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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

New ValleyCare CEO arrives at perfect time

ValleyCare CEO Rick Shumway arrived in the valley at just the right time.

The transition from the standalone health system to the Stanford Health System that took place in 2015 is finished and major investment in the ValleyCare system has been completed.

Last spring, the EPIC digital record system went live and integrated Stanford and ValleyCare's system. That involved upgrades to the technology, more than 3,800 new user devices such as computer work stations, bar code scanners and printers. Investments also were made in new patient beds, telemetry monitors and infusion pumps.

With those in place, Shumway now is starting to ask what programs and services need to be at ValleyCare in five years as the Tri-Valley and Central Valley continue to grow.

ValleyCare's strategic location begs the question about what Stanford specialties can be located here to serve local patients, as well as patients from the Central Valley, without forcing them to drive to Palo Alto.

Shumway cited ValleyCare's newly launched stroke program as a prime example.

"Time is brain with stroke," he said. So, treating emergency patients in Pleasanton instead of transporting them for 20 or more minutes to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley — the trauma center serving the Tri-Valley and southern Alameda County — will improve outcomes for patients.

"That's a great example of how we can bring Stanford expertise into the community to meet needs. That's a lot of what we will be doing to assess and think strategically about what needs to come, how it needs to come and when it needs to come and then telling the community about it," he said.

That will involve analyzing the current programs, forecasting into the future and deciding what the campuses in Pleasanton and Livermore will need in terms of buildings, equipment and employees.

Before the Stanford affiliation, ValleyCare, which had lost money consistently, did not have the financial resources to make the

necessary investments.

The valley is a very competitive area with the John Muir/San Ramon Regional joint venture down the street on one side from ValleyCare Pleasanton and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation/Sutter Health across the freeway, along with Kaiser's major new center in Dublin.

When asked how ValleyCare carves out its market share, he pointed out three key differentiators.

"If we're the preferred place for patients, the preferred place for employees and the preferred place for physicians, that's how you differentiate yourself. And I think that's where a lot of our efforts are going to be over the coming years is making sure that we're not only paying attention to those things, but putting our money where our mouth is investing in these structures and the people and the places that we need to so to make those things happen," he said.

That creates the competitive edge. The other key differentiator and a key reason he moved west was the Stanford brand and the capabilities of its system and its people. With ValleyCare's strategic location, it's an exciting time to sit in his chair.

He's also come to appreciate just how invested community members are in ValleyCare. Before the transition to Stanford, it was literally owned by community members and organizations that had invested in the nonprofit hospital. That community interest has been maintained through the charitable foundation that took the lead in raising the funds to establish the stroke program.

Shumway envisions the charitable foundation to continue to play a key funding role in the hospital as does the foundation supporting Stanford's Peninsula campuses.

Shumway, 38, worked on the senior executive team with Stanford Health CEO David Entwistle in the University of Utah system for six years before Entwistle left to head Stanford in 2016. He then moved to the No. 2 position at the University of Cincinnati before he was lured west to join Stanford at ValleyCare.

He and his wife have settled in Danville with their two children and he's finding it an easy commute at the early hour he travels to Pleasanton. ■



Rick Shumway

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Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

When you meet someone for the first time and know you will be seeing them again in the future, what tricks do you use to remember the person's name?



Serean Kimmel
Realtor

I always ask people to spell their name for me when I meet them for the first time. Seeing and hearing them spell their name creates a visual and auditory imprint in my mind that I can see and hear the next time I meet them.



Paige Fairchild
College student

Honestly, I really don't have any tricks. I just hope that I'll naturally remember. And if for some reason I don't, I'm bold enough that I don't hesitate to ask the person to remind me what their name is.



Maddie Gallagher
Bartender

When I converse with someone I'm meeting for the first time, I'll say their name several times during the course of our conversation, so that I'll remember it when we meet again. I find it to be a great tool that works very well for me.



Alyssa Tucker
College student

I usually pick out an attractive attribute of their face or body that serves as a natural connection for me to their name. For example, if I meet someone named Rachel who has beautiful red hair, I will think to myself "Red-haired Rachel." It works like a charm. And then once I get to know the person a bit, I don't need to use the trick anymore.



Danny Lambert
Insurance

I say the person's name three times to myself, and then consciously blink my eyes a couple of times in order to create a mental picture/snapshot/image in my head. It might look a little silly for a second or two, but trust me, it works every time.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Vericool wins award

Local State Sen. Steve Glazer recently named Livermore-based Vericool as the recipient of the 7th Senatorial District's Small Business of the Year.

The company produces sustainable coolers made from renewable and post-consumer materials and compostable insulation, aiming to be a safe and sustainable replacement for Styrofoam. But the firm also strives to provide second chances to former convicts, with a quarter of its 45 employees having served time.

Those are the goals spearheaded by founder Darrell Jobe, himself a former drop-out student, youth gang member and juvenile offender who turned his life around as a young adult.

Survey for seniors

The Alameda County Area Agency on Aging has launched the community assessment phase of the drafting process for the 2021-2024 Countywide Plan for Older Adults, including a new online survey available through Sept. 30.

Open to county residents aged 55 or older, the questionnaire touches on a variety of relevant subjects including outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation, employment, health services and communication.

Results will help shape the final plan, expected to be considered by the Board of Supervisors next year. Check out the survey via <https://bit.ly/2NrmvQv>.

No Hook & Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation is creating a new main fundraiser for later this fall after opting earlier this year to retire the Hook and Ladder Run — which had been held annually in mid-June in Livermore Valley wine country.

The charity walk/run, which marked its 10th and final installment in 2018, raised funds for the various nonprofits supported by the firefighters' union. The foundation is planning a bocce tournament fundraiser in October, officials said. ■

Clarification

Last week's Newsfront story "Trustees appoint new Hart principal among flurry of admin moves" should have stated that Pleasanton Unified School District Trustee Steve Maher recused himself on the board vote regarding his daughter, Fairlands Elementary principal Shay Galletti, being reassigned to the district office as director of elementary education.

PUSD to survey residents about potential \$120M bond measure

School board also unanimously adopts annual district budget at meeting last week

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District plans to gauge the community's interest and support this summer with a poll concerning a potential new \$120 million school facilities bond measure for the March 2020 primary election ballot.

The school board has been considering another bond measure for almost a year, since staff first suggested it, as well as debating whether PUSD voters would approve another bond measure less

than four years after passing the \$270 million Measure II bond.

Currently a number of marquee Measure II projects remain unfinished, including the Lydiksen Elementary School rebuild and modernization. Another \$145.5 million remains to be allocated for the Measure II projects lists, but officials say the district's ongoing facilities needs are much higher.

District leaders have been equating the possible new bond measure to a tax extension because the overall 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.

The district has said before that unfunded projects like upgrading the science labs at all three high schools would be covered by a new \$120 million bond.

Last month, staff at all 15 PUSD schools were surveyed about what school site projects should be prioritized, including replacing the

gyms at Amador and Foothill high schools and remodeling Vintage Hills Elementary. More than 200 faculty members participated in the survey, which presented a list of unfunded projects pulled last year from the Facilities Master Plan, as well as multiple-choice questions and write-in options for specific feedback.

Certain infrastructure improvements like upgrading the wireless network and HVAC units were

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RYAN J. DEGAN

Local State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan was joined by Louis and Joanne Giorgi, whose daughter Natalie died from a severe reaction to a peanut allergy six years ago, to spotlight a piece of proposed legislation inspired by Natalie's death.

Reducing food allergen exposure

Bauer-Kahan pushes bill inspired by Danville girl's death at summer camp

By RYAN J. DEGAN

State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is seeking support for a bill that aims to limit deadly food allergen contamination in restaurants and camps by ensuring that food handlers receive adequate certification and training, gaining inspiration from a Danville girl who died after peanut exposure at a summer camp.

Assembly Bill 1532 would require that all food handlers have certification in safe food handling practices for major food allergens, ensuring that food handlers will be versed in things like

cross-contamination and how to properly deal with a customer's allergies.

"It is incredibly important that we shed light on this issue as it affects millions of Americans and is especially impactful on our children," Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) said during a press conference held at Livermore's Camp Arroyo last week. "This isn't an issue that is going to go away, and it's incumbent upon all of us to make sure that we are doing our part to keep people safe and educated."

Representatives from Bauer-Kahan's office added that AB

1532 would also add "organized camps" to the definition of "food facility" in order to ensure food handlers are camps also receive adequate certification.

AB 1532 is named "The Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Act" in honor of Danville resident Natalie Giorgi, who died at age 13 after having a severe reaction to a peanut allergy while at summer camp in 2013.

"After learning of Natalie's heartbreaking story and meeting with her parents and their foundation, I was inspired to act

Pleasanton woman killed

ACSO: Estranged husband was gunman in murder-suicide

By JEREMY WALSH

A Pleasanton woman was killed by her estranged husband, who then turned the gun on himself, at the Castro Valley home of the man's mother last month, an Alameda County Sheriff's Office spokesman confirmed on Monday.

The victim in the murder-suicide was identified as 44-year-old Lisa Deanne Carlson, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly.

The gunman, who had recently moved into his mother's guest house, was identified as Steven Michael Carlson, 48, according to Kelly.

Alameda County Superior Court records show the Carlsons were legally separated in 2008, and Lisa Carlson initiated divorce proceedings by filing a dissolution of marriage this March, though the case had not yet been finalized.

Deputies discovered the bodies of Lisa Carlson and Steven Carlson in the detached guest house on the 20500 block of Forest Avenue in Castro Valley on the morning of June 26. Deputies were on a welfare check after a relative called to say they hadn't heard from a family member in several days, according to Kelly.

Upon entering the guest house, deputies found a woman and a man — later identified as Lisa Carlson and Steven Carlson — who appeared to have been dead for several days from

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Blackhawk developer, philanthropist Kenneth Behring dies at 91

Billionaire remembered for transforming Tri-Valley, supporting Wheelchair Foundation and Smithsonian

By JEREMY WALSH

Blackhawk developer Kenneth E. Behring, known for his worldwide philanthropy and booming business and development career that included helping transform the Tri-Valley and serving as the one-time majority owner of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks, died on June 25 at 91 years old.

Behring's son David confirmed the news in a heartfelt social media post late the next afternoon.

"He was both a Lion and a Dragon and could not have lived a fuller life. He loved business, sports, travel, automobiles, family, adventure, life and helping others," David Behring wrote. "His family and friends will deeply miss him and pledge to carry on his legacy. Our family is so appreciative of the hundreds of phone, text and email messages that have poured in."

A large memorial service in Ken Behring's honor is planned for later this month at the Blackhawk Museum he founded in Danville.

Born in Illinois and raised in Wisconsin, Behring grew up in a poverty-stricken family during the Great Depression. The future billionaire worked a variety of jobs from an early age, entered car sales after high school, soon became a



Kenneth E. Behring, whose Blackhawk development transformed the Tri-Valley, is remembered as much for his philanthropic work as his lucrative business career.

dealership owner and earned his first million by 27.

From there, Behring would embark on an extraordinary and lucrative business career that saw him create the retirement community of Tamarac, Fla. in the 1960s, develop the Blackhawk here in the Tri-Valley beginning in 1977 and later build the Canyon Lakes development in San Ramon.

A passionate sportsman, Behring also served as majority owner of the Seahawks from 1988-97 — a tenure

that ended tumultuously after Behring pushed to relocate the team to Southern California amid a stadium upgrade dispute in Seattle. He ultimately sold the franchise for \$200 million to Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

But, as Behring described, it wasn't until early 2000 (after placing a young, disabled Vietnamese girl in her first wheelchair) that he discovered "a life of purpose," leading to him becoming one of America's most committed philanthropists.

He founded the Wheelchair Foundation that June "to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one," according to its website.

His nonprofit venture, which became a division of Behring's Global Health and Education Foundation has delivered or committed more than 1.1 million wheelchairs to date worldwide.

In his later years, Behring said he preferred to focus his time and energy on philanthropic ventures and business activities — like participating in the stock market — that help fund those causes.

"All we're doing is doing the things that we think can help make a better world," Behring told the Weekly in 2013, after receiving the newspaper's Tri-Valley Hero Lifetime Achievement award.

"And I'm not doing it for recognition or for anybody's satisfaction but my own satisfaction of thinking that what I'm doing will, in a small part, maybe make a better world," he added.

Among his other philanthropic efforts, Behring founded the Blackhawk Automotive Museum in 1988, a facility that has since expanded into historical and cultural exhibits as well.

He was a noted contributor to the Smithsonian Institution, including supporting renovations at the Natural History Museum (where the Hall of Mammals bears the Behring name) and "The Price of Freedom" and "American Presidency" exhibitions at the Museum of American History. He was also a recipient of the James Smithsonian Award.

Behring's education endeavors included being an active supporter of the University of California, Berkeley Principal Leadership Institute and the National History Day program — which he hoped would help young people find a path toward making a true difference in the world.

"I think there's a possibility of a lot of young people becoming leaders. Leaders are not born, they have to be developed," Behring told the Weekly in 2013. "I'm not talking about political leaders, I'm talking about the kind of leaders that can

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DUSD board appoints Marken as superintendent for next two years

Interim coming out of retirement to provide stability until next permanent leader found

By JULIA BAUM

The Board of Trustees voted to remove the interim tag from Dave Marken's title and appoint him as the new superintendent of Dublin Unified School District in a unanimous vote last week.

Marken, a former Dublin High School principal and Newark school superintendent who emerged from retirement in April to serve as DUSD's interim superintendent following the sudden departure of former superintendent Leslie Boozer, will continue in his role through the end of the 2020-21 school year, according to district officials.

"Being here for the last few months has rekindled my passion for this town and solidified my desire to see this district reach its potential and to help address some of the immediate issues it faces," Marken said in a statement after his appointment June 25. At the time of his arrival, the board was clinging to a quorum, amplifying uncertainty within the district.

"We face many challenges in Dublin," Marken stated. "I challenge the board, administrators, teachers, parents, students, the city, and our community to move forward together to help us create the world-class educational experience our entire town deserves."

Two weeks ago, Marken made an offer to the board to stay in his current position for another two years,



Dave Marken

conditional on successful contract negotiations, to provide stability while the district searches for its next permanent leader.

Board President Amy Miller called Marken's installation "a major win for the people of Dublin" that will let the district "revise our search timeline and engage in an extended, inclusive search for the district's next long-term superintendent."

"His willingness to give up two years of his retirement is a tremendous gift to the people of Dublin," Miller said, adding that Marken's service "will allow the district to experience stability as we enter the coming school year and as we face a number of significant projects."

Marken's contract, which became effective on Monday and expires

June 30, 2021, includes a salary of \$330,000 for a total of 225 working days per year. There are no raises, paid holidays or housing allowance. According to Chip Dehnert, spokesperson for DUSD, Marken "will cease to receive his pension until he retires in June 2021. At that point, the pension will be updated to include any additional contributions."

Hazard Young Attea Associates, the firm selected in April to assist with the hunt for a new district leader, presented a modified search timeline during the board meeting. HYA will continue the recruitment process using input already gathered from stakeholders with the goal of finding the new superintendent by spring 2021.

The district now has just one leadership role to fill for the moment. Currently only three of the five board seats are occupied, but Gabrielle Blackman won the June 4 special election for the open Area 4 Trustee seat. (The Alameda County Registrar of Voters has 30 days from the election date to certify the election results, which left Blackman unable to cast a vote for Marken's appointment.)

The Area 3 board seat has been vacant since March, after former trustee Dan Cunningham resigned for personal reasons. That seat will be filled in a special election set for Nov. 5. ■

Pleasanton residents visit sister city

PTSCA continues tradition of delegation to Tulancingo

By ELAINE YANG

Pleasanton recently sent a delegation of 25 representatives to spend a week in the Mexican state of Hidalgo to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association.

Upon arriving in Mexico at the end of April, the Pleasanton delegates browsed historic downtown Mexico City before traveling to Tulancingo.

To greet their friends from Pleasanton at the Hotel Colonial, residents in Tulancingo held a wine-bread-cheese reception, complete with a performance by the local symphony orchestra.

The Pleasanton delegation also attended a Day of the Dead offering party. The party was a colorful showcase of Mexican culture, as people wore costumes and face paint and mariachis provided musical entertainment, according to PTSCA publicity director Margo Tarver.

Each representative from Pleasanton met with a host family for



PTSCA

Pleasanton's delegation of 25 representatives to Tulancingo, Mexico.

multiple meals during the visit. Carrying on with tradition, the people from Pleasanton also visited a girls' shelter, Asilo de San Jose.

After visiting the city hall and attending a farewell party, most of the Pleasanton representatives returned home. Seven people went on an extended trip to Chiapas.

The Tulancingo delegation will be visiting Pleasanton in April 2020, and the PTSCA has begun making

preparations for the continuation of the cultural exchange.

"After all these years, deep life-long friendships have formed and we are family," Tarver said. "It is our hope that other Tri-Valley residents will join us during this visit to understand why the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is so near and dear to our hearts and how we have all benefited from this cultural exchange." ■

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Police detective, parks worker named Employees of the Year

Annual Rotary recognition event cites service above self

By JEB BING

A Pleasanton police officer and a parks department maintenance worker have been honored by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton for its "Service Above Self" awards.

Detective Anthony Pittl and 15-year parks crewman Jason Annicchero received the club's City Employee of the Year plaques at a luncheon June 13.

"Detective Pittl has consistently demonstrated an outstanding work ethic and team-orientation across multiple disciplines during his 10 years with the department," City Manager Nelson Fialho said at the awards presentation program.

"Jason Annicchero," Fialho continued, "is committed to ensuring that turf and parks meet our high-quality standards and is always safe for the residents of Pleasanton, even in a dangerous situation, that deserves this recognition."

Annicchero, a graduate of Amador Valley High School, played soccer at Santa Clara University, where he was a 1996 Second Team All-American. He went on to play professional soccer for the Seattle Sounders, California Jaguars, San Diego Flash and Atlanta Silverbacks. More recently, he has served



Pleasanton city staff awarded Employee of the Year awards at a Rotary Club of Pleasanton luncheon are police Det. Anthony Pittl and city park maintenance worker Jason Annicchero (holding certificates), flanked by Capt. Larry Cox (left) and parks superintendent Brandon Stewart. Front row (from left) are Police Chief Dave Spiller, City Manager Nelson Fialho, City Councilwoman Kathy Narum, director of operations and water utilities Kathleen Yurchak and Rotary Club president Nancy Pennell.

as a coach for the Mustang Soccer League in Danville.

For the last 15 years, Annicchero has helped to maintain and improve Pleasanton's parks and trails, whether repairing irrigation, enhancing the landscape or making improvements to the local soccer fields at Val Vista Park.

It was there last February, Annicchero saw a man waving a large knife and threatening to kill himself. He called the police and then followed the man as he walked, mumbling out loud, along Dunker Drive and then Dorman Road toward the Lucky grocery store and the Val Vista Shopping Center,

staying behind the man until police arrived and took him away for investigation.

"This guy is a true hero because without him things could have ended much, much worse," a Dorman Road homeowner who saw Annicchero tailing the man carrying the knife told police. "It would be great if you could recognize his great actions," the unidentified homeowner said.

"Jason's actions model 'Service Above Self' as he proceeded with caution, and knew that it was just the right thing to do to follow this person until Pleasanton police were on the scene, knowing that Donlon Elementary was in close proximity," Fialho said.

Fialho also gave Rotary's second City Employee of the Year award to Pittl, who was honored last year as the Pleasanton Police Department's 2018 Officer of the Year. Fialho said Pittl has consistently demonstrated an outstanding work ethic and team-orientation across multiple disciplines during his 10 years with the department.

He described Pittl as "a detail-oriented investigator who takes charge of his cases, ensuring they are thoroughly completed, and

the suspects are safely taken into custody."

Fialho added: "Anthony's dedication and commitment to excellence were clearly demonstrated by the quick identification and arrest of an individual who assaulted one of our officers while fleeing the scene of a burglary, and again when he was the lone detective who responded to assist patrol."

As a department instructor, Pittl led the 2018 active threat response training for which he spent considerable time and effort coordinating with multiple agencies to ensure the successful execution of a realistic training exercise for all involved. This one day of training took nearly a year of coordinated planning, site inspections and close collaboration.

"Anthony is clearly dedicated to his profession, our police department and the Pleasanton community," Fialho said. "As described by one of his peers, he's an officer everyone enjoys working with."

Each year, the Pleasanton Rotary Club recognizes two outstanding city government employees who exemplify Rotary's motto of 'service above self,' said Nancy Pennell, this year's club president. ■

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BEHRING

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make a better world."

Behring is survived by his wife of 69 years, Pat Behring, and their sons Tom, David, Jeff and Scott, along with 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His eldest son Michael preceded him in death.

A celebration of life for Behring has been scheduled for July 31 at 4 p.m. at the Blackhawk Museum at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. in Danville. Casual attire is encouraged. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requested people consider contributions in Behring's memory to either Wheelchair Foundation or the Blackhawk Museum Education Transportation Fund. ■



Behring with a wheelchair recipient through his Wheelchair Foundation. GHEF

DEATH

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gunshot wounds, along with obvious signs of foul play, Kelly said. Investigators believe the deaths may have occurred on June 23.

The case was initially classified as a double murder out of an abundance of caution given the condition of the crime scene, but the sergeant alleged the investigation soon revealed Steven Carlson was the shooter and Lisa Carlson the victim in a murder-suicide. A precise motive has not been identified publicly.

Kelly confirmed there is no connection between these Carlsons and

Steven John Carlson, the former Pleasanton man convicted in 2014 of murdering Foothill High School classmate Tina Faelz as a teenager in 1984 — a cold case that rocked Pleasanton for decades until DNA evidence led to an arrest in 2011.

Steven J. Carlson, who is about one year older than Steven M. Carlson, remains in prison for killing Faelz, although an appeals court reduced his conviction to second-degree murder in 2017, with the Court of Appeal determining prosecutors hadn't proved the element of premeditation and deliberate intent needed for a first-degree murder conviction. ■

Public input sought for Chain of Lakes mining project

Company asks county to dig deeper, amend site's current reclamation plan

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley residents are invited to add their voices to a subsequent environmental review process concerning possible changes in reclamation and mining activity in the unincorporated Chain of Lakes area between Livermore and Pleasanton.

Some of the proposed changes at Eliot Quarry include mining at a greater depth in the Lake B area, which is on the western side of the site and has an active sand and gravel mine pit nearly 150 feet deep, according to the Alameda County Community Development

Agency.

Project applicant RMC Pacific Materials — one of three active mining companies in the Chain of Lakes — is also seeking to amend the site's current reclamation plan, including redirecting the Arroyo del Valle south of its current spot, rather than into Lakes A and B.

Years ago, the original plan was for mining to take place in Lake A, a formerly mined area on the eastern portion of the site that's been infiltrated by groundwater, but protests from nearby residents put an end to it. Because of potential

environmental consequences from the proposed project and an outstanding agreement to eventually acquire the Chain of Lakes for water management purposes like storage and groundwater recharge, Zone 7 Water Agency General Manager Valerie Pryor told the Weekly that her staff will help keep an eye on things during the environmental impact report (EIR) process.

"Zone 7 is concerned with mining deeper and reclamation, and how it relates to groundwater management," Pryor said. "During mining there is silt that's moved around,

so we want to make sure the silt doesn't impact our water quality."

"We'd like the county to make sure they really thoroughly study how mining deeper and getting into any other aquifers would impact water quality," Pryor said, adding that staff already regularly visit the current mining operations at the Chain of Lakes and plan to weigh in on the draft EIR, along with other public entities like the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

A public scoping meeting held last week at the Garré Vineyard & Winery Martinelli Event Center was

"very lightly attended," according to Pryor, but the community has until the July 18 deadline to comment on the EIR process to the county development agency.

Written responses on the Chain of Lakes reclamation and mining amendment can be sent to: Senior Planner Bruce Jensen at the Alameda County Community Development Agency Planning Department, 224 W. Winton Avenue, Suite 111, Hayward, CA 94544, or via email to bruce.jensen@acgov.org (include "SMP-23 Reclamation Plan Amendment SEIR" in the subject line). ■

ALLERGEN

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to ensure this never happens to another child," Bauer-Kahan said during the June 26 event. "An hour of a food handler's time could literally save lives."

Natalie's parents, Louis and Joanne Giorgi, have since started the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation to advocate for food allergy safety, and were present at the press conference to speak of their daughter and thank Bauer-Kahan for her legislative efforts.

"Since Natalie's death, Louis and I have worked to hopefully raise awareness, trying to make a difference in our communities so that children and adults are safer," Joanne Giorgi said Wednesday. "Natalie was a vibrant energetic 13-year-old who loved to be involved in her community. She would be grateful to know that in her name, things are being done to make life easier for those who suffer with food allergies."

"Scientists don't know why the numbers are so huge now, ultimately with nearly 10% of Americans now affected by food allergies," Louis Giorgi added. "Taking these simple steps will have such a profound impact ... It is simply going to keep us all safer so that Natalie's story is never retold, none wants to be standing at a microphone talking about this."

During the conference, Bauer-Kahan highlighted the need for communities to increase their awareness of the issues due to the high increase in deadly allergic reactions occurring in the United States.

Over the last decade, the number of people who have needed to receive medical treatment for anaphylaxis has risen by 377%, and this issue is particularly deadly for children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every year food allergy reactions result in more than 200,000 ambulatory visits involving children under the age of 18.

Local organizations like the

Taylor Family Foundation — which operates Camp Arroyo in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District — have taken up the call to conduct safe food handling, with officials from the assemblywoman's office saying they have been on the forefront of allergen safety practices for decades.

"For nearly 20 years, we have strived to bring the very best quality of food and service to all the children and families we serve in partnership with East Bay Regional Park District. We look forward to continuing to preserve the wellness of children in Northern California," said Angie Carmignani, the Taylor Family Foundation's executive director.

AB 1532 has already passed the State Assembly on a bipartisan, and unanimous, vote of 76-0. It is set to be considered by the State Senate within the next two weeks. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Ladies' Day at the Races: More than three-dozen women gathered last week at the Alameda County Fair racetrack for Kay Huff's 28th annual Ladies' Day at the Races — aptly held on June 28 this year. Here, the ladies took a pause from the horse racing action for their yearly portrait with the Weekly. (Photo by Chuck Deckert)

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Emphasizing the need for blood donations

Red Cross spreading message; interfaith blood drives also set this month

BY ELAINE YANG

With the calendar turning to summer, organizations are working to draw attention to the need for blood donations to increase the supply locally and nationwide.

In Pleasanton, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Catholic Community of Pleasanton have partnered with the American Red Cross to host interfaith blood drives in July.

And on a national level, the Red Cross has launched the “Missing Types” campaign to raise awareness of the lifesaving capabilities that blood donations have and urge the public to make an appointment to

give blood or platelets this summer.

“I have a liver from my amazing donor, Jake, but I languished in the hospital for four months. Much of that time, I was just a blood transfusion or blood product away from not making it,” Pleasanton resident Rebecca Tervydis said in a statement.

“I received 56 complete blood transfusions and 10 blood product transfusions while I was waiting for the liver. If people had not donated that blood, I wouldn’t be here,” she emphasized.

During the “Missing Types” campaign, the letters A, B and O — the letters representing the main blood

groups — are disappearing from brands, social media pages, signs and websites to illustrate the critical role blood donors play in helping patients.

National brands participating in the campaign include Ace Hardware, Amazon, The Clorox Company, The Coca-Cola Company, Facebook, Google, Oreo, PayPal, Salesforce, State Farm, Suburban Propane, Zebra Technologies Corporation and more.

Blood transfusion is the fourth most common inpatient hospital procedure in the United States. However, only three out of 100 people in the U.S. give blood, even though blood can only come from volunteer blood donors, according to the Red Cross.

A 2019 national survey conducted on behalf of the Red Cross revealed a disconnect between the public’s perception of blood donations and the realities of patient needs. The actuality is that not enough people donate blood and without adequate blood products, patients face delays in treatment.

“Just last month, the Red Cross experienced a critical shortage of type O blood. When this happens, medical procedures could be delayed because blood products are not available,” said Cliff Numark, senior vice president of Red Cross Blood Services.

Donors can help fill the missing types by making an appointment to give blood via www.redcross-blood.org, the Red Cross’ Blood

Donor App or 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Visit the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center on 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 34, from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, or 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday through July 13 to give blood.

Alternatively, choose sponsor code “InterfaithCommunity” when making an appointment and go to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz on July 12 from 12-6 p.m. or St. Elizabeth-Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Dr. on July 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to contribute to the Pleasanton interfaith blood drives. ■



JEREMY WALSH

A new holiday tree

Crews recently planted a Deodar cedar tree outside the Museum on Main that will be used as the new centerpiece of the city of Pleasanton’s holiday display downtown after the seven-story cedar that served as the city’s holiday tree for more than 20 years was removed for health reasons. The city’s arborist and a tree preservation team diagnosed the decades-old cedar with an incurable form of root fungus, leading to its removal from the south side of the museum lawn (where bark chips now remain), according to city officials. The replacement tree, which is the same species as its predecessor, currently stands about 35 feet tall on the north end of the lawn and is expected to grow to a similar height as the old one, approximately 65-75-feet.

BOND MEASURE

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highly favored across the whole district, and others like adding covered lunch shelters and traffic mitigation at some schools were also selected. Following a staff presentation at last week’s board meeting, the PUSD trustees were supportive of gathering public input but had some of their own thoughts on how to improve the polling process.

Trustee Joan Laursen agreed with one survey respondent who, according to district documents, said that not knowing about the needs of other schools seemed like “an effort to collect data that provides little value at best and is inaccurate at worst.”

“I do think that this is a problem

with asking questions this way,” Laursen said during the June 25 discussion. “If you’re a staff person who doesn’t have kids in our school, perhaps, and you’re at an elementary school, you really aren’t in a position to judge the addition of the Amador gym, for example, or some other need at another school. That kind of bothered me a little bit in terms of people being able to assess the need.”

Trustee Mark Miller wondered whether the district should form a list of specific proposed bond measure projects for the survey or “present a broad list of things and let the public weigh in.” Noting that not all families in the district will want or support the same things, Trustee Jamie Yee said presenting a list of specific projects for everyone to agree on could be difficult.

“If you’re asking elementary parents, they’re not going to prioritize something over at Amador High School because they’re not really there,” Yee said. “Unless there’s a way to get everybody to see everything around the whole district and understand everything, they really can’t fairly weigh in. That’s the problem you run into with providing a list like this.”

Miller stated that the list should “be a little more specific this time” about exactly which projects would be funded by the potential bond, instead of proposing general purposes such as security and safety.

“As a bond taxpayer, I would want to know what the real plan was more tangibly,” Miller said. Although a less generalized list of projects “gives people less choices,” ultimately Yee said she agreed that “this time around it would be better to be more specific.”

Recently, a consultant advised the Board of Trustees that waiting to place a bond measure on the November 2020 ballot was feasible but noted that “a lot of noise” is

expected for the presidential election. Community polling will take place between Aug. 23 and Sept. 6; the school board has until early December to vote on the measure for next year’s primary election.

In other business last week, the board unanimously adopted next year’s annual district budget. The district is projected to have more than \$165.8 million in restricted and unrestricted local, state, federal and Local Control Funding Formula revenue; about \$171.8 million in total expenditures are projected to exceed that number.

The new budget also “assumes a 3.26% increase to the base LCFF calculation,” according to district documents, as well as tripling the state-required 3% minimum reserve to 9%. The new level will be reached by saving up to 20% of the undesignated reserve at the end of each fiscal year. There are no salary increases listed to faculty or administrative staff, nor any expenditures for next year’s election.

After some recent changes based on Gov. Gavin Newsom’s proposed state budget, PUSD has fully funded its gap-funding rate, meaning all revenue increases in the future will be just for cost of living adjustments.

The biggest change might be both CalSTRS and CalPERS retirement costs, which the district said are “projected to increase significantly over the next several years.” Employer contribution rates for both during the past fiscal year 2018-19 was 16.28% for CalSTRS and 18.06% for CalPERS.

Between now and fiscal year 2021-22, those numbers are expected to climb to 17.8% for CalSTRS and 24.9% for CalPERS. The district’s current CalPERS and CalSTRS costs in real dollars are a combined \$17,431,334; those retirement benefits are forecast to reach a total \$21,440,752 by the year 2022. ■

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Bond oversight committee in Dublin now without quorum

DUSD working to fill four vacancies

By JULIA BAUM

The Dublin Unified School District Citizens Bond Oversight Committee is seeking to fill four vacancies that currently leave the group without a quorum.

Due to the shortage of representation, the usually seven-member committee couldn't vote on any issues at its meeting last week, where the group was also restricted to holding open discussion and sharing informative material.

After the \$184 million Measure C bond measure was passed in 2004, the committee was formed

to ensure that expenditures of bond funds for Measure C, as well as the general obligation bond measures E and H, are properly allocated. Currently the committee is looking for community members to represent the categories of community-at-large, parent, parent-teacher organization and taxpayers organization.

The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee is also looking for some new faces; the group was formed five years ago when voters approved Measure B, the local parcel tax which expires at the end of

June and was recently replaced in the May 7 general election by Measure E. Representatives for the local business community, parent-teacher organizations and district families are needed.

Applicants for both committees must meet certain criteria such as being a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a DUSD school or actively involved in a business, taxpayer or parent-teacher group. For more information and an application, visit www.dublin.k12.ca.us/domain/5 and click on the relevant committee. ■

East Bay Parks opens community survey

Online questionnaire to evaluate future priorities

As the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) celebrates its 85th anniversary this year, the district seeks public input through a survey to help inform its future priorities.

The survey, open until Aug. 2, gives the public the opportunity to weigh in on both the recreational needs and the most pressing issues of the East Bay's diverse community.

"By completing this short survey, the public will help our board and staff to evaluate priorities as the Park District plans for a future with wide-ranging opportunities and challenges, such as wildfire prevention and climate change," General Manager Robert E. Doyle said in a statement.

"We also want to understand

what services, programs and recreational activities residents would like to see added in their local parks, including what they think can be improved," Doyle added.

The EBRPD is the largest regional park agency in the nation with 73 parks and over 1,250 miles of trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The new survey is intended to give the public an easy opportunity to provide feedback to the EBRPD's Board of Directors and staff. Surveys can be found online or at the Alameda County Fair EBRPD exhibit located in the Agriculture Building.

"The Park District has a tradition of community outreach and transparency, with the 85th anniversary

being a great opportunity to solicit residents' opinions and for residents to share what's important to them," said Dave Mason, EBRPD public information supervisor.

The survey is available at <http://eastbayparksurvey.com>. ■

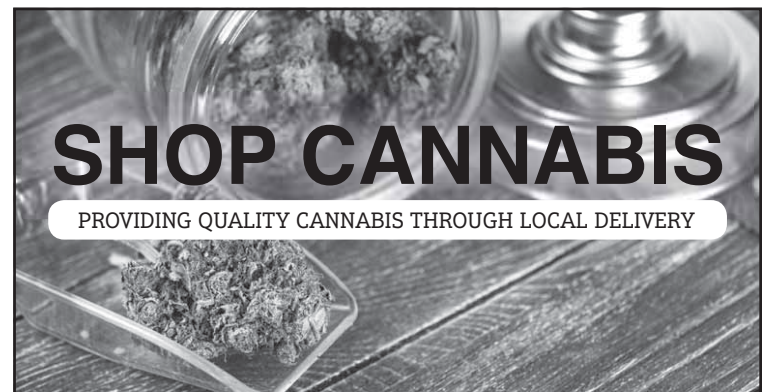
—Elaine Yang



SAMANTHA LAUREY

Relay for Life raises over \$100,000

Scores of participants across 25 teams and more than 200 volunteers supported the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Tri-Valley on June 22-23 at Granada High School in Livermore, helping raise over \$100,000 in the process. The 24-hour event — featuring supporters from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville — is held round the clock to recognize that cancer never takes a break and neither can the fight against it. Funds raised help provide free information and support for people facing the disease today and fund cancer research to protect future generations.



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The Ferris wheel is always a popular ride at the Alameda County Fair. (Photo by Samantha Laurey)



'I SPY'
CLOSING WEEKEND
 2019 Alameda County Fair winds down
 with final concerts, racing, rides and more
 BY ELAINE YANG



Horse racing continues all weekend, including the \$100,000 Everett Nevin Stakes on Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Alameda County Fair)



Near the petting zoo, the fair holds tractor pulling contests for young kids to test how strong they could pedal the tractor with weights attached. (Photo by Samantha Laurey)

With an average of 20,000 visitors each day, the Alameda County Fair attracts people from throughout the Bay Area to Pleasanton year after year.

Spending a day at the fair is a longstanding tradition for many. Visitors and vendors alike bring their families and friends to the fairgrounds each summer for a fun and memorable way to kick off the season.

"People come together from different areas, so it definitely brings the community together," Faye Li, a 22-year-old visiting the fair from San Jose, said as she fed animals in the petting zoo on June 21.

Themed "I Spy Summer," the 2019 Alameda County Fair opened on June 14 with the annual cattle drive, which saw some extra excitement this year when six cattle broke away from the herd, but the cowpoke swiftly brought the would-be runaways back to the pack.

The fair's attractions so far include carnival rides, games, food, concerts and horse racing, as well as a variety of contests — ranging from botanical exhibitions to animal and tractor races — and shopping opportunities.

Bobby and Stefanie Saephan, who came to the fair with

their kids Riley and Jayden, agreed that their experience was characterized by "the family atmosphere." They said their favorite aspect of exploring the fair was "seeing the kids' reactions" to the activities.

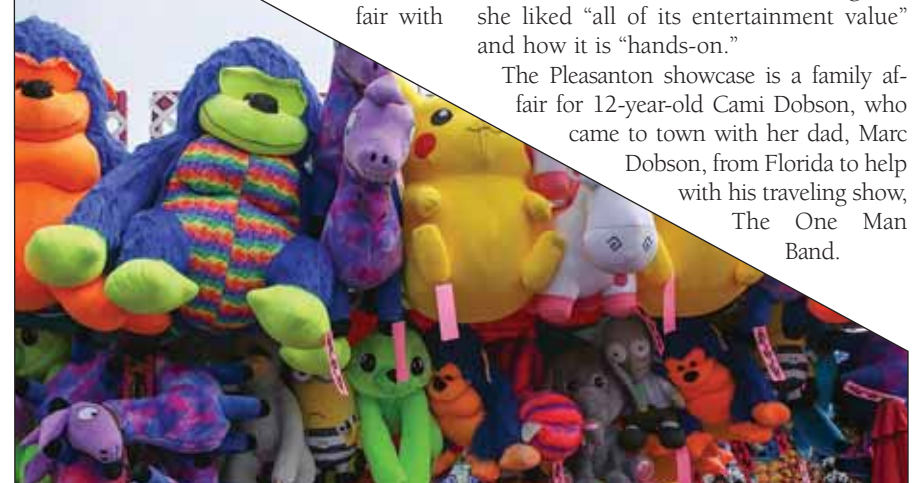
On the south side of the fairgrounds are the carnival rides. One of the most popular parts of the fair, especially among youngsters and teens, this area flaunts roller coasters with thrilling 360-degree turns as well as a Ferris wheel, a water ride and more.

"That was a high ride. That was pretty scary. Right when you start it, you go super fast," 15-year-old John Addison exclaimed upon joining his friends on the ground after being swept up through the air on the tallest ride at the fair, Turbo.

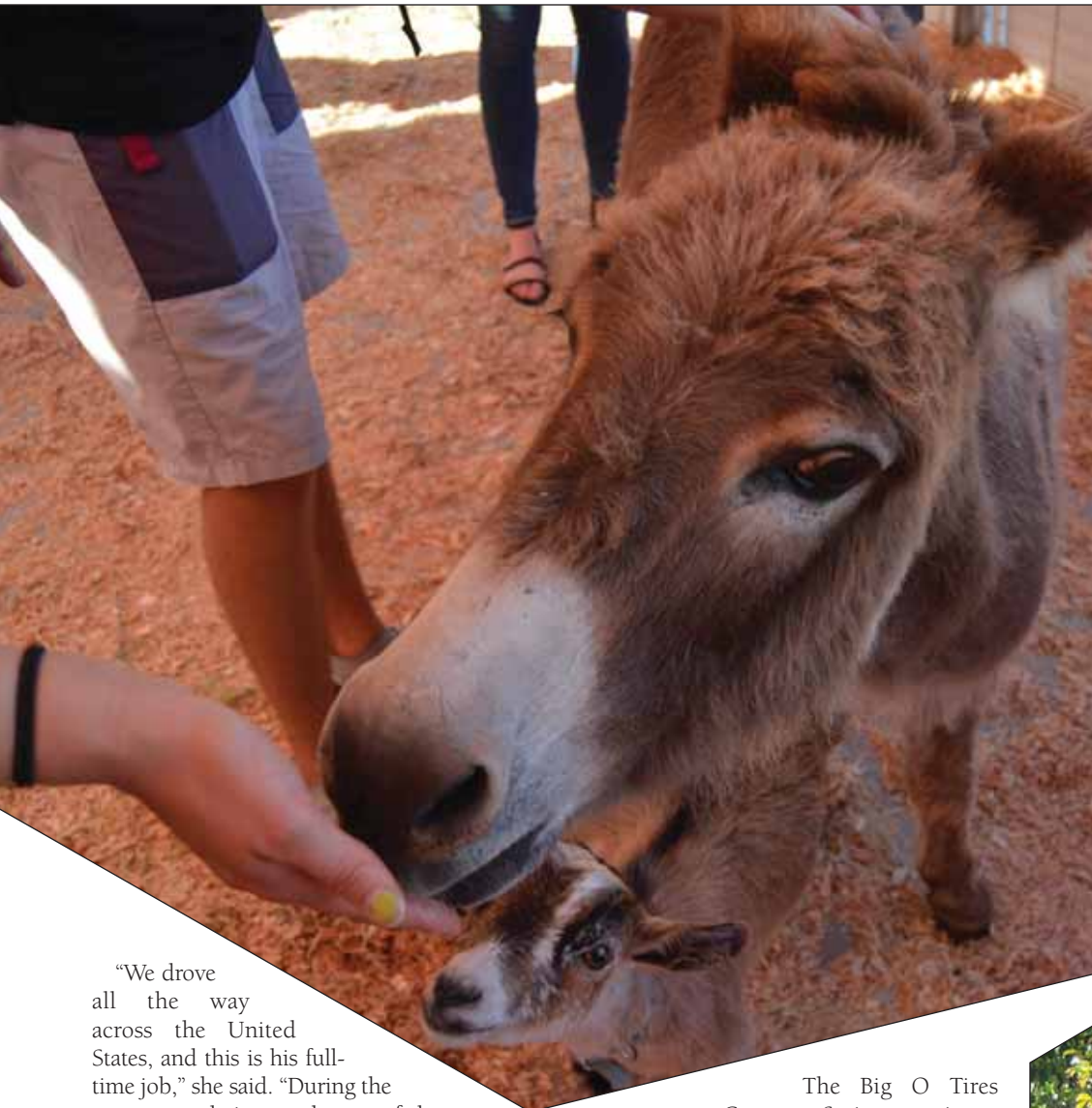
After taking a turn on The Zillertor, 11-year-old Roma Witowski explained that, like the addictive nature of the roller coaster, "(Coming to the fair) is a tradition because we live close by so we come every single year."

On the opposite side of the fairgrounds, fair-goers can take refuge in a calmer atmosphere among the animals. "I love animals so it's always fun to feed them here (at the petting zoo)," Natalie Tran said of her favorite exhibit at the fair, adding that she liked "all of its entertainment value" and how it is "hands-on."

The Pleasanton showcase is a family affair for 12-year-old Cami Dobson, who came to town with her dad, Marc Dobson, from Florida to help with his traveling show, The One Man Band.



Stuffed animals are often the prize of choice for carnival game winners. (Photo by Mike Sedlak)



Harkening back to its agricultural roots, the fair offers attractions such as a petting zoo (far left), a butterfly exhibit (left) and a giant tree man (below) at the garden show. (Photos by Samantha Laury)

“We drove all the way across the United States, and this is his full-time job,” she said. “During the summer and six months out of the year, he comes out to different fairs.”

She said she admires “the fact that he created what he does and he’s very creative. I don’t plan on doing (music) for a living like he is, but I am starting to learn how to play the ukulele.”

The 2019 fair wraps up its 18 days of summer fun this weekend with demolition derby today and Saturday, and RV demolition derby on Sunday. Horse racing and a junior livestock auction will be open to animal-lovers. This STEAM weekend has a focus on educating kids on the environment and space.

Rosemary Dailey, of SkyRiver Butterflies, reflected on the exhibit she staffs with her husband, here for the second year running, which allows people to feed and interact with butterflies.

“We do very large exhibits around the country,” she said. “We decided that we wanted to come here because we actually live in Castro Valley. This is a smaller show for us; we tend to do shows in the millions of people, so this is an opportunity for us to have a bit of a gentle environment.”

“What we want to do is build it so families can come in here and, as the children grow up, they will bring their children — we’ve seen this at other fairs — and, more so than that, you start to see an understanding of what’s necessary for butterflies,” Dailey added.

The Big O Tires Concert Series continues into closing weekend with performances tonight by Aja Vu, a tribute band to Steely Dan; blues and soul band Tommy Castro & The Painkillers on their Killin’ It Live Record Release Tour on Saturday; and Vince Neil, lead singer of the metal band Mötley Crüe, onstage Sunday.

Cappi and Mike Santos from San Leandro have a “very big tradition” of coming to Pleasanton for the Alameda County Fair every year.

“We’re getting ready to go see Loverboy,” Mike said on June 21. Cappi added, “We always find at least one group we really want to see.”

“We always run into friends here, and it’s always a good time to check out all the different vendors and see what’s for sale,” Mike said.

For a full rundown on tickets and events for the closing weekend, visit annual.alameda-countyfair.com. ■



The Orbiter is one thrill ride that spins guests and the cars lift up sideways from the speed. (Photo by Samantha Laury)



The Big O Tires Concert Series comes to an end this weekend with three shows, including Vince Neil on Closing Day on Sunday. (Photo courtesy of Alameda County Fair)



'Yes, and ...'

Creatures of Impulse presenting 'Tri-Valley High: The Series 2019'

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The award-winning teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse will present four lively episodes of teenage angst, heart-break, drama and improvised hilarity in "Tri-Valley High: The Series 2019," on Wednesdays this month in downtown Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center.

"Tri-Valley High: The Series 2019," which started earlier this week and runs through July 24, will consist of four shows that are completely unscripted and improvised, with each show's performance being based off audience suggestions while also building upon what happened from the previous week.

"Every show is going to be different, the difference with 'Tri-Valley High: The Series' is it's episodic," said Mark Duncanson, the troupe's founder and recreation coordinator for the city of Pleasanton. "It's like a teen sitcom ... We don't rehearse the characters in a situation; we don't even talk about them; we just do a

recap of what's already happened (in previous shows) and then go."

Duncanson added that since each show will provide a new experience, guests can buy a ticket each week and be guaranteed to view a new "episode" of the series.

Troupe members have been working hard in preparation for the show, meeting for rehearsals where they practice creating scenes that require quick and witty thinking. However a key difference to rehearsals from other plays is troupe members never practice scenes that will appear come showtime. In fact, improvisers never discuss what will happen, only what has already happened -- doing so in order to ensure that performances are as spontaneous as possible.

"People regularly accuse us of scripting" -- an accusation the group considers a great compliment, according to Evan Hoopes, an Amador Valley High School student and troupe member.

Hoopes explained that improvisers want "Tri-Valley High" to feel like

a TV-sitcom, so to prepare his troupe has been studying popular shows like "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "The Office" and "That '70s Show."

"During rehearsals, we really just get into the mindset of how would people in a sitcom think and how would they respond to certain situations," Hoopes said. "One of the major things they will do in sitcoms is focusing on a small detail and making it important ... Knowing some little niche things about sitcoms makes it more authentic of a show."

Preparation for a show also means mastering the rules of improv, chief among these arguably being "Yes, and ..." -- the practice of accepting an improvised scene set by a fellow performer and adding onto it.

"If you want a scene to progress, every improviser in the scene needs to live in the same world. So if we're all creating a scene based only off of our hits or what we think should happen next, then the scene itself won't play out in a structured



RYAN J. DEGAN

Far left: Creatures of Impulse performers (from left) Claire McNerney, Katie Wiest and Aidan Riechers practice for the upcoming "Tri-Valley High: The Series 2019" while fellow Creatures watch on. Above: Bethany Chase and Leah John act out a scene during rehearsals.

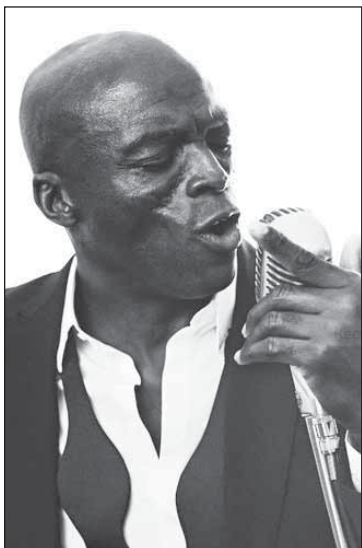
format," said troupe member Leah John, explaining the rule. "Yes, and ..." obviously doesn't necessarily mean 'oh, I have to say yes to every single idea that they say,' but yes to the world that they create."

"So if (someone) says 'hi Sarah' and I be like 'haha my name's not Sarah,' then your scene is stagnant and the world that you're living in is confusing for the audience. So I think it is more of a 'yes and-ing' the stage that they are setting rather than the phrases that they are saying," she added.

Student improvisers set to appear in "Tri-Valley High: The Series 2019" include Hoopes, Bethany

Chase, Kinsey Ferrera and Katie Wiest from Amador Valley High School; Claire McNerney and Aidan Riechers from Foothill High School; Megan Geiger from Granada in Livermore; and John from Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon.

"Tri-Valley High: The Series" will next hold performances at the Firehouse theater, 4444 Railroad Ave., on July 10, 17 and 24, at 7:30 p.m. each night. General admission tickets cost \$5 students and \$10 adults. Tickets online can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, or by calling 931-4848, as well as in-person at the box office. ■



WENTE

Pop singer Seal opens the Wente concert series on July 12.

Wente concerts bringing big names to Livermore Valley

Seal opens, Doobie Brothers close — and plenty of hit-makers in between

By JEREMY WALSH

Classic rock legends, country stars, Motown icons, modern favorites — this year's Concerts at Wente Vineyards summer series is bringing the hits to Livermore wine country.

Marking its 33rd year, the Wente series opens next Friday (July 12) with Grammy Award-winning pop artist Seal, known for hits like "Kiss from a Rose," "Crazy" and his cover of "Fly Like an Eagle."

Opening weekend will continue with three top '80s performers in

one concert next Saturday (July 13) — Rick Springfield ("Jessie's Girl"), Greg Kihn Band ("The Breakup Song") and Tommy Tutone ("867-5309/Jenny").

Following next Sunday (July 14) will be country singer Randy Houser, playing his hits such as "Boots On," "How Country Feels" and "Anything Goes."

The series will continue with nine more shows throughout July, August and September.

There will be classic rock groups, with Styx (July 30), REO

Speedwagon (Aug. 19) and The Doobie Brothers (Sept. 11).

Motown stars The Temptations and The Four Tops will team up for a combo concert on Aug. 6, as will blues/rock artist Boz Scaggs and R&B/soul singer Aaron Neville on Aug. 21, and Post Modern Juke Box and The Tenors on July 25.

Other more contemporary performers will include rockers Daughtry (Aug. 8), country singer Brett Eldredge (Aug. 20) and Grammy nominee Josh Groban (Sept. 6).

All of the shows will take place at the natural amphitheater at Wente Vineyards off Arroyo Road in Livermore, the nation's oldest continuously-operated, family-owned winery.

Attendees can choose between traditional concert tickets, or opt for a dinner-with-concert ticket featuring a buffet-style meal. Additional upgrade options are available as well. Tickets can be purchased online through TicketMaster or by phone 800-745-3000. To learn more, visit www.wentevineyards.com. ■

Try Caffeine Trail, or Ice Cream Trail

Visit Tri-Valley programs highlight shops in the area

By ELAINE YANG

Visit Tri-Valley is hosting a Caffeine Trail and an Ice Cream Trail to encourage coffee and ice cream fanatics to explore the flavors of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville.

The way the trails work is a participant must first obtain a passport, via online download or at a participating shop. Then, the participant must visit the necessary number of stops along the trail, collecting passport stamps at each ice cream or coffee shop.

Once the trail is completed, the participant must bring or mail their completed passport to Visit Tri-Valley at 5075 Hopyard Road, Suite 240, in Pleasanton. Participants may also post pictures of their journey on Facebook or Instagram.

Once participants have successfully carried out all of the tasks, they will receive the prize that corresponds to the completed Tri-Valley trail.

The newest trail in the Tri-Valley, the Caffeine Trail, offers a Tri-Valley

mug to those who visit four coffee and tea shops on the trail, as long as each of the four cities are visited.

In Pleasanton, Inklings, Charactez Cafe and Coffee Roasterz, The English Rose Tea Room, The Press and Sugarie Bake Shop are all participating shops.

The Ice Cream Trail is an award-winning trail with 16 unique ice cream shops, including Pleasanton's Almara Gelato Italiano, Icicles, Meadowlark Dairy, Rita's Italian Ice and Snowflake.

This year, they are offering a Visit Tri-Valley ice cream scooper to participants who visit five ice cream shops along the trail to promote equal opportunity scooping. In addition, \$5 will be donated to Big Dawgs Rescue in what they call "Cones for Paws."

Visit Tri-Valley promotes tourism in the area through the Tri-Valley Tourism Business Improvement District, which is made up of the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and the town of Danville. For more details, go to <http://visit-trivalley.com>. ■

Brothers earn Eagle Scout awards

Lesters are members of Pleasanton's Troop 908

By ELAINE YANG

John, Mark and Tim Lester each earned their Eagle Scout award and will be honored together at a joint Eagle Scout Court of Honor in the coming weeks.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must be active in their troop, provide leadership and earn 21 merit badges in various areas, including citizenship, camping, communications, cooking and lifesaving or emergency preparedness, as well as demonstrate that they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

All three brothers belong to Pleasanton's Troop 908, which is sponsored by St. Clare's Episcopal Church. Each of the three have held multiple offices in the troop, including patrol leaders, senior patrol leader for troop camp-outs and assistant senior patrol leaders.

Scouts seeking the Eagle Scout award must also plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project benefiting a religious institution, school or community group.

For their Eagle projects, John conducted a landscaping project for St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton, Mark built umpire equipment storage units for the



LESTER FAMILY

From left: The Lester brothers, Tim, John and Mark.

Pleasanton Little League and Tim constructed helmet shelves for two baseball dugouts at Ken Mercer Sports Park.

John and Mark, twins, will be juniors and Tim will be a sophomore at Amador Valley High School when the coming school year begins this fall. John and Tim are both on the Amador varsity track team and competed in state finals and Mark is a member of the Amador marching band.

All of the boys enjoy traveling and the outdoors, and plan to attend a four-year college. Both John and Tim would like to continue running track in college.


The Lesters are a Scouting family; their dad, Tim, is an assistant scoutmaster and mom Elizabeth served as secretary of the troop committee. The Lesters' youngest son is a Cub Scout in Pack 948, with his dad as assistant cubmaster and mom as his den leader. ■



JOHN WESTERN

Free Shakespeare in the Park

Regina Morones stars as Rosalind (left) and Anne Yumi Kobori is Celia in the Free Shakespeare in the Park production of "As You Like It: a new musical" — inspired by the Bard's famous stage play. The free performances continue the next two Saturdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. at Amador Valley Community Park, on Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The shows typically draw crowds, so it is suggested folks arrive early with friends and family and bring blankets or low chairs and a picnic to enjoy before the performance. A 15-minute "Green Show" takes place at 6:30 p.m., which provides a lively introduction to William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" that is fun for all ages.



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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Cone with a Cop returning next week

Visitors to Meadowlark Dairy will get an extra treat next Wednesday afternoon when Pleasanton police representatives will be on hand to help staff the downtown ice cream shop during the fourth annual Cone with a Cop event.

The community program allows police officers and personnel to interact with residents in a more relaxed setting, helping to build stronger relationships between the department and local citizens, according to Shannon Whitaker, community and public relations coordinator for Pleasanton PD.

“Any opportunity the police department has to connect with the community is extremely important to us,” Whitaker told the Weekly.

“Most of our daily interactions involve taking reports, issuing citations or dealing with mostly negative situations. Community events such as Cone with a Cop give police department employees a chance to have positive, impactful interactions with the very people we protect and serve,” she added. “Discovering their favorite ice cream flavor is a bonus.”

The event, set to run from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday (July 10), will see police personnel meeting with residents, taking customers’ ice cream orders, posing for photos



FILE PHOTO

This year’s Cone with a Cop event is set for 1-3 p.m. next Wednesday at Meadowlark Dairy.

and answering questions. Meadowlark Dairy is located at 57 W. Neal St.

In other business

- An Alameda County grand jury issued a report last week strongly criticizing the county Board of Supervisors for the way it handled the approval process of sweeping changes to the sheriff’s controversial “Urban Shield” law enforcement training program.

The grand jury said in its annual report on June 24 that the board’s “mismanagement of the review process” caused the group that distributes federal grant money for emergency training programs to shift nearly \$5 million in U.S. Department of Homeland Security funds away from Alameda County.

The panel said the result is “the loss of essential regional emergency preparedness training, leaving county residents less safe.”

The sheriff’s office started Urban Shield in 2007 because it believed the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, showed law enforcement agencies weren’t well prepared for such attacks. More than 100 agencies and thousands of people, including some from foreign countries, participated in past training programs, which were held each September.

But critics, including the Stop Urban Shield Coalition, have alleged that the training program is militaristic, racist and xenophobic, and has a negative impact on communities of color and immigrants.

A 4-1 Board of Supervisors

majority agreed with many of the critics’ complaints at a meeting in March 2018, when it voted to allow the exercise to continue in its old format for one final time last September but called for its format in 2019 and future years to focus more on training for natural disasters and less on terrorism and weapons vendors.

As a result, according to the grand jury, “Alameda County thus lost millions in federal funds, critical to the continued training of our first responders in increasingly volatile times.”

- A law requiring law enforcement agencies to release body camera footage within 45 days of a “critical incident” took effect on Monday, establishing the first statewide standards for the public release of such video recordings.

The law, AB 748 by Assemblyman Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), requires the release of body camera video and audio recordings within 45 days unless an agency can demonstrate “clear and convincing evidence that disclosure would substantially interfere with the investigation.”

A “critical incident” is defined by the law as any action by an officer that causes death or great bodily injury or anytime an officer shoots at a person.

“Public access to body camera footage is necessary to boost confidence and rebuild trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve,” Ting said in a

news release. “This law sets clear expectations for agencies—they can no longer withhold body camera video or audio from us.”

Ting wrote the law to force the hand of agencies that commonly cite “pending investigation” as a reason to deny requests for the footage under the California Public Records Act.

“Police recordings can be a valuable tool for civilian oversight at a time of great concern with police violence,” said Kevin Baker, a legislative director with the American Civil Liberties Union. “Increasing transparency in this area of policing is critical to protect public safety and repair police-community relations.”

AB 748 was opposed by many in the law enforcement community and the California Peace Officers’ Association worked against it as it moved through the legislative process.

The CPOA objected to it on fiscal grounds, and also argued that the terms “clear and convincing evidence” and “substantially interfere” are not well defined in the law, said Shaun Rundle, CPOA deputy director.

“Overall as a profession, (law enforcement) understands the need for the public records requests, but we want to strike a balance,” Rundle said.

The law also allows agencies to request 30-day extensions to the 45-day deadline for up to one year. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 27

Theft of bicycle

■ 3:12 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

■ 6:42 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 6:58 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 12:17 p.m. on the 5200 block of Franklin Drive

Arson

■ 7:30 a.m. on the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

June 26

Alcohol violation

■ 7:20 p.m. at Sunol Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

■ 1:54 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 10:54 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 12:35 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

■ 8:57 a.m., 1100 block of Navalle Court; theft from auto

■ 10:26 a.m. on the 2700 block of Laramie Gate Circle

■ 1:26 p.m. on the 2500 block of Glen Isle Avenue

■ 5:06 p.m., 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

■ 8:58 p.m. on the 800 block of Bonita Avenue

■ 9:38 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

DUI

■ 8:31 a.m. at Laurel Creek Way and Foothill Road

Graffiti

■ 7:44 p.m. on the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

Domestic battery

■ 10:59 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Drug violation

■ 3:37 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 25

Theft

■ 6:19 a.m., 900 block of Sherman Way; auto theft

■ 9:09 a.m., 2500 block of Yolanda Court; auto theft

■ 11:24 a.m., 8000 block of Ensenada Drive; theft from auto

■ 12:56 p.m., 6200 block of Alvord Way; theft from auto

■ 3:16 p.m., 3800 block of Picard Avenue; auto theft

■ 7:40 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 8:39 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting

Arson

■ 3:41 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Fraud

■ 2:01 p.m. on the 600 block of Claret Court

■ 3:02 p.m. on the 4200 block of Silver Street

Assault/battery

■ 1:42 p.m. on the 4000 block of Blacow Street

Graffiti

■ 8:07 a.m. at East Angela and First streets

June 24

Theft from auto

■ 8:54 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 10:55 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

■ 10:26 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Missing person

■ 7 p.m. on the 7300 block of Crestfield Drive

■ 10:19 p.m. on the 700 block of Neal Place

Vandalism

■ 9:32 p.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road

■ 9:36 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

■ 4:06 p.m. on the 5200 block of Johnson Drive

Graffiti

■ 1:36 p.m. on the 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive

■ 2:18 p.m. on the 3400 block of National Park Road

Fraud

■ 2:06 p.m. on the 700 block of Crystal Lane

DUI

■ 12:10 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

June 23

Arson

■ 11:13 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

DUI

■ 10:52 p.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

Robbery

■ 6:12 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Burglary

■ 4:05 p.m. on the 5700 block of Athenour Court

Alcohol violation

■ 3:07 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 3:05 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:14 p.m., 400 block of East Angela Street; theft of auto

June 22

Theft

■ 1:34 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:54 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 6:16 p.m. on the 1500 block of Brookline Loop

Vandalism

■ 9:17 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

June 21

Drug violation

■ 10:12 p.m. at Pimlico Drive and Kirkcaldy Street

Burglary

■ 8:59 p.m. on the 500 block of Bonita Avenue

DUI

■ 8:10 p.m. on Sunol Boulevard at I-680 southbound

Robbery

■ 8:07 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

■ 5:23 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 5:58 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

Assault/battery

■ 1:50 p.m. on the 1300 block of Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

■ 12:16 a.m. on Valley Avenue

June 20

Domestic battery

■ 10:02 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Burglary

■ 7:38 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

DUI

■ 3:47 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall Road and Stoneridge Drive

Theft

■ 11:12 a.m. on the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Tri-Valley Heroes ‘make a better world’

This October we will name the eighth group of Tri-Valley Heroes.

When most people hear the word “hero,” the image that immediately jumps to mind is a person pulling a stranger to safety or first responders putting their lives at risk to save others.

These courageous individuals who put their lives at risk for the sake of others are certainly heroes, but there are other descriptions that accurately depict a hero: Perseverance. Strength. Character. Kindness. Conscience. Selflessness.

Kenneth Behring, our 2013 Tri-Valley Heroes Lifetime Achievement award recipient, passed away just last week at the age of 91. The Blackhawk developer had a truly extraordinary business career, but said it wasn't until 2000 that he discovered “a life of purpose” after



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placing a young, disabled Vietnamese girl in her first wheelchair. This led him to create the Wheelchair Foundation and become one of America's most committed philanthropists.

Founded by Ken in 2000, the Wheelchair Foundation has delivered more than 1 million wheelchairs to people in need around the world, free of charge.

Ken's perspective on helping others as a purpose in life and his commitment to the Wheelchair

Foundation are the reasons he was selected as a Tri-Valley Hero. We are glad we had an opportunity to acknowledge the work he did during his lifetime.

“All we're doing is doing the things that we think can help make a better world,” Behring said in 2013. “And I'm not doing it for recognition or for anybody's satisfaction but my own satisfaction of thinking that what I'm doing will, in a small part, maybe make a better world.”

This is why we launched this program. True heroes don't do what they do for the recognition, but these people are effecting change in our world and in our lives and they deserve to be acknowledged. Like Ken.

We are now accepting nominations online for the 2019 Tri-Valley Heroes awards in eight categories,

open to all who live or work in the Tri-Valley communities: Arts and Culture, The Jeb Bing Community Spirit Award, Courage, Environmental Stewardship, Innovation, Rising Star, Role Model and Lifetime Achievement.

The deadline to submit your nominees is Sept. 16. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com to make a nomination today.

We are also seeking sponsors; we cannot continue this important program without financial support. Sponsors already on board are Monterey Private Wealth, The Harrington Art Partnership and DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club.

Be a hero and help us recognize those individuals and groups that are making a difference in the Tri-Valley and in the lives of the residents here. ■

LETTERS

Railroad corridor parking

Dear Editor,

Cities all across the state and nation are working to improve bicycle access to their downtowns to reduce traffic congestion, make their cities more inviting to visit and reduce CO2 emissions.

The Pleasanton City Council voted 4-1 on June 18 to do just the opposite by rejecting a proposal to increase parking spaces on the railroad corridor between Abbie and Bernal by 80% along with building a long-planned regional trail.

Instead they decided to cram in more parking and reduce the trail to a sidewalk that will be used by pedestrians, children, dog walkers, the elderly and inevitably bicyclists as well — which is a safety concern for all users.

The council ignored the advice of parking consultants, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee and citizens.

A consultant study showed current parking on this part of the railroad corridor isn't fully utilized, even during peak hours. It is just too far from the majority of downtown businesses to be a viable solution to the parking issue, so why are we planning to spend \$3.2 million to maximize parking here?

A much better solution would be to add the parking on the recently purchased property on First Street. It is more centrally located and would benefit far more businesses.

This controversy reminds me of an old song called “The Big Yellow Taxi” — “Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.”

—Sharon Piekarski

Joan Seppala and the Livermore downtown plan

Joan Seppala's decision to establish The Independent newspaper here in 1963 turned out to be a gift to Livermore. At long last, one of Livermore's service organizations, the Lions Club, formally recognized her contributions and named her Citizen of the Year on June 2.

At the event, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty praised her 50 years of service to the community. Former Livermore mayor Marshall Kamena remembered her efforts to protect our vineyards, open space, urban boundaries, educational and cultural institutions, and balanced and fair reporting. Her husband, Lynn Seppala, called her a legend.

A visionary, unique for her energy and wisdom, Joan now focuses on giving Livermore voters an opportunity to choose a better downtown plan with the recent Central Park initiative. I'm in!

—Maryann Brent

School board is oblivious

Pleasanton Unified School District has a huge need for professional human resources professionals. With the departure of multiple school principals, coaching staff and with key PUSD staff tendering resignation,

the PUSD board is seemingly oblivious of the turmoil going on around them.

—Michael Austin

Great recent Tim Talk

Tim Hunt's column from June 21 (“Telling stories to persuade”): Outstanding, and sooooo true.

Steve Jobs use to say “use the Three Es” in presentations: educate, engage and entertain. I have done that for my 45 years in sales. Well-done article.

—Terry McGrath

What is Swalwell doing?

I thought that I heard or read that his family moved to California when he was 12 or so. If that is true, how can he truthfully say that he was educated in Iowa?

By the time you are in middle school, only part of your education has taken place. He treats California schools and teachers as not the group who educated him. That was Iowa. Please find out at what age Mr. Swalwell came to California, and continued his education here in our schools.

I know from a woman who volunteered in his office years ago that he feels it is necessary for his presidential run, which he has talked about for over 10 years, he needs to continue his connection to his limited Iowan roots to keep himself seen as a favored son of Iowa. He also sees himself as another JFK. Why? California gave him most of his education and breaks.

—Patty Shadden

Funding HS sports

I want to respond to the recent column by Dennis Miller (“District needs to fix funding system for school sports”) published by the Weekly in its June 21, 2019 edition.

Mr. Miller makes an impassioned plea for local high schools to more fully fund extracurricular activities, including traditional sports such as football. In his article, Mr. Miller lists three key points. The first two points — the voluntary nature of supporting donations, and the issue of “affordability” — are, at best, soft excuses for the current under-funding.

It is Mr. Miller's third point that is his core argument: That extracurricular activities are necessary to help shape a student into a well rounded individual. Unfortunately what Mr. Miller is tacitly advocating is that our schools become surrogate parents. It is the role of the parents to shape the character of their children and not the schools through the proxy of extracurricular activities.

Fundamentally, what is occurring in our schools with regard to extracurricular activity funding is nothing more than the exercise of choice by parents. College-bound students must, out of necessity, focus on grades and test scores. For most, extracurricular activities have little bearing on admission to either UC or CSU systems.

The cultural landscape is changing, like it or not, and high school extracurricular activities are simply becoming less of a priority among parents. If it were otherwise, this issue would not exist.

—Harry Edwards

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Why I'm leaving Pleasanton horse racing

Local industry has been my passion, but time is right to step away

Life is about making difficult choices and back in December I made a gut-wrenching one when I decided to step away from my role as the horse racing publicist in Pleasanton after this Sunday, upon completion of the live racing at the Alameda County Fair.

As many of you know, for years now I have been the co-host of the free Daily Handicapping Seminar each day before racing during the Alameda County Fair, as well as the host of the \$10,000 Putting Contest.

I also give private handicapping



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Dennis Miller (left) interviewing Mario Gutierrez — a Kentucky Derby winning jockey — at the Alameda County Fair.

seminars to groups, as well as tours of the paddock before a race, giving people a chance to see the horses and the preparation up close.

I love sitting out there and talking about the nuances of horse racing with people who come only during the fair. It's the best way to grow the sport — educate and make it fun. Conversation is a lost art but one I still embrace, and seeing families enjoying the races is wonderful and fulfilling.

At the Pleasanton Off-Track Betting facility, I have helped with promotions, run contests and built up many friendships with people that have become regular customers.

Simply — horse racing in Pleasanton is my life and yet I have chosen to walk away.

I have been coming to races during the Alameda County Fair horse racing for 50 years. I started betting in fifth grade (I sold my parents on it being a great way to work on my math skills during the summer). At that point, the jumble of

numbers in the Daily Racing Form just clicked in my head.

I've been hooked since and am happy to be able to make a living on horse racing.

So why leave Pleasanton?

There are many reasons, and if you want to grab a cup of coffee sometime in downtown Pleasanton, I would be happy to share them with you. The Reader's Digest version: I have serious problems and frustrations with the direction of the industry in all aspects.

I liken it to the movie "Titanic," with horse racing being the ship and I don't want to be Jack holding on in the freezing ocean while the ship sinks. I want to be in the lifeboat early on.

It's the most self-serving industry I have ever been a part of, and the backstabbing, as well as the unsubstantiated rumor spreading, is hurting horse racing to the point of no return.

As an industry we must think outside the box, both with live racing and the off-track centers. As someone that has been on both sides of the industry — gambler and insider — I have a unique perspective, but I felt my skill set was not being fully utilized.

Because it's such a cut-throat industry, people are afraid to rock the boat or else risk losing their jobs. As a result, the sport — on all sides — suffers.

It gets to a point where the frustration overrides everything else, and that's what happened in December and why I decided to walk away.

I would rather not leave behind one of my life's passion. I would love to see a renewed sense of energy and commitment to trying some new promotions.

The phrase "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results" is a perfect description of where horse racing is right now.

Horse racing in Pleasanton has been a big part of my life, and I would like nothing more than to keep educating people about the wonderful sport that is horse racing. It's fun, exciting and a wonderful way to spend a summer day at the fair.

I am humbly touched by the number of people who have come up to me the first three weeks of the fair and expressed their dismay of me leaving. To the fair board members that have vowed to keep me, I appreciate your thoughts and feelings more than you know.

I also need to thank Pleasanton director of racing Jeanne Wasserman, who has been a good friend for many years, and more importantly, a trusted colleague. Also, I have had the pleasure to work with Alameda County Fair CEO Jerome Hoban the last few years, and it is a joy to see someone that genuinely cares about the sport and the people involved.

To the racing fans — both casual and serious — hey I will still be here, probably just sitting in box seats next year during the meet.

Cheers! Now let's some cash some tickets! ■

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Recruitment underway for Hope 100 Golf Marathon

On heels of another successful golf fundraiser for local nonprofit

By JEREMY WALSH

Hope Hospice is looking for energetic golfers looking to give back to a worthy cause through fundraising — and a long day of golf — at this year's Hope 100 Golf Marathon.

The fifth annual event, scheduled for Sept. 30, sees golfers play 100 holes in one day at Castlewood Country Club's Valley Course, a fundraiser for local nonprofit Hope Hospice that is designed as a strenuous outing to symbolize the challenges patients and families face at the end of life.

The golf marathon was founded in 2015, originally held in remembrance of former Castlewood golf pro Piper Wagner, who died in August 2014 at age 45 following a battle with lung cancer. She received care from Hope Hospice before her death.

The local nonprofit is now accepting registration for players and sponsors for this year's golf marathon.

They note that golfers can also opt to split the 100 holes among a four-some if the marathon is too daunting for them solo.

The net proceeds from the event will help Hope Hospice provide the compassionate, quality end-of-life care necessary for hundreds of patients and their families throughout the year as well as grief support and community education.

Participants commit to raising \$2,500 minimum (either themselves or by encouraging friends and family to support). For more information, visit Hope100GolfMarathon.com or call 829-8770.

The marathon is just one of the golf fundraisers that have successfully benefited Hope Hospice over recent years.

Another, organized by Toll Brothers Northern California Division for the third year in a row, raised \$123,000 for the local

nonprofit in May.

Nearly 190 players attended this year's event on both courses at Castlewood. Both the turnout and fundraising total were new records for the Toll Brothers event.

"We can't thank Toll Brothers enough for their generosity and for all the time and effort it takes to organize an event of this size," Hope Hospice CEO Jennifer Hansen said in a statement. "As a nonprofit agency, we are so appreciative of these much-needed funds, which help us provide high-quality care to our patients, and to continue to offer our grief support and caregiver education programs to the community at no cost."

Celeste Johnson, event chairperson this year, added, "Toll Brothers and our partners look forward to this fun event every year, and we are honored to donate proceeds for such a great cause that contributes to the well-being of our community." ■

Theatre

ARISTOCATS KIDS - CITY OF PLEASANTON SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS At 7 p.m. on July 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., the City of Pleasanton Summer Drama Camps presents "Aristocats Kids." Visit firehousearts.org for more information.

SHREK: THE MUSICAL JR. - CITY OF PLEASANTON SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS The City of Pleasanton Summer Drama Camps presents "Shrek: The Musical, Jr." at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 through Saturday, July 20 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Visit firehousearts.org for more information.

THE LIVERMORE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL The Livermore Shakespeare Festival will produce Shakespeare's, The Tragedie of Othello and the irreverent madcap comedy The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] from July 3 to August 4 on the grounds of Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. For dates and detailed information visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$58 and are day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. For tickets call 443-BARD or visit LivermoreShakes.org.

Fundraisers

BBQ AND MILK TRUCK DISPLAY TO BENEFIT HOPE HOSPICE From 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 12 at Dublin Heritage Park, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin, there will be a BBQ Fundraiser to benefit Hope Hospice. The vintage Milk Trucks will be on display, with bluegrass music, and a kids music program, along with BBQ and ice cream available. Contact Rich Ferguson at 510-219-7752 or visit divco.org for more information.

MOONLIGHT IN THE VINES, CHRISTMAS IN JULY At 7 p.m. on July 12, at Casa Real at Ruby Hill, 410 Vineyard Ave., we set the stage to celebrate the magic and spirit of Christmas in July. Funds raised support Sunflower Hill's programs, operations, and efforts as we plan and build residential communities for neurodiverse individuals. Visit sunflowerhill.org for tickets or call 800-1042.

Talks & Lectures

TOASTMASTERS: CHAMBER CHATTERS Need to practice public speaking? Want to improve your communication and leadership skills? Experience Toastmasters. Chamber Chatters is a local Toastmasters Club. We meet from 12 to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Visit toastmasters.org for more information.

MEDICARE INFORMATION Are you turning 65? Now is the time to explore your Medicare options. At

2 p.m. on July 17 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office, 777 Peters Ave., join us for an informational meeting to help you better understand your options with Medicare.

Family

MONDAY MAKERS Young makers aged 4 to 10 are invited to a new arts and crafts series at Stoneridge Shopping Center every Monday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. by the Play Area. A new project is featured each week. The series is free and makers get to take their projects home each week.

S.M.A.R.T - SING, MOVE, AND READ TOGETHER From 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, this is a program for children ages 12 months to 5 years. As your child's first and best teacher, we invite you to come and participate in activities with your child. Join us for singing, stories, fun with rhythm, and creative play. Free tickets will be given out five minutes before the program starts. Limit 50 children. S.M.A.R.T. is a cellphone-free zone. For the safety of all children, please do not bring food to the program.

Support Groups

NAMI TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org, or contact Kendall at 872-0170.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. It leaves us in a state of shock, confusion, pain and sadness, but you do not have to suffer alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on July 11 and 25 and August 8 at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

TRI-VALLEY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP Those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis, plus their care partners, meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us to hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs. There is no cost.

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.

FORMER ATOMIC WORKERS FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL Nuclear Care Partners is sponsoring a free Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 11 at Loard's Ice Cream, 1875 Second St., Livermore. This social seeks to connect former Lawrence Livermore, Berkeley, Sandia, and other atomic workers with one another and provide education and guidance regarding the benefits they may qualify for due to their workplace exposure to radiation and toxic chemicals. Laura Welsh, local community outreach manager, will be available at the ice cream social to answer questions regarding first time filing, denied claims, medical benefits, home health care, financial compensation, and much more. This Ice Cream Social will also be a great opportunity for these former workers to reconnect and reminisce with each other. Former workers must call 453-3803 to RSVP to the event.

Lessons & Classes

LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS TO DECREASE CANCER RECURRENCE RISK AND DECREASE RISK OF CANCER This class will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, at Alain Pinel Realtors, 900 Main St., Suite 101. Registration check in is at 9:45 a.m. If you enjoyed Dr. Natalie Marshall's talk and would like to hear more from her please RSVP to this Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation's community education event. Dr. Natalie Marshall will be speaking for 2 hours that day. This event is free of charge. Space is limited. RSVP at

TAKE US ALONG



Remember the Alamo: Al and Kathy Redmond of Pleasanton visited the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas during February, and took the Pleasanton Weekly along for the trip.

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.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Dean

Everybody loves somebody. Perhaps your somebody is a handsome long-haired tabby. Once you meet Dean, you'll be singing "That's Amore." Memories are made of this ... adopting your best friend at Valley Humane Society. If the door is still open to your heart, this 5-year-old brown and black tabby is ready to walk in. Meet Dean at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656 for more information.



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/E. SCHOLZ

facebook.com/sandrajwinghealingtherapiesfoundation.

TRI-VALLEY SOLAR ENERGY ACADEMY This is SunPower's 3rd Annual Tri-Valley Solar Energy Academy for high school students at Livermore Valley JUSD, Pleasanton USD, and Dublin USD. The summer academy is a 5-day, 40-hour project-based learning internship program where students are trained to market, design and finance a residential solar electric project and deliver their business proposal to a panel of judges. Local teachers are employed to deliver the content. Classes are from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, or from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Direct any questions to Renee Solari at renee.solari@sunpower.com, or call 510-260-8344 or 510-812-0015.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR THE FAMILY CAREGIVER Essential Skills for the Family Caregiver class is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. Free parking is available on-site. Many family caregivers are asked to perform a variety of medical or nursing tasks, thus enabling their loved ones to

remain at home. Caregivers will be trained in basic skills such as wound care, operating medical equipment, bathing, toileting, and transferring, understanding medical terminology and implementing personal and home safety measures. Please pre-register with Debbie Emerson, debbiee@hopehospice.com or call 829-8770.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA CAREGIVER CLASS Living With Dementia: Behavior as Communication class is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29, at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. As the diseases that cause dementia progress, affected persons will experience a decline in language skills. Communication becomes challenged and dementia-related

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behaviors, which are almost always related to unmet needs, may become a regular part of day-to-day life. This class will help caregivers learn new ways to understand and communicate with their loved one. Please pre-register with Jill Smith, RN, at jills@hopehospice.com or 829-8770.

Seniors

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME' The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center are sponsoring a "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities. Light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe afterward. No reservations are needed. Go to seniorcenterfriends.org.

Government Meetings

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING The City Council holds its next regular meeting on July 16 at 7 p.m., in the Council Chamber at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Council meetings are open to the public, and your comments are always welcome. Contact the City Council at 931-5001 or citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov for more information.

Religion & Spirituality

JULY RELIGION CHAT The July Religion Chat will be held on Wednesday, July 10, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. The program will be on summer hours, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Doors of the facility will be open at 6:30 and close at 8:30 p.m. to give attendees a chance to visit with people from other cultures and faiths. Parking is available. The topic is What Does

your Faith Do to Make the World a Better Place? Our speakers are Rabbi Larry Milder of Congregation Beth Emek, and Mary Fair of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. As always, the event is free and all are welcome.

Community Groups

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club believes communication is a priceless skill, whether on the job or in your community. Come and join us from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Please confirm by contacting HaciendaTM@gmail.com or call 895-6796.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY At 7 p.m. on July 8 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Gena Philibert-Ortega will give a presentation entitled Her Name was Not Unknown: Finding Female Ancestors. Enhance your research skills using a 5-step

approach to researching (and finding) female ancestors. Learn the methodology for proving or disproving that family story. Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. For additional information contact Tom Mathews, Program chairperson, at Program@L-AGS.org.

Volunteers

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

FEED TRI-VALLEY FOOD DRIVE Hunger affects more than 700 households in the Tri-Valley. In a

single month, local food providers will supply 25,000 meals for food-insecure families and individuals. This summer, take part in the movement to end local hunger by supporting Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore food providers and pantries during the annual Feed Tri-Valley Food Drive. All are invited to donate food and grocery store gift cards at designated drop-off locations in the Tri-Valley between July 7 and July 21. Gift cards are encouraged. All donations will be distributed to food-insecure residents of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore through neighborhood organization. For a complete list of drop-off locations, please visit ptownlife.org/feedtrivalley.

Concerts

THE 925 BAND The 925 Band is bringing funk, rock and pop dance hits to Concert in the Park at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 5 at Delucchi Park on First Street.

AUDIO ILLUSION Audio Illusion is bringing a variety of rock/pop/blues from the '50s to today to Concert in the Park at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 12 in Delucchi Park, on First Street.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Lincoln Square Liquors
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560023
The following person(s) doing business as: Lincoln Square Liquors, 4100 Redwood Road, Suite 17, Oakland, CA 94619, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hung Nguyen; Thanh Nguyen; Anhhang Dham, 9762 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. This business is conducted by Hung Nguyen; Thanh Nguyen; Anhhang Dham, a General Partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Sept. 2, 2008. Signature of Registrant: Hung Nguyen, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2019).

P-Town Next Baller
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 559119
The following person doing business as: P-Town Next Baller, 3863 Vine St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nilo Bartolome, 3863 Vine St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Nilo Bartolome, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein March 1, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Nilo Bartolome, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 14, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2019).

Riakan Consulting Services
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560019
The following person doing business as: Riakan Consulting Services, 7627 Maywood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Gloria O. Kanu, 7627 Maywood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Gloria O. Kanu, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Gloria Kanu, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 21, 28, July 5 and 12, 2019).

Row House; Row House - Pleasanton
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560301 to 560302
The following person doing business as: Row House; Row House - Pleasanton, 3903 A Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: AP Ventures, LLC, 3512 York Lane, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by AP Ventures, LLC,

a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Anishka Peiris, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2019).

Kumi Christian Visionary School; KCVS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560033-560034
The following person(s) doing business as: Kumi Christian Visionary School; KCVS, 3879 Modesto Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Koamrus Mission Foundation, 3879 Modesto Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein January 1, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Benjamin Wong, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2019).

SAI REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 559862
The following person doing business as: Sai Real Estate Solutions, located at 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Sunil Sharma, 3451 Rimmi Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Sunil Sharma, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Sunil Sharma, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 04, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 28; July 5, 12, 19, 2019).

Paknahal Family Ranch
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560464
The following person doing business as: Paknahal Family Ranch, 41798 Vargas Road, Fremont, CA, 94539, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Anys Inc., 400 Reed St., #5, Santa Clara, CA 95050. This business is conducted by Anys Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Ali Reza Paknahal, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2019).

Next Step
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560333
The following person doing business as: Next Step, 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc., 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This

business is conducted by Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: James J. Sievers, III, Board of Directors Chairman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2019).

Valley Pregnancy Center
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560334
The following person doing business as: Valley Pregnancy Center, 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc., 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein September 30, 2003. Signature of Registrant: James J. Sievers, III, Board of Directors Chairman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2019).

Frank's Barber Salon
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 559269
The following person doing business as: Frank's Barber Salon, 555 Peters Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Frank E. Moreno, 1568 Oxsen Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Frank E. Moreno, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Frank E. Moreno, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 7, 14, 28, July 5, 2019).

Postal Annex CV
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560639
The following person(s) doing business as: Postal Annex CV, 3056 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emad Eddie Sayage & Inas Sayage, 4043 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 24, 2019. Signature of Registrant, Emad Eddie Sayage, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 26, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019).

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Pleasanton loan officer wins national award

Zentner named in Top 1% by Mortgage Executive Magazine

Local loan officer Debi Zentner of Diversified Mortgage Group was recently awarded the Top 1% Mortgage Originations in America 2018 by Mortgage Executive Magazine.



Debi Zentner

Zentner, a longtime Pleasanton resident, was named to the distinguished nationwide list that honors mortgage originators with a minimum eligibility of \$30 million in total personal production that does not include the loan volume of any associates or junior originators.

She received the award during the Mortgage Mastermind Conference in Las Vegas.

Zentner has been Loan Officer of the Year for eight years running for Diversified Mortgage Group, a division of CMG Mortgage Group.

She has also been involved in the Pleasanton community since her family moved here in 1996, including serving as co-finance chair for the Pleasanton Unified School District's Measure B, introducing the "Adopt An Angel" program in Pleasanton, founding the Ruby Hill Giving Back Charity Foundation and currently sitting as the vice president of Sunflower Hill. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

DANVILLE

430 Alisal Ct **\$1,499,950**
Sun 1-4 5 BD/3.5 BA
Joel & Cindy Engel 580.5106/580.5107

LIVERMORE

875 Bonde Ct **\$1,350,000**
Sat/Sun 2-5 4 BD/2 BA
Sylvia Desin 413.1912

PLEASANTON

547 Hamilton Way **\$1,280,000**
Sun 12-3 4 BD/2.5 BA
Diane Sass 699.9508

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (May 6-24)

Total sales reported: 71
Lowest sale reported: \$520,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,298,000
Average sales reported: \$1,147,162

Sunol (May 6-24)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$1,245,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,245,000
Average sales reported: \$1,245,000

Dublin (May 6-24)

Total sales reported: 65
Lowest sale reported: \$440,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,183,000
Average sales reported: \$875,261

Livermore (May 6-24)

Total sales reported: 84
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,815,000
Average sales reported: \$827,887

San Ramon (May 6-24)

Total sales reported: 91
Lowest sale reported: \$365,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
Average sales reported: \$990,277

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 6-24.

Pleasanton

6074 Ashley Court Bias Family Trust to C. & A. Deamicis for \$959,000

5699 Baldwin Way V. Rossman to S. & Z. Cao for \$870,000

3562 Ballantyne Drive R. & L. Lagin to K. & C. Kalsy for \$1,215,000

1036 Bartlett Place Godi Family Trust to A. & J. Brown for \$1,745,000

1715 Beachwood Way Gleason Living Trust to X. & Q. Chen for \$1,100,000

4326 Campinia Place K. & C. Ho-Tseung to U. Siddamreddy for \$1,996,000

8008 Canyon Creek Circle F. Sareshwala to A. & A. Sareshwala for \$573,000

7730 Canyon Meadow Circle #B P. & V. Accinelli to D. Sibley for \$575,000

3178 Catawba Court C. & R. Lacer to V. & L. Baldwin for \$1,030,000

7763 Chestnut Way C. & S. Lukis to Y. & Z. Kang for \$1,032,500

4237 Churchill Drive J. & P. Sustarich to R. & I. Ahmed for \$1,200,000

6926 Corte Madrid S. & R. Murphy to M. & A. Panda for \$1,390,000

575 Del Sol Avenue Fisch Family Trust to C. Ho-Tseung for \$1,252,500

2137 Eilene Drive C. Besson to S. & M. Zhang for \$1,008,000.00

6714 Elm Court K. & T. Armitage to N. & G. Madaan for \$905,000

5111 Forest Hill Drive Despain Family Trust to D. & R. Martino for \$1,269,000

Be Better

Source: California REsource

Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE

TRI-VALLEY REALTY



Marjorie Wallace

4304 W Ruby Hill Dr - Pleasanton - \$2,799,000
Spectacular home in Ruby Hill with breathtaking panoramic views of Mt. Diablo, vineyards and the hills. This home is a must see! Recently completed updating including, new paint on interior and exterior, new Master bathroom featuring over-sized shower with designer custom tiles & fixtures, & dream walk-in closet with custom cabinetry. This beautiful home embodies the Ruby Hill Lifestyle!



Cindy Gee

8303 Regency Dr - Pleasanton - \$2,388,000
Experience Resort style living at this wonderful executive home located in the heart of Laguna Oaks. Includes the most amazing resort like backyard including sparkling pool with swim up bar, a cove area, water falls and a beach! The interior boasts a grand entry formal living & dining room. Open kitchen including granite counters, lovely island & breakfast bar. Close to award winning schools, shopping, BART & historic Downtown Pleasanton.



Gina Piper

53 Golf Rd - Pleasanton - \$2,278,000
Gorgeous & meticulously maintained home nestled on one of Castlewood's most desired streets. The spacious master feels like a private sanctuary & includes a luxurious bathroom with dual vanities, an oversized walk-in shower & separate water closet. Short drive to historic downtown Pleasanton, 580,680 and the ACE train.



Michelle Seabrook

3431 Gravina Pl - Pleasanton - \$1,828,888
Wine Country Living in this fabulous home will be a dream come true, complete with a spacious open floorplan perfect for entertaining. It lives like a single story with a 1st floor master bedroom suite, soaring ceilings, grand staircase, and decorator touches throughout. Relax in the serene backyard with 2 patios, lush landscape and pergola. The Ruby Hill lifestyle is yours to enjoy!



Erica Starkey

2466 Pebble Beach Loop - Lafayette - \$1,325,000
Welcome to your personal oasis! Serenity awaits you around every corner. Leave the world behind as you walk into this stunning one-of-a-kind home that offers a spacious, open floor plan and spectacular views. This home features considerable custom upgrades with approx. 2861 sq. ft. of living space, 4 generous bedrooms plus an office and 2.5 baths. Private, landscaped yard offers no shortage of peaceful places to relax and enjoy the views.



Beverly Herrera

3950 Thornburgh Ln - Dublin - \$1,025,000
Former Model Home with vaulted ceilings and decorator touches. Gorgeous Travertine floors in kitchen, family room, powder room and entry. Bright kitchen with large island, cherry cabinets, black appliances, new oven, Bosch dishwasher and decorator tile and backsplash. Spacious master bedroom with ceiling fan and large closet with custom built-ins. Professionally landscaped, private backyard with deck and arbor.



Beverly Herrera

483 Estates St - Livermore - \$725,000
HGTV has nothing on this gorgeous remodeled kitchen with ample white cabinetry with raised panel and some glass doors. Stainless steel appliances, gas stove, farm sink and stone counters with full subway tile backsplash. Kitchen island with storage and pendant lights. Spacious bedrooms with upgraded lighting, hardwood floors and 2 panel plank doors. Remodeled bath, with tile floors and separate tub and stall shower.



Meraj Khan

180 W Lucita Way - Mountain House - \$413,900
North facing exquisite Condo at Cambridge Place located in the picturesque town of Mountain House! This two storied cute and welcoming home features light and bright interiors, an open floor plan, formal living area, dining area and nice sized bedrooms. Short distance to the school, Tot park, trails & the Central park.

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2238 VINTAGE LANE, LIVERMORE



5 BD | 4 BA | 4,137 SF

OFFERED AT \$1,669,000

4472 COMANCHE WAY, PLEASANTON



4 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,474 SF

OFFERED AT \$739,000

5792 HIDDEN CREEK COURT, PLEASANTON



5 BD | 5.5 BA | 4,434 SF

OFFERED AT \$2,395,000

1874 RAILROAD AVE. #118, LIVERMORE



3 BD | 3.5 BA | 1,780 SF

OFFERED AT \$739,000

25681 BARNARD STREET, HAYWARD



3 BD | 2 BA | 1,719 SF

OFFERED AT \$749,888

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SALE PENDING IN 4 DAYS!



PLEASANTON | 3037 BOARDWALK STREET | \$1,248,000

Stunning location & opportunity! Oversized lot provides the sought after "park-like" environment that you have been searching for. Possible boat/RV side yard access! Updated home features several soaring ceilings! Remodeled kitchen and updated bathrooms! Award winning schools... Priced to sell!

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OPEN SUNDAY 12-3



PLEASANTON | 547 HAMILTON WAY | \$1,280,000

Sharp remodeled 4 bed single level in best commute location in Pleasanton! Walk to downtown or EZ access to 680! White European kit w/SS Thermador appliances & slate counters. Remodeled 2.5 baths! Large private lot, just painted exterior, newer paver driveway & garage door. Don't miss this one!

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430 Alisal Ct, Danville
5 Bed 3.5 Bath 3,369 Sq Ft \$1,499,950

Exceptional custom home located on a private court with stunning views of the Valley, Las Trampas Hills and Regional Park. Don't miss the opportunity to view this fabulous 3,369 sq ft home on a 17,250 sq ft lot - close to downtown Danville, top rated schools and easy access to freeway for commuters. Enjoy some of the many amenities including hardwood floors, recessed lighting, 3+ car garage, possible RV or boat parking, swimming pool, spa and fire pit. The upper deck offers gorgeous views and is adjacent to the family room and kitchen. The lower level is perfect for Au Pair or In-law set-up with a separate entrance to the bonus room, a bedroom and bath.



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631 Alden Ln, Livermore
5 Bed + Office/Den 3 Bath 3,345 Sq Ft \$1,499,950

Lovely Mediterranean Single Story Home in South Livermore! Entertainer's paradise found in this highly desirable Capistrano Development. Enjoy the expansive backyard professionally designed and landscaped. Some of the many amenities include the gorgeous "Tahoe inspired pergola", full outdoor kitchen, fireplace, spacious dining area, lovely flagstone walkways, serene water features, courtyard patio, putting green, spa, storage shed, fire pit and sport court. Enjoy this "award-winning" interior floor-plan - 5 bedrooms plus office/den and 3 baths. Great separation between the master bedroom and auxiliary bedrooms. Master retreat with views and access to backyard. The great room includes gourmet kitchen, island for food prep, dining and family room.



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Available



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5069 Pebblewood Ct, Pleasanton

3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,520+/- SF | 10,000+/- SF Lot

Quiet Court Location | Possible Opportunity to Build Separate In-Law Unit | Updated Throughout
Offered at \$1,145,000

Just Reduced



7101 Mei Fong Ct, Dublin

Offered at \$1,575,000

5 Bed | 5.5 Bath | 3,995± SF | 5,851± SF Lot
2 Master Suites | Panoramic Views of the Hills

Just Reduced



1915 Foxswallow Circle, Pleasanton

Offered at \$1,360,000

5 Bed (w/ opt. 6th) | 3 Bath | 2,560± SF
8,757± SF Lot | 1 Bed/Bath on Main Level

Available

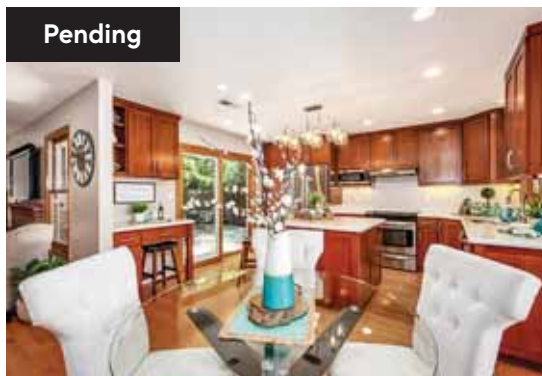


1251 Vintner Way, Pleasanton

Offered at \$1,189,000

4 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,604± SF | 7,008± SF Lot
Updated Throughout | Expanded Master Suite

Pending



1473 Kolln Street, Pleasanton

Offered at \$919,000

3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,159± SF | 6,500± SF Lot
Updated Throughout | 1 Story | Open Floor Plan



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