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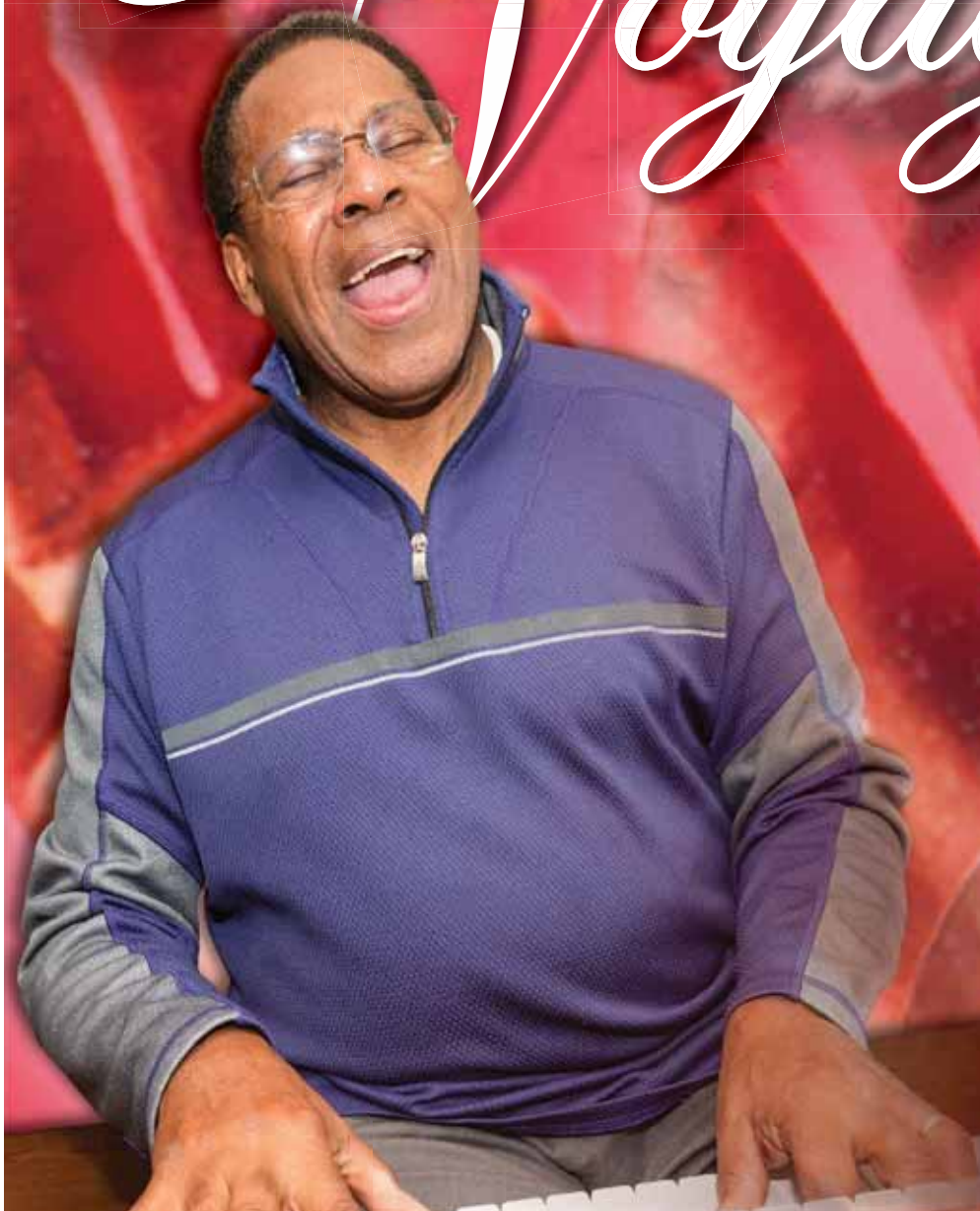
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Castlewood members make first of two big decisions

The future of the iconic Castlewood Country Club became a little bit clearer this month when the membership narrowly voted to proceed with remodeling the clubhouse and pool area.

The club has been under pressure to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards in both the 1970s-era clubhouse and its swimming pool area. The club's board and a committee have spent the last couple of years exploring options, with the board demonstrating its commitment to meeting ADA standards by only offering the membership options with that included.

The members, by a 211-189 margin, approved the plan to upgrade both facilities instead of spending significantly less money to just meet the ADA requirements. A total of 400 members cast votes out of 558 eligible to vote — a strong turnout that was noted by the board.

The close vote likely reflects different priorities between older members who do not want to spend any more money than necessary and younger ones concerned with the long-term sustainability of the club.

The third option for the members is joining the Bay Club, which purchased the ClubSport properties in November, including the Pleasanton club on Johnson Drive. The Castlewood board decided to put the two ADA options to the members first. With the approval of the membership, the clubhouse committee will move ahead with plans for the remodeling while another committee continues to explore the Bay Club option.

The committee working with the Bay Club is scheduled to send a report to the board in late March that could include a non-binding letter of intent for the acquisition. That committee also will be determining how valuable the club and its properties are, as well as evaluating its sustainability, the water rights it holds and issues surrounding different land-uses on the Valley Course.

Last year, the club had entertained a conversation with Ponderosa Homes about a potential joint venture to develop the Valley Course into homes. That faced numerous hurdles, including the Arroyo de la Laguna that borders three holes, the railroad tracks, and

the likely need to annex it into the city of Pleasanton and change the agricultural zoning to residential.

From a membership standpoint, the Valley Course is a critical offering for the club because it is walkable (it takes a well-conditioned person to walk the Hill Course with its elevation changes). The Valley Course gets about 60% of the play.

One key issue will be sustainability. Over the last 15 years, membership has fallen from about 800 to the 558 eligible to vote last month.

The split vote indicates differing priorities. The investment, should the club decide to continue independent, will about \$200 a month in dues, about a 20% increase for 20 years. The ADA-only option would have been \$100 per month for 10 years.

The Bay Club options, which would eliminate quarterly food-and-beverage minimums as well as cart fees, likely would save all members money, particularly if they currently are paying ClubSport monthly fees.

The Bay Club option currently would give all Castlewood members its top status (\$30,000 list price) that also would include access to any of the Bay Area campuses. That would value the club at about \$16.7 million, plus Bay Club has committed to investing at least \$15 million into the clubhouse to meet ADA standards as well as make it competitive in the Tri-Valley country club market. After a waiting period, existing Castlewood members could put their Bay Club membership up for sale.

If members proceed with the merger, current plans call for the creation of a holding company that would hold title to the land for 30 years after which it would revert to the Bay Club. Any sale within the first 10 years will return 75% of the proceeds to club members.

One concern for some Castlewood members is the availability of tee times should the merger take place. Potentially, there would be lots more members striving for tee times, particularly on weekends.

For Bay Club, the addition of East Bay golf courses would greatly enhance its offerings.

Bottom line: Members have made one decision, but one more very big decision looms. ■

About the Cover

"Amazing Voyage," a new album just released by Pleasanton's much-celebrated musician Don Lewis, contains music aimed at helping the country heal its wounds over long-festering slavery issues and the current chaotic political moods now gripping the nation. The album is available on Blue Coast Music's download platform. Photos by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu. Vol. XX, Number 8

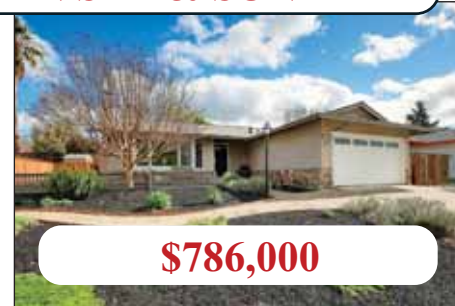
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When was your integrity last tested?



Shivah Lerner
Busy mom

Very recently. I was at the supermarket just the other day and a product I buy regularly was mismarked. The decimal point was out of place — in my favor! I was tempted to buy it at the mismarked price, but when I got to the register I showed it to the cashier.



Milton Nelson
Software engineer

Last week. I was rushing and late for a doctor's appointment. There was a handicapped parking spot right in front of the office. I have my mother's handicapped parking permit because I take her to do her errands on Saturdays. So I was tempted to hang it on my rearview mirror and take the parking spot. But I didn't.



Debra Cushing
Sales

About a week ago, I was out for a walk with my dog and there was a car parked on the street. The trunk was open and filled with all sorts of great stuff from Whole Foods, including my favorite brand of Kombucha. I was so tempted to grab a bottle and just keep going, because I was so thirsty. I didn't do it though.



George Ashe
Banker

Pretty much every day. There are constant opportunities to cheat, to take advantage of someone else, to lie and to steal. I'm always very conscious to not exploit those situations, especially if my children are with me. I like to set a good example for them.



Fred Forman
Retired

Last Halloween I took my grandkids out trick-or-treating. Someone left a large bowl of candy on their porch with a sign that said "Help Yourself." It didn't impose any restrictions so I let the kids empty the whole bowl into their plastic pumpkins. But I felt so guilt-ridden that we went back and returned it all.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is soliciting applications from community members in **Trustee Area 5 (Dublin/Pleasanton/Sunol)** who are interested in **serving as an appointed member of the Board** until the next regularly scheduled general election for governing board members in November 2020.

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- Participate as one Trustee and support the authority of the Board as a whole.

The Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that some meetings may start as early as 4 p.m., and workshops and additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Application materials are available on the District website at www.clpccd.org

Application deadline is Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 4 p.m.

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St. Pat's Brew Crawl

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is holding its annual St. Patrick's Brew Crawl this Saturday evening.

Some 25 downtown merchants and breweries will offer craft beers and ciders with tasty bites throughout the event. Attendees are encouraged to wear green and other festive gear to help create the St. Patrick's Day vibe.

A key fundraiser for the PDA, the event will run from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available for \$45 online now at www.PleasantonDowntown.net. If still available, remaining tickets will be sold at Museum on Main for \$50 (cash or check only). The event will be held rain or shine.

Barrel tasting

The Livermore Valley Wine Country is presenting its Barrel Tasting Weekend next Saturday and Sunday (March 23-24).

More than 30 Livermore Valley wineries are participating, giving attendees the chance to meet winemakers, sample wines still in development right out of the barrel and purchase futures for their own wine cellars.

For tickets and other information, visit www.lvwine.org. Livermore Valley Wine Country is the newly rebranded name for the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

Bicycle safety

The city of Pleasanton is partnering with Bike East Bay to host a series of bicycle safety workshops coming up, with the first event set for this weekend.

Set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, the first session is titled "Urban Cycling 101: Day 1 Classroom Workshop," to be held at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave.

The next two sessions will include the "Family Cycling Workshop" on March 23 at Hart Middle School and "Urban Cycling 101: Day 2 On-Road Workshop" on April 13 at Hart.

To register or to learn more, visit www.bikeeastbay.org/education. ■

Correction

The March 1 story "Alameda County unveils Women's Hall of Fame class of 2019" included incorrect information from Alameda County officials about Kimberly Larson's city of residence. Larson, an Alameda County firefighter who is being inducted in the Emerging Leader category, lives in Livermore. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

PUSD eyes polling for public feedback on potential new facilities bond

Board set to decide soon on survey to gauge voter support for 2020 measure

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees deliberated Tuesday evening whether community members would support a new bond measure to extend the revenue stream currently supported by previous bonds.

The trustees' discussion focused on the district's facility improvement needs, the lack of funding beyond the Measure 11 bond passed in 2016 and district administration's idea for a new facilities bond

measure, and they are expected to decide soon whether to pursue public polling to gauge voter support for a \$120 million bond measure on the ballot next year.

District officials said a new bond measure would present PUSD "an opportunity to fund approximately \$120 million" for possible future projects like revamping Vintage Hills Elementary, building a career and technical education campus, and general facility and equipment upgrades.

In the preliminary discussions in

recent months, including Tuesday night, district leaders are equating the new bond measure to a tax extension because the tax rate for property owners (\$20 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) would be the same as the rate owners are paying now related to previous bond measures in 1988 and 1997, which is set to wane after 2020.

Last year, the trustees approved the district's Facilities Master Plan, which estimates about \$846 million is needed to complete projects

at all 15 campuses.

Some are already covered by the \$270 million Measure 11 bond from 2016, but about three dozen other remain unfunded, including \$6.34 million for traffic mitigation related to redesigning the Donlon Elementary School property to split it among a kindergarten-to-third-grade campus and a new school for fourth and fifth grades.

The concept of a new bond measure was first floated last year, but

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Council endorses priorities

Hundreds turn out for city workshop; final vote next week

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council is moving closer to confirming the city's next two-year work plan after a lengthy meeting filled with resident comments and council deliberations Tuesday night — in what was the city's most well-attended priority-setting workshop to date.

The council members came away with a near-complete draft list of about 80 priorities for 2019 and 2020 that span the spectrum, from familiar topics like East Pleasanton planning, updating the Downtown Specific Plan, supporting regional transportation projects and designing bike safety improvements to new topics like options to reduce single-use plastics, Amador Theater facility assessment and lighted sand volleyball courts.

The two-year work plan is scheduled to come back for final adoption during next week's regular council meeting, at which time Mayor Jerry Thorne (who was out sick on Tuesday) is expected to return and cast the deciding vote on several potential priorities, including the Merritt and Lester residential developments.

The priority list will guide the council's and city administrators' decision-making during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years, especially for how to allocate city

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KRISHNIA PARKER/ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Tammy Ma, Ph.D., (second from left) holds her award with Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan after being named Assembly District 16's Woman of the Year.

Woman of the Year

LLNL physicist, Pleasanton resident honored in Sacramento

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton resident Tammy Ma, Ph.D., a leading experimental plasma physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has been named Woman of the Year for State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's District 16.

Ma, who has worked at the Livermore lab since 2012, leads a variety of fusion experiments at LLNL's National Ignition Facility (NIF) — the world's largest and most energetic laser — as well as

heads the X-ray analysis group for the Inertial Confinement Fusion Program.

Ma told the Weekly she was surprised and humbled to be named Woman of the Year.

"It is a completely unexpected and undeserved honor — I'm doing what I love, and I just happen to be very passionate about STEM education and growing the level of science literacy across society," she said Monday.

"I'm a bit of a policy and California history nerd, so the

ceremony on the floor of the California Assembly of the State Capitol Building was a very special experience," Ma added. "I was incredibly humbled to be in the presence of such amazing women, both representing our communities in the Assembly and among the award-ees who contribute so much to California."

Ma was honored by the State Legislature on March 4 in

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Community youth barn opens at fairgrounds

Marissa Hunt Agricultural Education Center supports 4-H, FFA endeavors

By JEREMY WALSH

Alameda County Fairgrounds officials and the local youth agriculture community joined together last week to unveil the new Marissa Hunt Agricultural Education Center.

The 8,000-square-foot facility in Pleasanton, already home to five little piglets, is designed as a permanent place where youth in agriculture-focused groups such as 4-H and the Future Farmers of America can learn how to raise animals during the year and for the Alameda County

Fair's annual Junior Livestock Show.

"This beautiful new facility represents the Fair Association's long-term vision and commitment to Alameda County's future agricultural leaders," association board president Gordon Galvan said in a statement last week. "We are extremely pleased to be able to offer them the resources they need to learn, grow and succeed in a safe and modern community environment."

Dozens of 4-H and FFA members from across the county were on hand



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty (left) joins Kimberly Hunt and Charles Hunt in the unveiling of a statue of their late daughter, Marissa Hunt, at the opening of the Marissa Hunt Agricultural Education Center last week.

for the ribbon-cutting and to take the first public tours of the center during the March 7 grand-opening

ceremony, officiated by Galvan and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

The barn, which can house approximately 80 animals at capacity, will be operated by fairgrounds staff as well as volunteer parents of youngsters participating in the program. The facility also includes a classroom and meeting space, restrooms, wash rack, outdoor paddock and livestock scale.

The new center is named in honor of Marissa Hunt, an Abbie 4-H member from Pleasanton who died in a car crash in 2004 at age 10. Among her favorite activities, Hunt loved to raise and show animals at the fair each year.

Hunt's parents attended the grand-opening ceremony, along with local officials including Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum, Dublin Vice Mayor Melissa Hernandez and fairgrounds CEO Jerome Hoban. ■

Rotary ups fight against polio

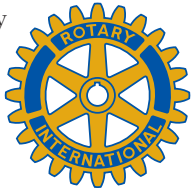
Flash campaign focuses on March and April

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Look for the banner in Rotary Park that says it all: "End Polio Now."

The Rotary Clubs in the Tri-Valley are having a "flash campaign" in March and April to eradicate the crippling disease worldwide once and for all.

Gary and Nancy Harrington, members of Rotary Club of Pleasanton, recently returned from a 12-day trip to India along with 68 others from across the United States and Canada who helped with the vaccinations. India, with



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gary Harrington immunizes a child in India against polio during a recent trip of 70 Rotarians to help in the effort to eradicate the disease.

a population of 1.3 billion, eradicated polio in 2011, but remains vigilant due to immigrant children

that may carry the virus.

Neighboring Pakistan, and Afghanistan, had 34 cases of polio reported last year, the only ones worldwide.

The global fight began in 1988 when Rotary joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Since then more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, reducing polio cases around the globe by 99.9%.

Rotary Club members ask for the support of the community to help with their efforts by donating any sum of money directly to endpolio.org. ■

AWARDS

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Sacramento, along with district winners from throughout California, during an annual ceremony held in observance of Women's History Month.

Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) lauded Ma for her scientific achievements and leadership as well as her volunteer efforts encouraging girls and women to pursue careers in science.

"A Pleasanton resident and first generation American, Dr. Ma is strongly committed to education, and to mentoring and encouraging young students who share her passion for science. I congratulate her on this much-deserved award," the assemblywoman said in a statement.

"I am proud to highlight her accomplishments and lift up a woman in science," added Bauer-Kahan, who is in her first term representing the Tri-Valley, Lamorinda and parts of Walnut Creek in District 16.

A Caltech undergraduate alumna who then earned master's and

doctoral degrees from UC San Diego, Ma completed a postdoctoral fellowship at LLNL before being hired on as a staff scientist there in 2012.

Now a leading experimental plasma physicist, Ma chairs the LLNL Lab-Wide Laboratory Directed Research and Development Program, an internal R&D funding program enabling highly innovative, high-risk, high-payoff projects at the forefront of science and technology — managing a \$7.5 million portfolio of fundamental and applied research activities.

Ma has also become one of the most recognizable representatives of the lab's NIE, often leading public tours and appearing regularly on podcasts, videos and in other media to share her passion for science.

A mentor to collegiate student scientists, Ma also volunteers with "Expanding Your Horizons" science festivals and the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair, as well as presents science lectures to youth and teaching at LLNL's summer teacher research academies.

She has authored or co-authored more than 150 refereed journal

publications and given over 75 presentations at international conferences, and she is a member of the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science's Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee.

Her other career awards include a Presidential Early Career Award for Science and Engineering in 2016, the 2016 Stix Award for Outstanding Early Career Contributions to Plasma Research from the American Physical Society and a DOE Early Career Research Award in 2018.

With the award from Bauer-Kahan, Ma became the third consecutive Pleasanton woman to receive the District 16 Woman of the Year award — following Pleasanton Military Families leader Pat Frizzell in 2017 and School of Imagination and Happy talkers founder Charlene Sigman in 2018; both honored by previous assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

Parvin Ahmadi honored too

Another familiar female leader was named a state legislator's Woman of the Year this year: former Pleasanton Unified School District



CITY OF PLEASANTON

City Council makes proclamations

The Pleasanton City Council shined a spotlight on a well-known veterans support organization and a lesser-known disease with separate proclamations last week. Above: The council joins members of Pleasanton Post 237 in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the national American Legion, which advocates for and supports military veterans and their families. American Legion Centennial Day is today. Below: The council also presented a proclamation to Pleasanton resident Sarah Brunskill, co-chair of the Lymphatic Education and Research Foundation's California chapter, in recognition of March 6 as World Lymphedema Day. Brunskill's toddler son Grayson Howard, was born with lymphedema, a disease caused by blockages in the body's lymphatic system that can lead to impaired function and shortened lifespan for affected people.



superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Currently the schools superintendent in Castro Valley, Ahmadi was given the award by State Sen. Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) for his District 10.

"Superintendent Ahmadi is a statewide educational leader who has dedicated her professional career to educating all students and enhancing their learning

opportunities so they can achieve their goals," Wieckowski said in a statement. "Her commitment to public education, students of all ages and social justice is recognized throughout our community."

Ahmadi was PUSD superintendent between 2010 and 2015, leaving that June to become superintendent of the Castro Valley Unified School District. ■

Pleasanton council endorses Tri-Valley housing policy framework

Cities hope for stronger voice with coordinated effort, community education

By JEREMY WALSH

Local leaders throughout the Tri-Valley have been carefully watching regional and state officials' legislative proposals to address the housing shortfall, and the five municipalities now have a plan in place for a coordinated response.

The Pleasanton City Council last week threw its support behind a Tri-Valley cities' housing and policy framework, a consensus document that details shared concerns about the Bay Area's so-called "CASA Compact" and creates a starting point for proactive education and advocacy to achieve common priorities.

"I really like the idea of the five cities in the Tri-Valley getting together, working and trying to find the common ground. Putting the five cities together gives us substantial clout ... versus trying to go it alone," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said before the council's unanimous vote March 5.

Amid the slew of legislative proposals that have come forward to address California's housing shortfall, the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon and the town of Danville — who already coordinate efforts on certain Tri-Valley priorities — decided in recent weeks to join forces on more in-depth education and advocacy on the topic of housing.

Of particular concern locally is the CASA Compact.

Developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission-appointed Committee to House the Bay Area (dubbed CASA) and released in December, the CASA Compact is a 10-point plan with recommendations and strategies to remedy the Bay Area's housing issues, according to Gerry Beaudin, Pleasanton's community development director.

While the CASA Compact itself isn't a piece of legislation, it is being used by regional and state officials to guide their legislative proposals to address the housing crisis, Beaudin said during his presentation to the council.

Councilman Jerry Pentin criticized the CASA Compact as being finalized without a typical full public review process and without most suburban Bay Area cities, like Pleasanton, having a seat at the table or a chance to provide informed input.

Tri-Valley local leaders have shared concerns with the CASA Compact, and the housing policy framework is a strategy to make sure their voices are heard.

The framework is designed to lay the foundation for education in the community and for coordinated advocacy to help influence the housing legislative process and achieve goals common among the five municipalities — while also leaving the door open for each city to pursue

individualized housing policy advocacy when needed.

The Tri-Valley's framework centers on five themes summarizing points of consensus among the five councils — key topic areas they see as woefully and inadequately addressed by most state housing legislative proposals.

At the top of the list is balanced solutions, a push for equal policy consideration of housing, employment, and transportation and transit in proposed solutions to the housing crisis, Beaudin said.

The other themes focus on provide, promote and protect affordability; context-sensitive housing in communities (avoiding one-size-fits-all approach); solutions for infrastructure and public services; and funding and resources.

The framework also directly addresses the 10 elements in the CASA Compact, six of which were ranked as high levels of concern for the Tri-Valley.

Of those, only item No. 10 — CASA's proposal to create a new Regional Housing Enterprise public agency to implement the compact — received total opposition from the Tri-Valley.

Four others were labeled as "oppose unless amended": minimum zoning near transit, "good government" reforms to housing approval process, expedited approvals and financial incentives for select housing, and funding and financing the CASA Compact.

CASA's element No. 8, unlocking surplus public land for affordable housing, also received a "high concern" ranking but would be supported by the Tri-Valley with amendments.

The four other items were ranked as low concern: just cause eviction policy, emergency rent cap, emergency rent assistance and access to legal counsel, and remove regulatory barriers to accessory dwelling units. The latter is fully supported by local leaders.

Most Pleasanton council members spoke highly about the Tri-Valley framework, but first-term Councilwoman Julie Testa initially said she wanted absolute opposition to the CASA Compact and saw the local accord as too supportive of CASA's initiatives.

"I think that we're selling our community short if we aren't really standing strong (in opposition)," said Testa, a slow-growth advocate in her first year on the council. "Other cities are standing up in opposition, and I think we should be doing that."

Pentin countered that Pleasanton needs to work with the state and can't afford to be the poster-child for "no" on new housing — referring to the city's reputation in the wake

of losing a costly court battle over its housing cap, which an Alameda County Superior Court judge in 2010 invalidated as a violation of state law requiring all cities to provide adequate housing.

Vice Mayor Karla Brown added in support, "I don't see this as a rollover and accept CASA, at all ... I think it's a great start."

Testa ultimately joined her four colleagues, after a brief pause, in casting a vote in favor of the Tri-Valley framework.

The council could hold a future conversation soon on topics for additional, Pleasanton-specific housing advocacy such as local control, voter rights, local context like exempting historic downtowns, service impacts and unfunded mandates. ■



TV30

Baker co-hosting 'Mayors Report'

Tri-Valley Community Television has released its new episode of "Mayors Report" — featuring a new co-host, former assemblywoman Catharine Baker. The episode includes Baker's interview with Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne (shown), when he shares highlights from his recent State of the City address. She also conducts one-on-one interviews with Dublin Mayor David Haubert and Livermore Mayor John Marchand. Baker, who was unseated in the November election, will be sharing "Mayors Report" host duties with Livermore school board member Craig Bueno after the retirement of moderator Tom Morrison. The new episode is currently airing on TV30. For broadcast dates and more information, visit www.tri-valleytv.org.



The "S" Word A Documentary Movie In Honor of Suicide Awareness

Being informed on the issues regarding suicide and mental health is a vital way to take part in suicide prevention. Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare is hosting a free screening and panel discussion to help raise awareness for suicide prevention.

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ValleyCare

Community rallies behind city worker with rare illness

GoFundMe campaign for Ben Jacobs has raised nearly \$1,000 per day

By JULIA BAUM

An online fundraising drive that formed barely two weeks ago has yielded more than \$12,000 so far for a Pleasanton city worker with a rare cancer-like illness.

Friends and family set up the fund to help cover medical expenses for Ben Jacobs, a utilities systems operator in the city's Operations Services Department who was diagnosed a couple of months ago with myelodysplastic syndrome.

Jacobs told the Weekly that he and his family have been "overwhelmed by the people who are helping us" by whatever means possible.

"I'm just so grateful and thankful and blessed to have everybody reaching out in any way they can," Jacobs said. "It's more than money; the money's not the big deal. It's everybody reaching out and making



City worker Ben Jacobs is battling a rare disease.

sure I'm OK, my family's OK."

Myelodysplastic syndrome is "a group of disorders caused by poorly formed blood cells or ones that don't work properly," according to the Mayo Clinic. Conditions occur from "something amiss" inside the

patient's bone marrow, where blood cells are made, and causes fatigue, anemia and frequent infections due to a low white blood cell count. Patients are also at risk of developing leukemia.

Chemotherapy or a bone marrow transplant are the usual forms of treatment; in Jacobs case, he needs both.

"He's got a heart of gold and all of us are rooting for him to pull through this," Kelly Richards, one of Jacobs' co-workers, told the Weekly.

Richards and other colleagues have been busy drumming up awareness about the GoFundMe campaign, including planning a benefit barbecue dinner on April 13. The fund is the latest one started to benefit a city employee facing costly health battles; community members have helped raise more than \$114,000

since November for Pleasanton police Officer Kyle Henricksen, who is also undergoing cancer treatment.

Funds for Jacobs will be spent on travel, medical and other expenses during the 100-day period when he will undergo treatment at Stanford University.

In that time, Jacobs will start Vidaza, a type of chemotherapy that works by increasing blood counts and which sets the stage for a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. Jacobs' own stem cells will first be wiped out by a strong dose of chemo and then replaced by donor cells.

"I won't be able to be around my children very much those three months due to the fact of the bone marrow transplant knocks out my immune system," said Jacobs, who lives in Antioch and has worked for

the city of Pleasanton for almost 11 years. "It just knocks my immunities down to pretty much nothing."

After 30 days in the hospital, he will need to live within 30 minutes of Stanford and receive aftercare for another 70 days, possibly requiring two residences due to his vulnerable condition while in Palo Alto.

The GoFundMe campaign benefiting Jacobs had raised \$12,135 toward its \$50,000 goal, as of Tuesday evening, in support of Jacobs, his wife and three children.

For those unable to contribute financially, Richards said they are encouraging people to sign up with the bone marrow registry. "The more donors that are in the system, the easier it is to find somebody," she said. "It's a swab kit so it's nothing invasive. You just send it in and become an active member of the registry."

To make a donation, search for the "Ben's Fight Against Cancer" fund on GoFundMe. For more information about the National Marrow Donor Program, visit www.bethematch.com. ■

BOND

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trustees at the time questioned whether it was fair to approach voters after Measure 11 passing just two years earlier and projects like building a new elementary school not being completed.

"There was a bit of hesitation and we needed to see some projects get started and so we took a step back and we really focused on getting those things amped up," Superintendent David Haglund said. "They really were already started, but we needed to be more overt in how we talked about them, in terms of the scheduling so people could see that, yes, those things are in the pike and they are coming."

"The purpose of (Tuesday) night was to recap what we're doing under the bond and what needs have been identified," district spokesperson Patrick

Gannon told the Weekly.

Voters approved Measure 11 bond, which taxes homeowners \$49 per \$100,000 of their assessed property value every year, in November 2016. Measure 11 revenue is restricted to spending on repairing and upgrading local classrooms and facilities and buying new equipment; none may be used for administrative salaries.

There is just over \$145.5 million left in funding to allocate for projects on the Measure 11 list. Community polling for public feedback about the proposed bond is expected to be discussed at the board's next regular meeting on March 26.

Another notable portion of the meeting covered recent budget changes, including \$4 million in budget reductions to afford a recent 2.5% compensation increase for employees, during a second interim budget report. Pending another state budget revision this

spring, officials say more adjustments may be needed.

Special education contributions in district schools have increased by \$1 million and local revenues have grown by the same amount because the district is in receipt of a partial insurance claim from the Harvest Park Middle School fire.

Earlier this year, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled his 2019-20 state budget proposal, including a one-time \$3 billion payment to CalSTRS from the general fund to pay down pension debt. The payment is expected to address rising pension costs and reduce the out-year contribution rate by half a percentage point.

However, the district warns that if additional cost of living adjustment and STRS rate reduction recommendations in Newsom's budget "do not materialize, the district will need to make approximately \$670,000 in reductions before 2020/21."

In other business

• The trustees also unanimously approved several contracts for district schools, including one to rebuild the fire-damaged library at Harvest Park Middle School. Last summer, a blaze damaged the library as well as the campus-wide low-voltage systems. A 40-foot-by-48-foot portable has served since then as a temporary library.

District officials recommend rebuilding the existing library with insurance funds but not expanding the facility. School administration and a design team met recently for project scoping.

To stay on track, the district will need to rebuild in two phases, demolition and construction. The first phase would start this summer and continue with construction during the next school year. To minimize impact during school hours, construction on weekdays would start at 2 p.m. and end around 10 p.m.

• Fiber optic and site network upgrades throughout the entire district were also approved; last year Amador Valley High School served as the pilot phase site and received new copper cabling and new Power over Ethernet (PoE) ports, which grant access to security cameras, clocks, bells and voice over IP (VOIP) telephones.

The \$4.5 million project will use Measure 11 funds for upgrades at the remaining schools to support a 40gig network backbone that's expected to increase speed and bolster stability and security.

Work will start this spring at three schools — Foothill High, Walnut Grove Elementary and Pleasanton Middle schools — and continue at other campuses until the end of next year.

Lydiksen Elementary School is the only campus not included in the project and will receive its upgrades when the planned rebuild breaks ground at an undetermined time. ■

PRIORITIES

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resources — financial and staffing — toward achieving those key objectives.

Coming into the meeting, city staff compiled a draft work plan with nearly 90 proposed priorities up for consideration, a list with recommendations from city departments, commissions, committees and individual council members as well as the public. They included new initiatives and ongoing or prior projects from previous years.

The items fall into top priority categories of the Bernal property, General Plan, fiscal sustainability, affordable housing, traffic circulation, economic development, youth programs, public safety, quality of life, environmental awareness, city

services and organizational success.

Tuesday's public workshop provided residents the chance to have their voices heard before the council's decisions, and plenty of people took advantage of the opportunity.

More than 250 people attended the meeting in the council chambers, filling the seats, lining the walls and crowding into the lobby. The council heard 2-1/2 hours of comment from almost 70 speakers, with dozens of other residents expressing support for projects more quietly from the audience or in emails beforehand.

The majority of public comment focused on a handful of projects and programs up for consideration: the Merritt development, bicycle safety, updating the Climate Action Plan, Amador Theater, East Pleasanton Specific Plan, new skate park

and lighted sand volleyball courts.

The four council members then spent nearly two hours going through each of the nearly 90 items, settling on their recommended priority list as the clock approached 11:30 p.m.

To make the final cut, a project or initiative needs support from a majority of the council members (three out of five). Thorne, like his four colleagues, indicated his initial preference on the priorities listed in the draft plan before the meeting. They all will formally confirm their votes next week.

The bulk of the priority topics cleared the majority threshold even without Thorne, receiving support from either three or all four of the members in the room Tuesday.

That included the proposal to restart the East Pleasanton Specific

Plan process, which had been a priority in the past but was halted in mid-2015 and held off the city's 2017-2018 work plan. Only Councilwoman Julie Testa was in opposition.

Thorne will need to cast the deciding vote on whether to keep the Lester property development on Dublin Canyon Road on the list and whether to add the Merritt property application, for an age-restricted senior development with Foothill Road renovations.

He will also decide the fate of prioritizing the designs of bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements on Foothill Road and Santa Rita Road. Designing West Las Positas Boulevard improvements, the city's top bike/ped priority, received unanimous support.

Other key topics on track to make

the final list are the Climate Action Plan update, Amador Theater facility assessment, lighted sand volleyball courts, Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, continued support of Highway 84 expansion, ACE parking solutions, new or expanded skate park facilities, Valley-Link planning, Kottinger Gardens phase two and options for single-use plastics reduction.

The work plan is scheduled to return to the council for final adoption during its regular evening meeting next Tuesday (March 19). The lag time allows city staff to finalize the document based on input from this week, as well as for council members to consider changing their votes on individual items. ■

Editor's note: In-depth coverage of the council's full work plan is being planned for the weeks ahead.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Officers resuscitate man during drug overdose

Pleasanton Police Department officials are calling attention to what to do when someone is experiencing a drug overdose after local officers recently used Narcan to resuscitate a man near death after abusing drugs. In a post on the department's social media accounts March 8, officials said the previous week PPD officers responded to a call of a 32-year-old man who wasn't breathing and appeared to be dead. Upon arrival, officers found a co-worker performing CPR on the man and made contact with an acquaintance who said the man had been using opiates, police said. Recognizing a probable overdose in progress, officers quickly deployed Narcan and continued CPR, police said. The man eventually began breathing, regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital. Police did not reveal any other details or specifics about the incident.

PPD officers have been carrying Narcan (the brand name for naloxone) since January 2018, according to police. "When used during an opioid overdose, Narcan prevents the opioid from attaching to the opioid receptor in the nervous system. In other words, Narcan blocks the effects of opioids and reverses overdose symptoms," police said. "Narcan is an antidote for opioids only." PPD officers recently received new kits containing more doses of the lifesaving tool to combat the increasing potency of today's opiates, police said. "Since Pleasanton police officers are often the first emergency responders to arrive at a local overdose incident, equipping them with Narcan is key to safeguarding lives," they added. Police noted the effects of Narcan wear off well before the effects of the drugs, so it is vital to continue medical care for anyone treated with Narcan by taking them to the nearest hospital. Department officials also reminded residents that if they think someone is experiencing a drug overdose, they should call 9-1-1 immediately. Symptoms include pinpoint

pupils; pulse that is slowed, erratic or non-existent; and breathing that is shallow, slowed or otherwise difficult, including gurgling or choking noises. **In other business** • A 70-year-old Santa Rita Jail inmate died early Sunday morning from injuries suffered in a beating, and the man's cellmate has been arrested in connection with the lethal assault inside a cell in the Dublin jail, according to an Alameda County Sheriff's sergeant. Alameda County Sheriff's deputies found Cesar Augusto Pajuelo on the floor of his cell at about 6 a.m. Sunday, "severely injured and unresponsive," Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said in a statement. Pajuelo was taken to Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton, where he later died from his injuries. Kelly said Pajuelo's cellmate, 19-year-old Paul Stefano who was in the cell with Pajuelo when deputies found the injured inmate, was then arrested on suspicion of murder. No motive for the sudden violent attack had been established by late Sunday afternoon, Kelly said. Pajuelo had been at Santa Rita

Jail since February 2018, having been booked on charges of lewd and lascivious acts on a child under 14, and for continuous sexual abuse on a child under 14. Stefano had been booked into custody at Santa Rita on March 6 for auto theft and possession of a stolen vehicle, Kelly said. Alameda County Sheriff's detectives and crime lab personnel were still at the scene late Sunday conducting interviews and otherwise investigating. • Dublin police recently arrested a Pleasanton man on suspicion of robbing a credit union in the Dublin Place shopping center. Dillon Costello, 29, was booked into Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of robbery, parole violation and probation violation, according to Lt. Victor Fox. The investigation unfolded just before 11 a.m. Feb. 26, when Dublin Police Services officers were called to the Patelco Credit Union to investigate a robbery that just occurred, Fox said. Officers were told a man entered the building and handed the teller a handwritten demand note. The robber received \$202 in cash from the register, left the bank and ran toward Burlington Coat Factory, Fox said.

Multiple Dublin police units responded and searched the area, but the robber was not found that day. Subsequent investigation led Dublin police to identify their lead suspect as Costello, Fox said. The Pleasanton man was found in the area of Canyon Meadows Circle on Feb. 27 and placed under arrest, the lieutenant added. He alleged Costello was still dressed in the same clothes used during the robbery and was found in possession of the same cash stolen from Patelco. • A 23-year-old man was found dead in a San Ramon parking lot Tuesday morning after bystanders reported finding him unresponsive in a car, according to San Ramon police Capt. Cary Goldberg. Police were dispatched to the Safeway parking lot on Bollinger Canyon Road at approximately 6 a.m. Tuesday, where they found the unidentified man had already died, Goldberg said. The cause of death is still unknown. Goldberg added that there was no "external threat to public safety involved in this incident," and further investigation into the man's death will be conducted by the Contra Costa County Coroner's Office. ■ —Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 10
Theft
■ 11:10 a.m. on the 1400 block of Valley Avenue
Domestic battery
■ 9:44 a.m. on Owens Drive

March 9
Drug violation
■ 1:56 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive
■ 7:35 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
■ 11:08 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
Theft
■ 10:57 a.m. on the 3900 block of Promenade Way
■ 3:44 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
DUI
■ 10:51 a.m. at Vineyard Avenue and First Street
Burglary
■ 6:30 a.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway
Alcohol violation
■ 1:55 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

March 8
DUI
■ 11:41 p.m. at Main Street and Vervais Avenue
Alcohol violation
■ 10:39 p.m. at Owens and Chabot drives
Theft
■ 3:19 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
■ 8:26 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
Assault/battery
■ 4 p.m. on the 500 block of Peters Avenue

■ 7:14 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
Burglary
■ 5:53 a.m. on the 3300 block of Medallion Court
Drug violation
■ 4:39 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

March 7
Theft
■ 12:52 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
■ 7:22 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
■ 7:44 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
■ 7:47 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
Alcohol violation
■ 4:52 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
Fraud
■ 4:02 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
Drug violation
■ 1 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

March 6
Theft
■ 10:51 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive
■ 12:25 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
■ 3:51 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
■ 5:32 p.m. on the 500 block of Saint John Street
■ 5:34 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
Fraud
■ 10:42 a.m. on the 4800 block of Dolores Drive
Vandalism
■ 9:13 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

March 5
Theft
■ 7 a.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
■ 10:09 a.m., 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
■ 6:02 p.m., 2800 block of Longspur Way; theft of bicycle
Graffiti offense
■ 10:37 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
Alcohol violation
■ 8:05 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
Burglary
■ 7:08 a.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
Drug violation
■ 2:02 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

March 4
Domestic battery
■ 7:48 p.m. on Owens Drive
Theft
■ 8:22 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
■ 8:50 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft of auto
■ 1:35 p.m. on the 5700 block of Belleza Drive
■ 5:31 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
■ 6:58 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
Alcohol violation
■ 11:19 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
■ 6:19 p.m. on the 3200 block of Bernal Avenue
Assault/battery
■ 5:49 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive
Vandalism
■ 3:59 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

John Forrest Goard

August 10, 1952 – March 5, 2019



John was born in Oceanside, California and raised in Santa Clara, graduating from Buchser High School in 1970. After high school he enlisted in the US Air Force where he became a sergeant, focusing on veterinary clinic work. He spent 3 years serving out of the US Air Force Base in Ramstein, Germany. After an honorable discharge, he returned to California where he met his wife Carol. They lived in Pleasanton for 36 years, raising 2 children and adoring, fluffy dogs. John loved spending time at Donner Lake: lounging on the beach, fishing, and going for walks in the alpine air. He received his Bachelors of Business Science from the University of Phoenix. John worked for 31 years at Toshiba/Canon Medical, starting as an ultrasound engineer and eventually working as a national support specialist. John was a "Mr. Fix-it" who could be often found tinkering in his tool shop or in the garden. He also enjoyed spending time at the Del Prado community pool, cheering on Bay Area sports teams, and trying his hand at new recipes. He was a friend to all who would share a beer and a foe to the squirrels that trespassed in the backyard. He is survived by his wife Carol Brachna, children Andrew and Alyssa Goard, mother Kathy Allen, and his brother Michael Goard. He is preceded in death by his father, John Howard Goard. A celebration of John's life will be held on March 24. Please contact Carol for details. cbrachna@comcast.net Donations can be made in honor of John Goard to Melanoma Research Foundation.

PAID OBITUARY

A SHAMROCKIN' GOOD TIME

No passport needed to enjoy
Dublin's annual Irish celebration

By JULIA BAUM

Come shamrock out this weekend to the sounds of bagpipes and traditional Irish pub tunes at Dublin's St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The annual two-day festival at the Dublin Civic Center continues to promise locals an authentic Irish stay-cation since it started 36 years ago, no passport required.

The Tri-Valley's lush emerald green hills make the ideal backdrop for enjoying highlights such as Celtic rock music, corned beef and cabbage and the second-largest St. Patrick's Day parade on the West Coast.

The Green and White Gala at the Shannon Community Center tonight will kick things off. During the reception, the Dublin Sister City Association will greet dignitaries from Dublin's sister city, Bray, Ireland. Attendees can look forward to cocktails, a buffet dinner, music, dancing, raffle prizes and silent auctions throughout the evening.

There's something for everyone at the St. Patrick's Day Festival, according to Tegan McLane, city of Dublin cultural arts and heritage manager. "You can come and spend the whole day and have lots of different experiences and keep things different all day," McLane said.

For one of the best (temporary) breakfast deals in town, head to the annual Green Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station No. 16, 7494 Donohue Drive. Dublin's festival is about dancing all day so people can fill up for \$5 on homemade green-hued flapjacks, plus eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Proceeds go to Alameda County Firefighters Association, Local 55 Charity Fund.

Jigging along to musicians playing the sounds of the Emerald Isle on three different stages and fleeting encounters with roaming bagpipers and lucky leprechauns are all part of the weekend fun. The fancy footwork of two Irish dance companies should also keep crowds on their toes through most of the day.

Same goes for the carnival rides and Irish marketplace with 250 vendors selling packaged foods, Celtic jewelry, kilts, and other unique arts and crafts.

After an afternoon of dancing and shopping, the "extensive food court" will be serving up a variety of Celtic cuisine such as Irish potato pancakes, bangers, and fish and chips. Because it's expected to be chilly this year, McLane said people can warm up with a traditional Irish fish stew that will be on sale. Corned beef sliders and cabbage egg rolls offer a fun twist on the usual corned beef and cabbage, which McLane noted is also an Americanized dish.

A pint of Irish beer to wash it down is all but expected, and the Dublin Rotary Club will have several on tap: Guinness, Harp and

Smithwick's, plus local wines like Page Mill. Those looking for something non-alcoholic can sip on a cup of hot tea inside the pop-up Irish Tea Cottage inside the Dublin City Hall lobby, where a small band will play Irish folk songs.

The festivities reach peaks each day with the Dublin Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday morning and the Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk on Sunday morning.

Bill Burnham, chair of this year's parade, began volunteering in 1984 for the one-mile parade, which he said originally had just a couple dozen entries and is now at maximum capacity.

"As far as the people in the parade, it's all the way up from politicians, novelty groups, horses, floats," Burnham said. "I believe there's probably two or three groups that have been with us all of 30 years. It evolved from 25 entries to 80, and in fact we can't take anymore because we're full."

"The people in the parade itself are close to 2,000 people between all the different groups, the schools, the businesses," he added. "It gets pretty crowded in that street."

The parade has actually maintained a lower profile on purpose for years, even though it draws upwards of 80,000 people at its peak. Burnham said the Lions Club has eschewed handing out competition trophies and ribbons that are a regular part of other parades like the famous Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

"We have kept our parades small because we want to consider it a good-time parade for the community," Burnham said. "We don't have judges. We don't have all the requirements for a sanctioned parade. We'd rather keep it small-town and have a good time in the parade."

Like the hundreds of other volunteers who make Dublin's biggest event happen every year, Burnham starts working on the parade at least six months in advance because he likes what it does for his community.

"What I really look forward to is the smile on the kids' faces, seeing all the horses and the clowns ... the look on people's faces when these entries go by," Burnham said. "The second thing is when it's over, I can relax."

The Dublin St. Patrick's Day Festival runs this Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. Admission is free; no dogs allowed (Irish wolfhound rescue groups will be in the parade, for those who need their canine fix).

Attendees are encouraged to walk, bike or take public transit; LAVTA will offer free rides on the Rapid 30 bus to the festival that weekend. For more information, visit dublinstpat.com or call 556-4500. ■



CITY OF DUBLIN

Everybody gets into the St. Patrick's Day spirit in the annual parade, set for Saturday morning to usher in the festival.



CITY OF DUBLIN

The Dublin festivities feature (clockwise from left) authentic Irish dancing, carnival rides for kids, Celtic braiding and people in costume.



CITY OF DUBLIN

Clockwise from top left: The weekend in Dublin will also include Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk on Sunday, activities for the whole family, Irish food and Celtic music.

Conference to address art and business of writing

Author Robert Dugoni to speak on 'Finding your Perspective'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Robert Dugoni, winner of the 2015 Nancy Pearl Award for fiction, will give the keynote speech at the Tri-Valley Writers Conference next month.

A Wall Street Journal and Amazon bestselling author, Dugoni will speak on "My Stroke of Luck. Finding your Writing Success and your Perspective."

He is one of nine experts who will talk about the art and business of writing during the all-day conference, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 13 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Dugoni's speech will begin at 1 p.m.

"Don't miss this great opportunity to hone your craft with our lineup of experts," said Paula Chinick, conference chairwoman for the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC), which is hosting the conference. "It doesn't matter your level, just starting out or already published. A writer is always learning."

Although registration is open until April 9, organizers point out that attendance is limited and reservations are filling quickly. The cost is \$165 for CWC members and \$190 for non-members. The fee for



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Wall Street Journal and Amazon bestselling author Robert Dugoni will give the keynote speech at the Tri-Valley Writers Conference on April 13.

students ages 16-24 is \$80. Check-in and continental breakfast will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. A hot lunch is included.

Experts will conduct workshops and presentations in three general areas: craft, marketing and self-publishing.

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 local writer 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 about the conference and to register, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■

March and April are all about art

County designates two months to build community through the arts

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors recently recognized March as Art IS Education Month and April as Arts, Culture and Creativity Month.

"These initiatives encourage Alameda County community members of all ages to connect with each other, create solutions, and build community through the arts," Board President Richard Valle said at the Feb. 26 meeting.

Art IS Education Month was founded in 2000 by the Alameda County Arts Commission and the Alameda County Office of Education to advance art as an essential part of a high quality and equitable education. This is the ninth year that the Alameda County Library has joined in to present free events including workshops, performances, concerts, movies, art contests, exhibitions and

story-time activities. All library events are listed at www.aclibrary.org.

Arts, Culture and Creativity Month recognizes their crucial role in the lives of everyone in the state, organized by Californians for the Arts. There will be an Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento on April 23.

Also in March and April, the Alameda County Arts Commission is presenting the annual Youth Art Exhibition at the Alameda County Administration Building as part of the Art In Public Spaces program. The exhibition features watercolor paintings created by seventh- and eighth-grade students from Cesar Chavez Middle School in Hayward and pastel drawings by students from Harder Elementary School in Hayward. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

American music fusion

The Bumper Jacksons pay homage to our country's musical story, uniting an array of rich American traditions, from the streets of New Orleans to the Appalachian hollers, while expressing their own unique, playful style, at the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m. next Friday (March 22). Tickets are \$20-\$60. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.



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FIREHOUSE

Presenting 'Junie B. Jones'

Youth musical full of fun and tomfoolery

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A fun musical for kids and by kids opens at the Firehouse Arts Center next weekend — "Junie B. Jones the Musical JR."

Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre is presenting the production, bringing to life lovable characters and silly adventures based on the bestselling book series by Barbara Park.

The show is full of catchy, upbeat songs and choreography, and features two different casts of 25 students each from the greater Tri-Valley. Many of the actors are returning performers, having appeared in one of Civic Arts Stage Company's previous two shows this season:

"Wonderland" in September, and "Mary Poppins JR" in December.

"Junie B. Jones" opens on her first day of first grade, where unexpected changes are in store: Junie's best friend Lucille has found new best friends, and Junie B. makes friends with Herb, the new kid at school.

Then, while in Mr. Scary's class, Junie has trouble reading the blackboard — and she may need glasses. Add in a friendly cafeteria lady, an intense kickball tournament and a "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal," and first grade is off and running for Junie B. and gang.

The script is full of fun and tomfoolery, with a sprinkling of nifty life-lessons thrown in for good measure and is appropriate for all ages.

Bay Area Children's Theatre has a network of professional directors, stage managers, designers and actors who offer a supportive experience for young actors to offer a quality performance. Auditions were open to all youths 10-18 from the Tri-Valley. ■

Silly adventures

What: "Junie B. Jones The Musical JR"

Who: Civic Arts Stage Company and Bay Area Children's Theatre
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays; March 22-31

Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Tickets: \$12, \$15, \$18; child or senior, \$7, \$10, \$13. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office.

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New Don Lewis album focuses on redemption

'Amazing Voyage' songs seek to heal wounds of slavery, political chaos

By JEB BING

Don Lewis, Pleasanton's much celebrated vocalist, multi-instrumentalist and electronic engineer, is releasing a new album this month, one in a new format with deeply personal music that he hopes will help heal the wounds both of the country's long-festering slavery issues and the chaotic political moods now gripping the nation.

The album, "Amazing Voyage," is being distributed on Blue Coast Music's exclusive download platform on the internet. The more traditional CDs will be available later this year.

The new album is a synthesized rendition of seven songs starting with "Amazing Grace." It includes "We Shall Overcome" and closes with "We'll Understand It Better By and By."

"The songs are sequenced from those sung by Negro slaves in the Old South to tunes of reformation, rehabilitation and reconciliation that our country and the world needs right now," Lewis said.

"The last song lets us know that someday we'll understand by and by when we come to an understanding

of why and what was done and what's going on today and how we can change," he added.

Like many African-Americans, Lewis grew up with Gospel music as part of his heritage, accepting it as part of his fabric. Then, in 1996, he was invited to teach a course of his choice in UC Berkeley's extension program.

"My assignment was to develop a curriculum for an eight-week course on 'Gospel Music: A Passionate Heritage,'" Lewis recalled. "Suddenly I was the student, not the teacher."

So began his journey of discovery, ordering and reading books, viewing PBS Black History Month videos, meeting and talking to others who had done such research. His first discovery was that he couldn't teach the history of Gospel music without looking to Africa.

"Growing up in the early '40s, Africa wasn't a popular subject in my community due to portrayals of Africans in films as savages," Lewis explained. "In my family there was no memory of African heritage because, in slavery, the history and



MIKE SEDLAK

Don Lewis plays gospel and jazz music on this Rodgers W-5000 organ which he has in the living room of his Pleasanton home. He recorded his "Meditations" album on this instrument some years ago and, in the mid-1990s, gave concerts on this instrument as an artist for Rodgers Instruments, LLC.

culture were erased."

"As I started to research," he added, "I began to find the origins of what became the spirituals, blues, jazz and Gospel music — all uniquely American and yet clearly rooted in African music."

For instance, he remembered playing and singing "Amazing Grace" hundreds of times throughout the years. Yet he was surprised to find in his research that the author of the lyrics was John Newton, a former captain of a slave ship transporting captured Africans to market.

On one of the voyages carrying a load of slaves, the ship was caught in a horrendous storm. Newton, who was a prolific writer, went to his cabin and wrote in the ship's log, "Only by the Grace of God will we be saved."

Eventually, Newton's poem was set to music and later was embraced by people of all ethnicities.

"The lyrics took on an entirely different meaning for me, both historically and on a spiritual level," Lewis recalled. "So, as I was teaching my class and sharing the documentary and the story of 'Amazing Grace,' I began formulating how to tell this story musically."

His album "Amazing Voyage" is a journey of connecting the dots, fusing together shared experiences from Africans who captured other tribes and sold them to the slavers as well as the shared experiences of the slavers and the enslaved.

It's his interpretation of this history and also a spiritual journey. Whether one is the "wretch" or has been made to feel like a "wretch," the album's music represents a universal story of redemption, healing and hope.

"Coming from the background and the ancestry that I have, I can say that we have come a long way, but we have a lot farther still to go, especially at this time of year as Easter approaches," Lewis said. "I believe that love, as the songs in my new album convey, is the way to fulfill that Easter message."

Julie Lewis, Don's wife and co-producer/director of Don Lewis Music in Pleasanton, said it took her husband a long time to figure out how to express his feelings and compose the story that he wanted to tell.

Given these times when there's so much dissension and personal struggles going on in the world and in our country, Julie and Don Lewis felt this album had a great message and that it was time for it to come to fruition.

"It's a time when people need hope and consolation for what they are going through," Julie Lewis said.

Although the album tells the story about African-Americans, many of the songs can be interpreted in a very personal way for anyone going through any kind of a struggle.

"For example, the second song on the album, 'Hold On,' is a Negro spiritual work song from slavery times," she explained. "There are sounds of grunts as you would have heard in those days on plantations in Georgia, when it was hot and humid. Every day the slaves arose at dawn and labored in the fields until dusk. The only way they could face this and survive was through music."

She continued: "While listening to this song, you can emotionally participate in the stress. And somehow, when you start singing it, you'll find it reflects the movements

but also offers energy and hope and keeps you going. Even though you're laboring for up to 12 hours, the song gives you the feeling that everything is going to be all right.

"So, after all these years, this Negro slavery-time work song finds the public still using it as a message of hope to get them through difficult times."

When Don Lewis played "Hold On" at meetings back East two weeks after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he received many messages of thanks from those who heard him, saying this song got them through that period of stress.

Lewis, who will turn 78 this year, is at an age when many might think



MIKE SEDLAK

Lewis answers reporter's questions while sitting among his high-tech recording and synthesizer equipment in his studio in Pleasanton.



This photo shows Lewis playing the synthesizer H



MIKE SEDLAK

Julie Lewis joins her husband Don in their home's studio. She is co-producer for Don Lewis Music, helping in the way his music is presented and also scheduling his educational events, performances and concerts.

are the twilight years of their careers and time to slow down. But not him.

Besides the new album, he plans on releasing two more this year. One will be a jazz album played on a Hammond organ; the other is music that he's written in recent years and is now being re-worked. He also will play at several concerts in the coming months, including at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Last year, "The Ballad of Don Lewis" was released. Ned Augustenborg, who produced "The Ballad," said he first met Lewis at the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad in Southern California.

"It was a magical place where Don performed with his unique combination of vintage synthesizers known as the Live Electronic Orchestra (more lovingly referred to as LEO)," Augustenborg states in

his introduction of "The Ballad."

"I say unique in the truest sense of the word, since this creation of Don's is the only LEO in existence and he's likely the only musician in the world processing the unique talents and disciplines needed to play it," he added.

In fact, Lewis is probably most famous for having created LEO, the early integrated sound controller for analog synthesizers, now sitting in the living room of his home in Pleasanton. Soon, it will be moved to Carlsbad, where it will be on display at the museum.

A few years ago, Lewis also played the LEO to loud applause at the National Association of Music Merchants trade show at the Anaheim Convention Center, attended by more than 90,000 musicians, manufacturers and composers.

While through the years his work on the futuristic LEO sparked a high level of industry-wide admiration, it also created problems.

The Musicians Union claimed Lewis' use of the technology was a threat to musicians and began protesting his performances.

That caused Lewis to give up his public gigs for a while but, as "The Ballad of Don Lewis" explains, he fought the victimization and struggled through alienation by pushing himself, and the music industry, into a future that Lewis continues to envision.

"Don's music, the kind of music he chooses, has never been about complaining," Julie Lewis said. "It's always been about hope, something that can make the world a better place."

Not only has Don Lewis taught at UC Berkeley, he's also been a guest lecturer at Stanford University and San Jose State University. He mentors students through school programs and "Young Expressions" performances. His "Say YES to Music!" assemblies have inspired thousands of students of all ages throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

During his six-decade career, he has presented concerts worldwide, including at the Newport Jazz Festival and at Carnegie Hall. He also toured with The Beach Boys and appeared with several symphony orchestras.

Lewis is an active member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, where he provides the musical entertainment, and participates in service projects locally and internationally.

In 2016, Lewis received the Tri-Valley Heroes Arts and Culture Award from the Pleasanton Weekly and its sister publication DanvilleSanRamon.com. That year, he also won the Alameda County Arts Leadership award. ■



JIM DENNIS

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Amador Valley High deserves stability

It's no secret that children raised in stable environments, ones that provide security and support, are more likely to become socially, emotionally and intellectually mature, productive members of society.

This is so elementary that even the children know it, as was evidenced when Marina Abreckov, a student at Amador Valley High School, addressed the Pleasanton City Council during the non-agenda public comment period March 5. The young woman urged the city of Pleasanton, a separate governmental agency from the Pleasanton Unified School District, to intercede and help solve Amador's principal turnover problem.

"I know you're all probably thinking why am I coming to the City Council rather than the school board meeting, and that's because of the lack of transparency in this situation," Abreckov told the council members. "There are a lot of rumors going around about the school district's involvement with the situation and whether the right actions have been taken."

The high school senior's comments — a rare sight in a City Council meeting — resonated with us.

Alberto Solorzano, Amador's principal for all of seven months, left unexpectedly and under a cloud after a district investigation found that unnamed administrators violated state law by purposely removing a completed course from a high school student's transcript.

Shortly after the investigation concluded and days before a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation visit was scheduled at Amador, Solorzano was granted a leave of absence for "personal reasons."

Last week, Amador vice principal Nimarta Grewal was appointed to serve as interim principal.

So that means this year's senior class has had four principals during their high school career (Tom Drescher, who took an unexplained leave months before his June resignation in the 2015-16 school year; Mike Williams from spring 2016 through June 2018 when he was promoted to PUSD human resources director; Solorzano and now Grewal).

PUSD leaders made a good decision appointing Grewal. She seems to be well-liked, well-respected and, more importantly, she is familiar with the school and the

students, which will at least provide continuity in leadership, if not some stability, in the short-term.

Meanwhile, nobody knows what happened to her predecessor or if he is coming back. Solorzano's abrupt departure void of communication does not engender trust in the district, which is obviously waning in the school and the Amador community.

"We are so shocked by the fact that overnight we just found out (Solorzano's) gone and no longer part of our community," Abreckov told the council. "And that's why I'm here today asking the city to get involved because it's really concerning and frustrating, and the students are the ones who lose the most from this."

As Abreckov said March 5, the rumor mill is in full force, and the situation is not being helped by nobody talking.

Since this is reported as a personal leave requested by Solorzano, the district can claim privacy as the reason for their silence. But Solorzano is not returning our requests for comment either, which just makes the cloud he left under a bit darker.

Solorzano made an impact on students and teachers during the short time he was at the school. Abreckov praised him — "our principal who is no longer at Amador for a reason we don't know" — for his guidance at Amador, especially around student mental health initiatives.

She summed up her two-minute appeal to council members by saying, "This isn't just an Amador issue. This is truly a community issue because it affects students and parents, not just the teachers and administrators at the school."

The council members were prohibited from discussing the issue that night because it wasn't on the posted agenda for that meeting. However, Councilwoman Julie Testa said to Abreckov, "With your being here, a lot of people have heard you."

We hope that PUSD Superintendent David Haglund, his executive cabinet and the Board of Trustees are included in the people who heard her voice. We encourage our school district leaders to have a frank, public discussion with Amador students, parents and community members how about stability and transparency will be addressed. ■

GUEST OPINION

BY MATT SULLIVAN

What can Pleasanton do about climate change?



Matt Sullivan

The world's leading scientists are calling on us to finally heed the warnings about the climate catastrophe that we're running full speed into:

that we have very few years to act decisively to prevent the worst impacts of climate change to current and future generations that imperil not just the human species, but all life on the planet.

The people of my generation — the baby boomers — have been divided about the existence of climate change for years, and what, if anything should be done about it.

I think that the majority of people now believe climate change is real — evidenced by the extreme weather, drought, fires, and floods we are experiencing now — and that something should be done.

We baby boomers have taken some strides, the state of California in particular, to enact policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but it's not nearly enough. A newer generation coming of age now fully understands what its future looks like and is not satisfied with the "baby steps" we have taken. Groups such as the Sunrise Movement, and young politicians like U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) are advocating for

and taking the bold actions necessary to fight for a livable planet.

Cities have a vital role to play in this fight, including the city of Pleasanton.

Our 2005 General Plan vision states that "Pleasanton is committed to sustainable community principles and will meet the needs of the current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs". Our 2012 Climate Action Plan is described as "a roadmap — a set of bold ideas — to help expand on our successes to slow the effects of climate change".

The city now needs to build on these early actions, engage this newer generation, and take bold and effective measures to play our part in confronting what truly is an existential crisis.

A good first step is to recognize that there are limits to growth — both in the physical realm and in the economy — and reimagining our city motto from the "City of Planned Progress" to the "City of Sustainable Progress." We owe it to our children and grandchildren.

If you agree, please let the City Council know your thoughts by sending an email to citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

Editor's note: Matt Sullivan served on the Pleasanton City Council from 2004 to 2012 and is a former Pleasanton Planning Commission member.

LETTERS

Parks and Recreation

Dear Editor,

I attended the Parks and Recreation meeting on Feb. 14. It was impressive to watch each citizen present his/her concerns to the commission. The members were attentive and respectful.

Near the end of the first part of the meeting, the commission discussed the priorities that were presented. It was a delight to see and hear our Pleasanton board in action. I feel so grateful that we have committed volunteers serving the city and its families.

Also, I was thrilled to hear that the aquatic center is already working on getting stairs for the lap pool to be used during water aerobics.

Thank you, park and rec commissioners.

—Judith Scavone

Thank you on behalf of Tri-Valley Women's March

We would like to thank the Tri-Valley community for its enthusiastic embrace of the first Tri-Valley Women's March in January. Nearly 800 people attended the afternoon rally and march, which promoted important social issues including mental health, women's rights, immigration reform and transformative social change.

Through T-shirt sales and the generosity of event attendees, we raised nearly \$1,400 for La Familia and Tri-Valley Haven — two local charities that support mental health and women/families in need, respectively.

We are deeply grateful for the community's support and look forward to the Tri-Valley Women's March 2020.

—Kathy Ellis, Tri-Valley Action Group
—Helen Machuga, Livermore Indivisible

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley, Foothill softball teams back in action

Plus: Highlights from tennis, lacrosse, volleyball and hockey

The Amador Valley girls softball team had a tough run last week, going 1-2, including losing to a couple of perennial tough programs.

Amador started the week by dropping a 6-1 decision to Archbishop Mitty. Mia Hildebrand had a double and drove in the lone run for the Dons. Maddie Hildebrand had a single for the Dons' other hit.

The Dons then rebounded with a 10-0 win over San Leandro.

Valeria Torres-Colon had a single, double and a triple, driving in three runs. Malia Konig had a home run, driving in three runs as well. Allyson Kim, Chloe Engel and Alexa Perez each drove in a run as well.

Mia Hildebrand went the first three innings in the circle, allowing only one hit to get the win. Konig came on to pitch the last two innings to keep the shutout.

The week ended with a 2-1 loss to Benicia. Engel and Julia Camelo had two hits each, with Kim adding a double. Bridget Aguilar scored the lone run for Amador.

Across town, Foothill softball hosted San Marin last week and came away with a convincing 8-2 win.

Courtney Beaudin got the scoring started in the bottom of the first, driving in Hailey Hayes with a hit.

The Falcons added five more runs in the fourth inning on four hits, including a successful squeeze bunt by Caelin Cavanaugh to bring in Hope Alley. They added two more in the sixth to complete the eight-run game.

Foothill strung out 11 hits in the game including doubles from Hayes, Cavanaugh and Allie McElroy.

Boys tennis

The defending champion Foothill opened the season with a series of wins, beating Livermore 8-1, Dougherty Valley 7-2, California 9-0, Granada 8-1 and San Ramon Valley 8-1.

In their most recent match against longtime rival San Ramon Valley, the Falcons took five of the six singles matches, with Shreekar Eedara, Adam Linette, Akash Patel, Anirudh Poruri and Abhi Eedara all winning.

In doubles, Alex Yang/Dylan Weiglein, Ian Dong/Praveen Senthia, and

Matt Haskell/Vince Barletta won their matches.

For Amador tennis, the Dons took on Monte Vista and dominated the Mustangs en route to an 8-1 victory.

Vedhant Kaliyur, Eswarsai Ramineni, Vishal Muthuvel, Sankalp Sharma and Xinyu Qiu were all winners in singles. The doubles teams of Robert Heeter/Brett Miller, Vishesh Pithadiya/Manas Aavula and Nithilan Muruganandham/Ethan Allavarpu took their matches.

The Dons then swept Dublin, winning 9-0. Kaliyur, Ben Deriquito, Ramineni, Muthuvel, Sharma and Belau all took their singles matches, with Heeter/Miller, Pithadiya/Aavula, and Allavarpu/Muruganandham sweeping the doubles.

Foothill girls lacrosse

The Falcons had a split week, bringing their record to 3-2.

The Falcons lost a tough game on a rainy night to a talented Piedmont High team 13-8 at Foothill. Nikki Trueblood led the Falcon scoring with four goals while Drew Pagtakhan and Kayleigh Montana added two each. Paige Doyle contributed five saves in goal for Foothill.

The Falcons had better luck later in the week against Granada, notching a 15-3 victory. Audriana Templeman and Trueblood scored three goals apiece, with Samantha Symons and Lexi Whitney contributing two each.

Kayleigh Dennen, Pagtakhan, Ananya Kuttikkad, Sadie Brown and

Eva Bull each added a goal to round out the scoring. The Falcon defense kept the pressure on the Matadors with strong efforts from Noelle Jue, Kelly Fietz and Aly Lee to collect ground balls and force interceptions throughout the game.

Amador boys volleyball

The Dons posted a pair of wins last week, beating Dougherty Valley and Dublin.

The win over Dougherty Valley was in straight sets: 25-16, 25-16, 25-10. Outstanding hitting came from Andrei Rekes, Sawyer Brookhart and Luke McFall. Colton Brooks was sensational from the service line, and Blake Bouchard provided dependable defense.

In the 25-12, 25-19, 25-19 victory over Dublin, standout performances from Will Sadler and McFall at the net keyed the win. Brooks and Brookhart were hitting well from outside, and Jacob Kim gave another outstanding performance as Setter.

Hockey

The ice hockey season kicked off with an exhibition match between Amador and Foothill, with a dozen goals scored in all.

Amador came out ahead 9-3 with Gabe Ziogiannis and Carter Leong each earning hat tricks. Single goals were scored by seniors Anthony Goldhawk, Justin Fulmer and Michael Casseti for the Dons. Foothill goals were by Jeff Brugaletta, Morgan White and John Mihelcic.

The exhibition season continues on Saturday with Amador hosting Granada (4:45 p.m.) and Foothill hosting Monte Vista (8:15 p.m.) at Dublin Iceland. The Falcons and Dons will square off in a regular season game is April 27. ■

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.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consider applications for the following at 4363 and 4377 First Street: (1) General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Retail/Highway/Service Commercial; Business and Professional Offices to Community Facilities – Public and Institutional; (2) Downtown Specific Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Downtown Commercial to Public; and (3) Rezoning from Central Commercial, Downtown Revitalization, Core Area Overlay District to Public and Institutional, Downtown Revitalization, Core Area Overlay District
- Introduction of proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton City Employees Association/AFSCME Local 955 with term ending March 31, 2022
- Consider approval of an agreement providing for stabilization of mobile home space rents with Pleasanton Hacienda 1, LP
- Consider adoption of the City Council 2019/2020 Work Plan

Housing Commission

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of Federal HOME Funds and City Lower Income Housing Funds related to the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Program for Fiscal Year 2019/20

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

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Fundraisers

WE THE PEOPLE FUNDRAISER At 11:30 a.m. on Sunday March 17 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, we will be holding a fundraiser with special guest speaker Rep. Eric Swalwell. The teams will also do a demonstration. Go to eventbrite.com/e/amador-valley-hs for tickets and more information.

SPRING BOOK SALE: FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY From 6 to 9 p.m., on Friday, March 22, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., the Spring Book and Media Sale will be held for members only. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, March 23; and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 24 the sale will be open to the general public.

Food & Drink

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREW CRAWL The Annual St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Sample craft beers and ciders from over 25 downtown locations while enjoying tasty bites along the way. Visit pleasantondowntown.net for more information.

BARREL TASTING WEEKEND IN LIVERMORE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY A one day ticket is available, and two day tickets are good for Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24. Starting at noon, join more than 30 Livermore Valley wineries, meet winemakers and sample wines still in development-right out of the barrel. There are a number of transportation services available. Go to visitrivalley.com for tickets and more information.

Support Groups

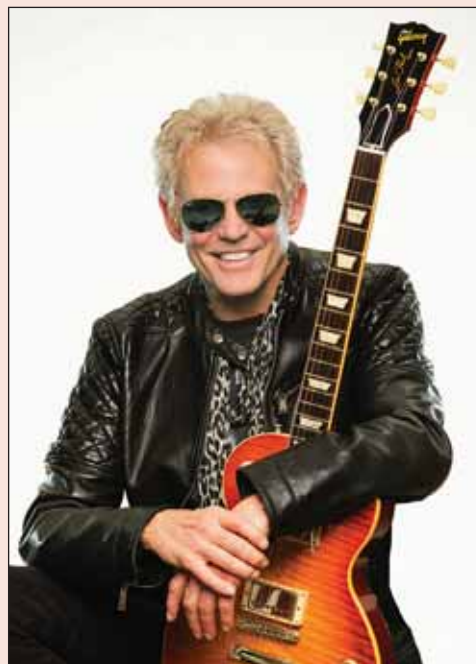
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY FAMILY/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (PLEASANTON) From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, at 5674 Stoneridge Drive, #114, families network, encourage, and support each other through the challenges of advocating and caring for adult loved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

Sports

CITY OF PLEASANTON FREE BIKE SAFETY WORKSHOPS The City of Pleasanton presents Bike East Bay, Free Bicycle Safety Workshops, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, on March 16, Urban Cycling 101: Day 1 Classroom Workshop at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 23, the Family Cycling Workshop will be at Hart

Let's rock

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Don Felder, renowned as former lead guitarist of the Eagles, arrives at 7:30 p.m. next Monday (March 18) at the Bankhead Theater, touring ahead of the release of his new album, "American Rock 'N' Roll." Felder also co-wrote the guitar solo on "Hotel California," named the best in history by Guitarist magazine. Tickets range from \$20 to more than \$100 for a VIP package, which includes an exclusive meet-and-greet. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.



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Middle School, 4433 Willow Road. Also from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 13, Urban Cycling 101: Day 2 On-Road Workshop, also at Hart Middle School. Certified instructors will lead all the workshops, and help cyclists learn about road safety, laws and bike commuting. To register and for more information, visit bikeeastbay.org/education or contact Lisa Adamos, at 931-5039.

Government Meetings

CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the council chambers at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Seniors

ANNUAL TRANSIT FAIR The City of Pleasanton is hosting its Annual Transit Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 15 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard. The event is open to the public. Representatives from Wheels, Pleasanton Paratransit Service, Alameda County Transportation Commission, the DMV, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Pleasanton Police Department, CHP Dublin/Pleasanton, and ACE Train will be at

the fair to provide the latest transit information and transportation options. For more information, contact Gloria Lewis at 931-5376 or email glewis@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Theatre

FROG PRINCE MARIONETTE SHOW AT THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY The Livermore Public Library will host a free puppet performance of "The Frog Prince" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Fratello Marionettes will perform the story of Princess Ofelia, whose life is changed by a chance meeting with a frog. This event is designed for ages 4 and up. For further information, visit livermorelibrary.net or call 373-5504.

Teens

CITY OF PLEASANTON LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM The City of Pleasanton is accepting applications for the Summer Leader in Training program for Pleasanton students entering 7th through 10th grades in the Fall of 2019. Participants will gain valuable work experience and on the job training by working closely with City of Pleasanton staff. To apply, visit btrr.im/603xk. Applications will be accepted until March 20. For more information, contact Nicole Thomas or Joelle Glushenko, at 931-3432.

Volunteers

EAGLE SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE Eagle Scout Blood Drive, Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bloodmobile at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. To schedule your appointment please visit vitalant.org, click donate and use your unique sponsor code, "Eagle Scout." For any questions, please contact Steve Pignataro at spignataro@vitalant.org.

TAKE US ALONG



Under the Tuscan sun: Longtime friends and Pleasanton residents John and Barbara Will, Kim and Bryan Baptist, and Lydia and Phil Roberts spent a glorious week in a Tuscan villa last fall exploring Florence, Siena and Volterra.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Marisa Bakery & Cafe
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554847
The following persons doing business as: Marisa Bakery & Cafe, 4695 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Mari Takiyeh; Sarkis Banipalsin, 5215 Palazzo Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Mari Takiyeh; Sarkis Banipalsin, a Married Couple. Registrants began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Feb. 4, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Mari Takiyeh, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Feb. 4, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 2019.)

Fantastinators Publisher
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556141
The following person doing business as: Fantastinators Publisher, 2889 Whitney Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Myo-Kyoung Kim, 2889 Whitney Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Myo-Kyoung Kim, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Myo-Kyoung Kim, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2019. Pleasanton Weekly, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2019.)

3V Express
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 555853
The following person doing business as: 3V Express, 1541 Whispering Oaks Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Wen Zhong Liu, 1541 Whispering Oaks Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Wen Zhong Liu, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Wen Zhong Liu, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 28, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2019.)

Innovations Hair Salon
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556229
The following person doing business as: Innovations Hair Salon, 19581 Center St., Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marsha Jane Lemos, 19581 Center St., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Marsha Jane Lemos, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 1999. Signature of Registrant: Marsha Jane Lemos, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2019.)

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Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Jan. 28-Feb. 8)

Total sales reported: 19

Lowest sale reported: \$510,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,439,000

Average sales reported: \$997,947

Dublin (Jan. 28-Feb. 8)

Total sales reported: 9

Lowest sale reported: \$605,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,298,000

Average sales reported: \$955,500

Livermore (Jan. 28-Feb. 8)

Total sales reported: 23

Lowest sale reported: \$290,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000

Average sales reported: \$681,826

San Ramon (Jan. 28-Feb. 8)

Total sales reported: 21

Lowest sale reported: \$225,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,525,000

Average sales reported: \$816,666

Sunol (Jan. 28-Feb. 8)

Total sales reported: 1

Lowest sale reported: \$489,000

Highest sale reported: \$489,000

Average sales reported: \$489,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

DUBLIN

7698 Arbor Creek Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA
Melissa Pederson 359.9606

7336 Cronin Cir \$565,000
Sat 1-4 2 BD/1.5 BA
Andrea Rozran 858.4198

6942 Darian Ct Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/2 BA
Melissa Pederson 858.1984

LIVERMORE

347 Basswood Com #15 \$689,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2.5 BA
Andrea Rozran 858.4198

425 Anna Maria St Call for price
Sat 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
Melissa Pederson 858.1984

2755 Wellingham Dr \$786,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
Gina Piper 200.0202

PLEASANTON

5949 Corte Arboles Call for price
Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA
Blaise Lofland 846.6500

6350 Alisal St \$1,699,000
Sun 2-4 3 BD/2.5 BA
Doug Buenz 463.2000

1522 Calle Santiago Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
Gina Piper 200.0202

7808 La Qunita Ct \$1,320,000
Sat 1-4/Sun 12:30-3:30 3 BD/3 BA
Debra McMurphy 699.0604

4722 McHenry Gate Way \$1,170,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
Andrea Rozran 858.4198

869 Castlewood Pl \$2,850,000
Sun 2-4 4 BD/2.5 BA
Melissa Pederson/Tom Fox 858.1984/872.1275

4583 Gatetree Cir Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/2 BA
Tim McGuire Team 462.7653

470 Mavis Dr \$1,175,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/2.5 BA
Melissa Pederson 359.9606

3816 Mohr Ave \$1,399,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 4 BD/3 BA
Joyce Jones 998.3398

5147 Muirwood Dr \$1,399,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/2.5 BA
Julia Murtagh 997.2411

1976 Nicosia Ct Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/3.5 BA
Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

2317 Romano Cir Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/3.5 BA
Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

2636 Camino Segura \$1,500,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 5 BD/3.5 BA
Stephany Jenkins 989.3318

3504 Mercato Ct Call for price
Sat 1-4 5 BD/4.5 BA
DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260.2220/413.6544

636 Norante Ct \$3,675,000
Sun 1-4 5 BD/5 BA
Debby Johnson-Abarta 989.6844

4228 West Ruby Hill Dr Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 5 BD/4.5 BA
Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

448 Bunker Ln \$2,100,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 6 BD/4.5 BA
Doug Buenz 463.2000

5550 Calico Ln \$1,830,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 6 BD/3 BA
Kris Moxley 519.9080

2115 Tanager Ct Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 7 BD/4 BA
Tim McGuire Team 462.7643

Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T). Find more real estate information at pleasantonweekly.com/real_estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 28 to Feb. 8.

Pleasanton

6186 Alvord Way Martin 2005 Family Trust to H. & V. Dandigunta for \$895,000

4456 Del Valle Parkway White Trust to Y. & W. Guan for \$690,000

4290 Dorman Road Y. Madery to P. & S. Kunaboia for \$850,000

2610 Laramie Gate Circle M. Brazil to H. & S. Chen for \$1,305,000

3657 Olympic Court Rescue Home Now LLC to D. Rosic for \$1,125,000

2219 Segundo Court #3 Jacqueline Fox Family Trust to R. & M. Jimeno for \$510,000

1815 Sinclair Drive L. & T. Cooper to S. & B. Dash for \$925,000

4432 1st Street N. & C. Gieringer to R. & J. Simonetti for \$1,552,000

4130 Alvarado Street A. Roberts to B. & R. Somu for \$850,000

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2 BD | 2 BA | 1280 SF

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Dan Gamache
Gina Huggins
Jo Ann Luisi

Kat Gaskins
Kelly King
Kim Ott
Kim Richards

Leslie Faught
Linda Futral
Linda Traurig
Miranda Mattos

Robin Young
Tyler Moxley

MASTER

17-29 Transaction Sides or \$6,000,001-\$11,000,000

April Duarte
Daniel Alpher
Janice Habluetzel
Janna Chestnut

Jim Walker
Lily McClanahan
Sean Tannenbaum

PRESIDENT

10-16 Transaction Sides or \$3,000,000-\$6,000,000

Azad Armandla
Christina Spaulding
Jessica Johnson
Lynn Borley
Mark James

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HOME SALES

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4234 Chapman Way Martin 2005 Family Trust to S. & D. Singh for \$950,000

2807 Chocolate Street E. & C. Ordaz to P. & S. Ohri for \$1,115,000

4406 Downing Court Rod Props LLC to U. & M. Easwaramoorthy for \$970,000

2297 Greenwood Road S. Jehring to X. & X. Chen for \$1,350,000

3514 Helen Drive Evans Living Trust to P. & S. Murarka for \$910,500

5007 Hummingbird Road S. Vierk to S. & M. Bhatia for \$1,150,000

897 Piemonte Drive J. & J. Kennedy to D. & S. Sharma for \$2,439,000

1322 Santa Rita Road J. Berzins to P. & S. Balagopalan for \$1,001,000

401 Trebbiano Place Gary P Gemma Jr Trust to S. & V. Cherukuri for \$1,526,000

222 Trenton Circle J. Leshar to J. & J. Peck for \$918,000

Sunol

2221 Killcare Road A J & W J Ysit Family Trust to P. Satheesh for \$489,000

Dublin

11157 Bay Laurel Street W. & E. Lin to S. & S. Kundoor for \$1,185,000

7484 Limerick Avenue M. Burkholtz to V. & V. Adoni for \$790,000

6619 Pioneer Lane #3 E. & M. Rao to Q. Chen for \$605,000

11150 Brittany Lane R. Micklebost to I. & N. Ha for \$1,298,000

3420 Dublin Boulevard M. Taylor to A. & S. Belagam for \$1,001,500

6935 Mariposa Circle P. Adike to M. & R. Aggarwal for \$770,000

11440 Seine Court C. Kovarik to E. & T. Ajawara for \$1,200,000

5783 Shadow Hill Drive Sama Family Trust to S. & A. Anuganti for \$986,000

11963 West Vomac Road A. Barberena to H. & M. Kim for \$1,075,000

Livermore

1168 Avenida De Las Palmas Nmt Financial LLC to A. & E. Jagielo for \$1,155,000

2352 Chestnut Street L. Hoang to R. & R. Celeste for \$570,000

4170 Davis Way Joanne M Sabo 2001 Trust to K. & P. Rodriguez for \$650,000

690 Falcon Way Weber Living Trust to Parkmount Investments LLC for \$565,000

2841 Hoya Common K. Matthew to I. Chen for \$750,000

3346 Madeira Way J. Willson to M. & E. Zahuta for \$730,000

1001 Murrieta Boulevard #90 Park & Choi Living Trust to M. Liang for \$290,000

1156 Napa Court T. Smith to L. & J. Simmons for \$801,000

623 Oriole Avenue L. Covarrubias to W. & Y. Wang for \$697,500

1423 Portola Meadows Road J & S Detata Living Trust to Golden Choice Homes LLC for \$500,000

1429 Spring Valley Common I & K Cooperrider Trust to L. & D. Decman for \$515,000.00

1752 Sunset Drive J. Crist to M. & E. Sawyer for \$664,000

470 Virginia Drive Parley Family Trust to C. & P. Odonnell for \$745,000

1161 Ava Street Kirk Marshall Living Trust to J. Willson for \$930,000

2138 Broadmoor Street R. & E. Schultz to M. & D. Christoffersen for \$685,000

640 Caliente Avenue Marilyn Price Trust to N. Dunn for \$720,000

1018 El Caminito A. Rodrigues to K. & R. Krauss for \$690,000

1499 Justine Court M. & C. Baysinger to B. & G. Mancini for \$1,225,000

253 Lee Avenue J. & J. Rodriguez to Tara Boyce Living Trust for \$660,000

1001 Murrieta Boulevard #14 B. Singh to H. & R. Akhter for \$350,000

Source: California REsource

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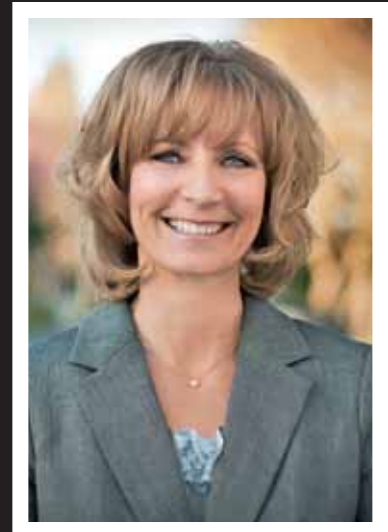
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