," and on-air personality CeCe Valencia, from Power 106 in Los Angeles County.

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drummed into Mary: When a friend says scary stuff, tell a trusted adult.

Research shows that 60%-80% of young people tell a friend when they are thinking about suicide, but fewer than 25% of those friends seek help, according to Directing Change. So it holds a statewide video contest each spring for teens that focuses on suicide prevention and mental health.

"This project mainly is to help young adults learn more about the warning signs of suicide," said Alamo resident Chia-Chia Chien, founder of Culture to Culture, a nonprofit organization that promotes mental health within the Asian-American community. "Reaching out and seeking help at an early stage can reduce feelings of being alone."

Contest participants learn about suicide prevention, mental health and how to support a friend, while using their creativity and technical skills to produce 30-second and 60-second videos that can be used as public service announcements.

"In making the film, they need to talk about it," Chien noted. "We want students to learn when to be alarmed and how to offer a helping hand. This project strongly believes that suicide is preventable and through a helping hand, it can be reduced."

The University of Chicago did a study of participants in the California contest and found that 86% had learned the proper response to a friend's suicide warning, and 56% had encouraged someone going through a tough time to seek help.

The Culture to Culture Foundation began partnering four years ago with San Diego-based Directing Change, and has been instrumental in targeting teens from different cultures.

"Cultural factors have a lot to do with how people feel, think and act," Chien said. "All people working in the mental health field need to know to

The video contest categories include Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Matters. In another category, Through the Lens of Culture, films can be made in the students' native language with English subtitles.

"We want students to look at mental health through their own cultural perspectives," Chien said. "For example, Asian high school students are under a lot of stress, from peers, parents, society."

Chien has been on a mission throughout the Bay Area to inform educators about the video contest and was pleased that local students have been among the winners.

In last year's contest, Tia Stout from San Ramon Valley High School won first place in her region with her film, "A Mormon Perspective." Claire McNerney from Foothill High earned second place with her animated film, "Reach Out."

Regional winners receive expenses-paid trips to the awards ceremony in Southern California, a gala that includes red-carpet treatment and Oscars-style announcements of the state winners, with awards up to \$1,000. The event is also a chance for the teens to meet professionals in the industries of film production, music and social justice.

The Directing Change Program & Film Contest is funded by the 2004 Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, which mandates an additional 1% tax on incomes of \$1 million or more for programs.

Since the statewide program began in 2012, it has had 9,000 teens participate, submitting 6,142 films. The films have been viewed online more than 325,000 times.

Videos are due March 1. For more information on the contest and to view winning films from past contests, go to www.directingchange.org. To learn more about the organization, visit www.directingchange.org. ■

Meet aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman

Tickets still available for Feb. 12 museum speaker

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main will welcome aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman to Pleasanton on Feb. 12 with its monthly Ed Kinney Speaker Series held on Tuesdays, usually at the Firehouse Arts Center. The evening performance is sold out but tickets are still available for the 2 p.m. show.

Bessie Coleman will be portrayed by actress Betty Slater, who has previously performed as Coretta Scott King and Harriet Tubman, and her visit ties in with Black History Month, which begins today. Although Bessie Coleman might not be as well-known as these other characters, her story is equally important and inspirational.

Coleman was born in 1892 to sharecroppers in Texas. She studied in a one-room schoolhouse and worked picking cotton while dreaming of doing something with her life



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Betty Slater as Bessie Coleman.

that would make an impact. She saved her money to go to university but ran out of funds after one term. She became a beautician and manicurist to earn money after moving to Chicago to live with her brother but remained restless.

When her brother returned from serving in France during World War I, he told Bessie about how French

women could fly and her fate was sealed. She saved her money and moved to France in 1919 to become a pilot. When she returned to the United States, she was the first African-American pilot and became a stunt pilot and lecturer traveling the country.

Coleman dreamed of setting up a flight school for African-American pilots, and at every stop in her tour, she broke down stereotypes and challenged segregation. Although her life was cut short in a plane crash in 1926, her pioneering spirit, determination and vision for the future have left a lasting impact on shared American history.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$15, seniors and students; \$10 for museum members. Purchase at www.museumonmain.org; at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St.; or by phoning 462-2766. ■

Forum to explore art and business of writing

Early bird registration ends Feb. 10 for writers event in April

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Tri-Valley Writers Conference, a full-day event on the art and business of writing, will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 13, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Pleasanton.

The conference is a chance for attendees to share their passion for writing and to network with other writers and industry leaders. Presentations will include marketing and publishing as well as the craft of writing.

Registration for California Writing Club members is \$115 and non-members pay \$140 until Feb. 10, when the cost goes up \$50. Students ages 16-24 are \$80. Check-in and continental breakfast will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and a hot lunch is included.

The keynote speaker, Robert Dugoni, is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Amazon bestselling author. He is the winner of the 2015 Nancy Pearl Award for fiction and has been a finalist twice for both the Harper Lee Award for Legal Fiction

and the Silver Falchion Award for mysteries.

In 2015 and 2017 Dugoni was an International Thriller Writers finalist for Thriller of the Year. He also was a 2017 Mystery Writers of America Edgar finalist.

Presenters include Jim Azevedo of Smashwords, a distributor of e-books; Angela Bole, CEO of the Independent Book Publishers Association; Stephanie Chandler, author of several books including "The Nonfiction Book Publishing Plan"; David Corbett, author of six novels and the writing guide, "The Art of Character"; Robin Cutler, leader of development for publisher IngramSpark; Rachael Herron, author of more than 20 novels; Linda Lee, writer, educator, speaker and website designer, who will speak about websites; and Penny Warner, who has published more than 70 books with more than a half million in print, including a middle-grade mystery series.

For more information or to register, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■

Teens found new theater group

Center Stage East Bay will expand chances for young artists

Two Livermore High School seniors with a passion for theater have founded a new youth theater group called Center Stage East Bay, which is sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Micaelan Schreckengost and Anya Worley started the youth-led company to give artists ages 14 to 20 the chance to create, perform and design productions, along with the other creative and business tasks that go along with performances.

"The opportunity to be directly involved in creating art is a rewarding experience for all ages, particularly young people," said Scott Kenison, executive director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

"Here we have a wealth of experience to share and the space to make

these projects possible. Sponsoring Center Stage is very much in keeping with our mission to engage the whole community in the arts," he added.

Through being involved with all aspects of theatrical events, the students will gain confidence and develop greater maturity in dealing with the broader world, Kenison noted.

Center Stage is planning a Festival of Short Plays and will be sending out a call for student authors, actors and directors within the next few months. Its first fundraiser took place Wednesday, and plans are being made for more.

For information about ways to help fund the group, contact Anya Worley at centerstageeastbay@gmail.com. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Russian ballet presents 'Don Quixote'

The Russian National Ballet is returning to the Bankhead Theater with its acclaimed production of "Don Quixote," the story of the final quest of Cervantes' famous nobleman. Dedicated to preserving the timeless beauty of the Russian ballet tradition, the troupe is known for exceptional dancing, classic choreography, and exquisite costumes on its annual worldwide tour. The single local performance is at 8 p.m. next Friday (Feb. 8). Tickets are \$20-\$80. Visit lvpac.org; call 373-6800; or go to the Bankhead box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore.

Help! Book donations needed

Giant sale at library scheduled for March 22-24

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library are asking folks to look through their books, CDs, DVDs and magazines and donate what they can to be sold at the next giant book sale, slated for March 22-24. Contributions can be dropped off at the checkout desk at the library, and donors will get a tax receipt.

Volunteers prepare for the biannual book sales year-round, sorting donations before putting them into

storage. As the sale approaches, they work to display the books and other items attractively in the library's community room.

The sale begins 6-9 p.m. that Friday (March 22), open to members of the Friends of the Pleasanton Library. Memberships are sold at the door. Most small paperbacks sell for 50 cents, while hardbacks and big paperbacks go for \$1. DVDs are \$2.

The sale is open to everyone from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (March 23), and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday (March 24), when patrons can fill a provided bag for \$7. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Funds raised are used for programs and activities that are not provided for in the library budget, as well as library materials and furnishings. The fall 2018 sale generated almost \$15,000. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

EX
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.: 553194
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. 553194. 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.)

Araali Networks, Inc.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553855
The following person doing business as: Araali Networks, Inc., 39812 Mission Blvd. #224, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Araali Networks, Inc., 39812 Mission Blvd. #224, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by Araali Networks, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Nov. 1, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Abhishek Singh, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 9, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 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.)

DnE Productions
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554053
The following persons doing business as: DnE Productions, 3209 Madden Way, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Donald N. Meyer; Eri Y. Meyer, 3209 Madden Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Donald N. Meyer and Eri Y. Meyer, a General Partnership. Registrants began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Dec. 30, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Eri Y. Meyer, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 14, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2019.)

345 Technical Services
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553689
The following person doing business as: 345 Technical Services, 14 Fairway Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Damon Williams, 14 Fairway Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Damon Williams, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Dec. 7, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Damon Williams, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 7, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2019.)

WestoverWinery.com Inc., Westover, Westover Vineyards, Westover Winery, Palomares Vineyards
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554355-554359
The following person(s) doing business as: WestoverWinery.com Inc., 34329 Palomares Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552 County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William Westover Smyth, 34329 Palomera Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein in 2000. Signature of Registrant: William Westover Smyth, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

Visa SF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554317
The following person(s) doing business as: Visa SF, 5211 DeMarcus Blvd., #257, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elvira Akhmadullina, 5211 DeMarcus Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant, Elvira Akhmadullina, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

Casemine, Case Mine
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554547-554548
The following person(s) doing business as: Casemine, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 160, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mark Francis, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 160, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant, Mark Francis, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 28, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

DBC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553935
The following persons doing business as: DBC, 5360 Doolan Road, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Yue Zu; Yijie Sui, 5360 Doolan Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Yue Zu; Yijie Sui, Co-partners. Registrants have not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Yue Xu, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

997 All Other Legals
SUMMONS Case Number: 18-CV-234
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Sports



BY DENNIS MILLER

PLEASANTON PREPS

Foothill alum Mannion set for Super Bowl with LA Rams

Also: Up and down week for high school basketball teams

One of the many things being talked about regarding this week-end's Super Bowl is that it will be a battle of Bay Area quarterbacks, with the New England Patriots' Tom Brady (Serra/San Mateo) facing the Los Angeles Rams' Jared Goff (Marin Catholic).

Lost in the shuffle of the hype of the starting quarterbacks is there is one more Bay Area signal caller — Foothill Falcons alum Sean Mannion — making the trip to the NFL's championship game.

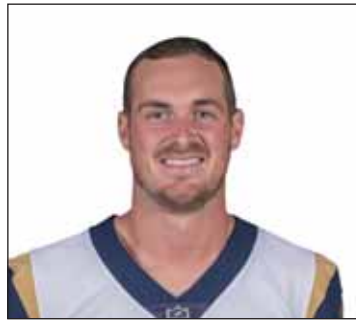
Mannion is a 2010 graduate of Foothill, and he followed with a record-setting career at Oregon State. He was the third-round pick of the 2015 draft for the Rams and has played in seven games in his first three seasons.

This year, Mannion was only 2-for-3 but is the backup for Goff and that means one thing — Mannion is one big hit away from playing in the Super Bowl with the eyes of the world watching.

It's enough excitement that has me, a devout 49ers fan, on the edge of rooting for the Rams, something I never thought I would do — of course other than when they play the Las Vegas Raiders!

Mannion is easy to root for because he is as a good person as he is a quarterback. He graduated from Foothill the same year as one of our daughters, so we were around him regularly. In addition, I was the sports editor of the now non-existent Try-Valley Herald and spent three years covering his varsity days.

But it's not just Sean that is a great person. His parents John and Inga are both wonderful, sincere people. John spent years as an assistant to Foothill icon Matt Sweeney before eventually taking over the job when Sweeney stepped away from the program



LA RAMS

Foothill Falcons alum Sean Mannion is the backup quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams, who play in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

due to health concerns.

When Sweeney returned to the program, he was content to be John's assistant, but John stepped aside so Sweeney could take the reins. When Sean went to Oregon State, John and Inga followed, moving the family to Oregon where he was first the coach at Silverton and then at Mountanside High in Beaverton.

I last saw Sean at a surprise retirement party last May for Sweeney when he retired from the Foothill job. Sean flew up from Southern California for the day to pay tribute to Sweeney.

He was the same down-to-earth person he was as a high school kid. Now he is traveling to his first Super Bowl, and despite it being the Rams, I couldn't be more excited for Sean and his family.

I have always been a person that believes good things happen to good people. And for Sean, it's coming to fruition. Whether or not Sean gets into the Super Bowl, those who know him will be looking for No. 14 on the sideline throughout the game.

Amador boys basketball

The Dons went 2-1 last week, beating San Ramon Valley and

Livermore before falling to California.

The week started with a 49-42 win over San Ramon Valley. Jules Bellosguardo led the way with 23 points for the Dons. John Venzon added 6 points to round out the top scorers.

Next up was a 56-29 win over Livermore, with Bellosguardo leading the way again, this time with 13 points. Tyler Nanney added 10, with Patrick Gallagher and Will Sadler adding 8 points each.

In the final game of the week, the Dons dropped a 66-59 game to California. Jaden Sheppard had 18 points to lead the way. Venzon chipping in 9 points, and Demetre Aaron and Gallagher added 8 each.

Foothill girls basketball

The Falcons started last week with a 47-35 win over Livermore.

Hope Alley paced the attack with 13 points. Katelynn Jensen scored 7 points, Lauren Twamugabo, Gianna Lyng and Reese Lombardi had 6 points each.

Later in the week, the Falcons fell 47-26 to Monte Vista. Lombardi and Jensen had 8 points each.

Amador girls basketball

The Dons dropped a 62-51 game to California at the end of the week. Isabella Maurico had 18 points to lead the Amador attack. Emily Tincher had 11 points and Jennie Yang 10 for the Dons. ■

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

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Music

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. This is a love-offering fundraiser for Unity of Tri-Valley Church and their music program. Call 829-2733 or visit unityoftrivalley.org for more information.

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.

Festivals & Fairs

LUNAR NEW YEAR AT STONERIDGE

Stoneridge Shopping Center is celebrating the Year of the Pig with a special event in the mall's grand court this Saturday from 12-2 p.m., featuring traditional lion dances, martial arts and percussion performances, crafts, activities and more.

PACIFIC PEARL CHINESE NEW YEAR

CELEBRATION From 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 2693-2733 Stoneridge Drive, Pacific Pearl invites the public to enjoy its Chinese New Year celebration. The celebration will kick off the Lunar New Year with a special Lion Dance performance, a martial arts exhibition, and dance and acrobatic performances. The festivities are Free and open to the public. For more information, visit shoppacificpearl.com.

Fundraisers

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB CRAB

FEED Starting at 5 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., the Pleasanton Lions Club Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser will be held. There will be a no host bar, photo booth, cornhole and casino night. Tickets are \$70 per person, which includes parking. For tickets or information contact Steve Grimes at 484-3524 or Greg Aynesworth at 336-6069.

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. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please call for special \$55 pricing for groups of 8 to 10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck at 447-4300.

PAWS IN NEED CRAB FEED

From 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, attend the Paws In Need Crab Feed fundraiser. Join us for dinner, games, raffle baskets and auction

items. All proceeds will benefit local animals. Dinner tickets are \$70. Tickets are available online at Paws-In-Need.org, or by mailing checks to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583. Please contact Lisa Williams at 216-1621 or lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com for more information.

MUSEUM ON MAIN WINE &

VALENTINES FUNDRAISER At 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, the Museum on Main presents the 12th Annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser. Tickets to the event are \$95 per person and may be purchased online at museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by calling 462-2766.

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 the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will be held. We rescue abandoned and homeless animals, and provide medical care and socialization. Go to TVAR.org for tickets.

Family

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.

TRI-VALLEY SELPA RESOURCE AND

TRANSITION FAIR At 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 2 at Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin, The Combined Tri-Valley Special Needs Resource Fair and Transition Fair will open. Registration and attendance are Free. Lunch will be available for purchase at food trucks. Child care is not provided. Contact Chris Krewer at ckrewer@pleasantonUSD.net or call 426-9144 if you need disability-related assistance or accommodations.

DR. WENDY MOGEL TO SPEAK IN

PLEASANTON The City of Pleasanton will host the Community Education Series, 3rd Annual Parenting Forum from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on

Saturday, Feb. 9, at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. 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.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

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

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., designed to help small business owners learn about web design and digital marketing to help grow your business. We are limited to just 20 spots at the moment, so please RSVP at devinesolutionsgroup.com and we'll lock in your registration.

Support Groups

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS

The death of a loved one is a shattering experience, but you do not have to suffer alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, on Feb. 12 and 28, March 14 and 28. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

PET OF THE WEEK

Sweet Scooby

Scooby is a loving pittie girl waiting patiently for her forever home. She adores her snuggles with volunteer friends and carries her stuffed toy bear around in her mouth. She much prefers people to dogs but is OK with some good-natured boy dogs. Scooby is available for adoption through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. They are open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 803-7040.



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Volunteers

FREE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, get help in getting a domestic violence restraining order. Tri-Valley Haven staff and volunteers will assist you in completing the forms and documentation needed to petition the family court for a protective order. No appointments necessary, just drop-in. This free, confidential service will be held on every first and third Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information about the services provided, call Tri-Valley Haven at 449-5847 ext. 2606.

Religion & Spirituality

JEWISH APPROACH TO CRIMINAL

JUSTICE TO BE STUDIED AT CHABAD "Crime and Consequence" is a six-part series that will be offered at 12:30 p.m. beginning on Feb. 5, at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 3370 Hopyard Road. The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), the world's largest 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.

Government Meetings

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council is set to hold a regular meeting on Tuesday (Feb. 5) in the council chamber at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE FACILITIES

MASTER PLAN LPC is set to share the updated Facilities Master Plan draft during a community meeting next Wednesday (Feb. 6). The meeting is set for 3-6 p.m. in Multi-Disciplinary Building 2400, Room 2401 at the Livermore community college at 3000 Campus Hill Drive.

Employment

TECHNOLOGY

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 Sat 2-4 Doug Beunz 463.2000

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572 Rincon Ave. \$649,999
 Sat 12-3 Emily Barraclough 895.7523

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

2161 Arroyo Ct. #4 \$488,000
 Sat 1-4 Cindy Gee 963.1984

1666 Calle Santa Anna \$678,888
 Sat/Sun 12-3 Brian Wright 580.4524

4 BEDROOMS

4623 Fall Court \$1,348,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Eva Deagen 699.2133

3786 Hawaii Ct. \$989,000
 Fri 10-1/Sat 1-4 Susie Steele 413.9306

2996 West Ruby Hill Drive \$2,750,000
 Sat 1-4/Sun 1-3 Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

5 BEDROOMS

4326 Campinia Place \$2,149,000
 Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260.2220/413.6544

1519 Loganberry Way \$1,250,000
 Fri 10-1/Sat-Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260.2220/413.6544

1673 Orvieto Court \$2,299,000
 Fri 10-1/Sat-Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260.2220/413.6544

1041 Via Di Salerno \$2,499,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Joan Sakyo 989.4123

1725 Via Di Salerno Call for pricing

Sat 1-4/Sun 1-3 Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$940,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,985,000
Average sales reported: \$1,009,250

Dublin (Dec. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$520,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,637,000
Average sales reported: \$860,000

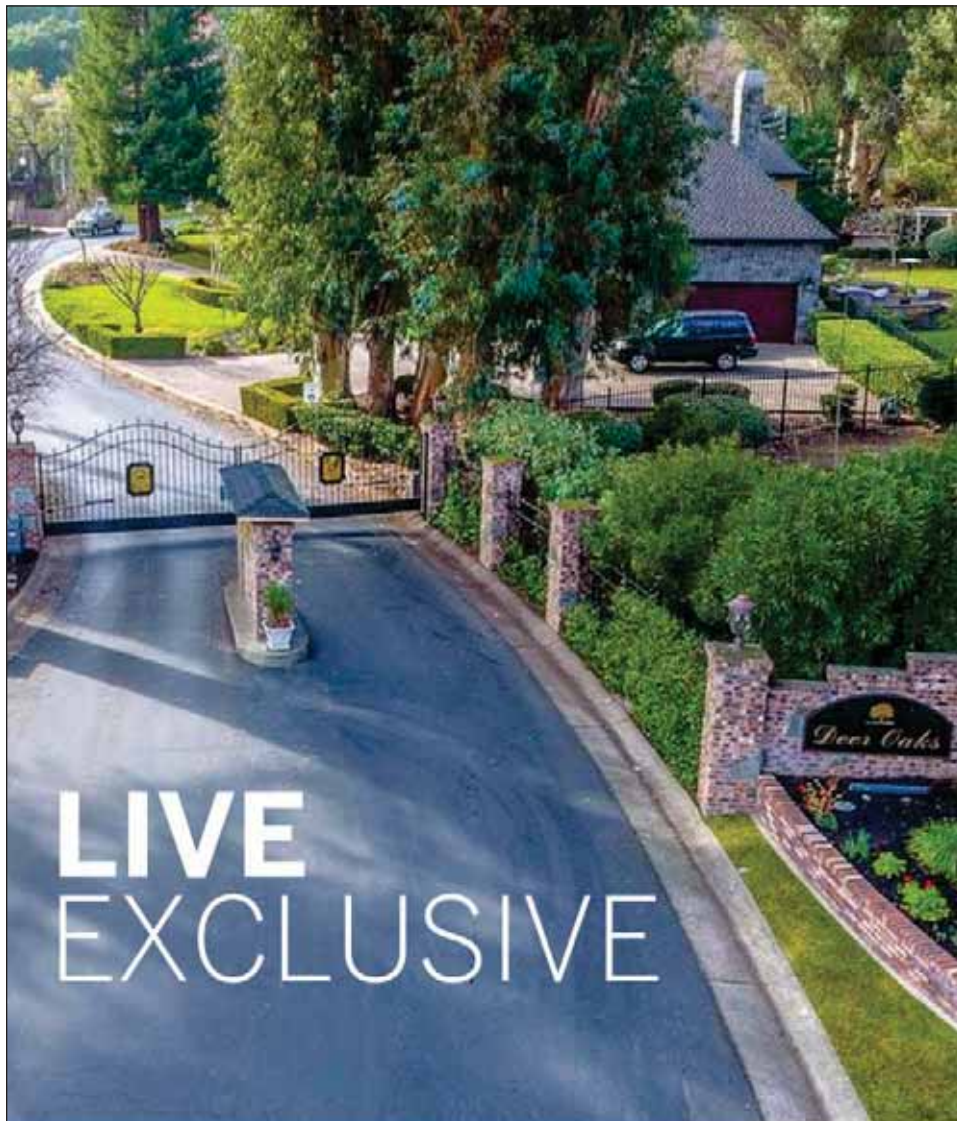
Livermore (Dec. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$384,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,850,000
Average sales reported: \$769,000

San Ramon (Dec. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 5
Lowest sale reported: \$440,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,480,000
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Source: California REsource



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2/21	7768 Creekside Dr	\$835,000	6/15	2401 Skylark Way	\$1,400,000
2/23	340 E. Angela Street	\$799,000	7/10	3113 Joanne Circle	\$1,278,000
3/8	7507 Driftwood Way	\$1,155,000	7/16	7263 Cronin Circle	\$700,000
3/30	5215 Riverdale Court	\$800,000	7/31	3768 Eastwood Way	\$1,200,000
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4/17	6570 Arlington Drive	\$1,350,000	9/24	5608 Black Ave	\$1,070,000
4/27	3360 Maguire Way	\$629,000	9/25	820 Oak Manor Ct	\$2,300,000
4/30	149 Briar Place	\$1,308,000	12/10	1022 Deer Creek Ct	\$1,749,000
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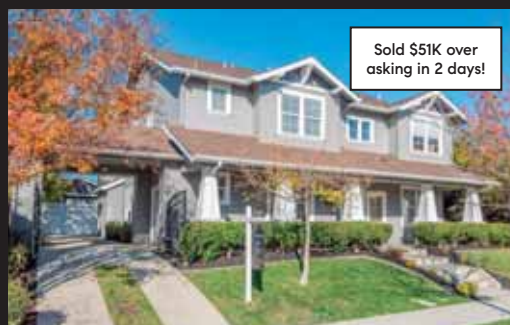
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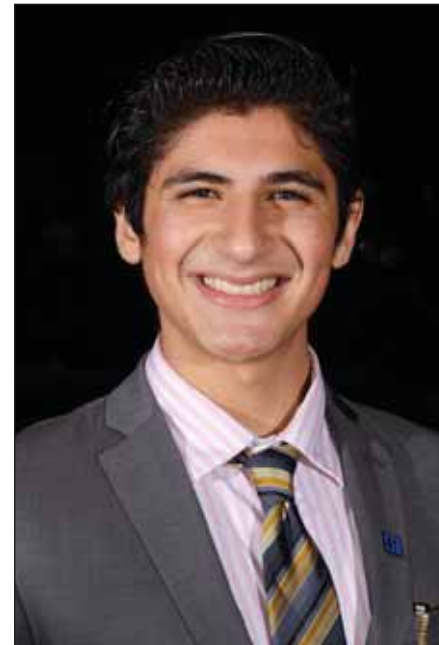
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