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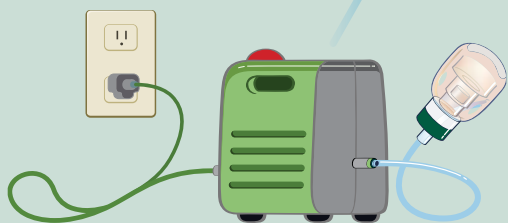
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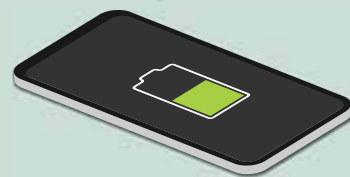
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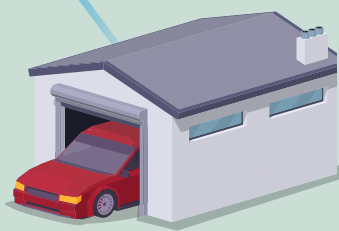
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Freely mentoring to pay it forward

When it comes to touching lives of businesspeople, Joe Cristiano of Pleasanton may have reached more entrepreneurs one-on-one than anyone I know of or have met.

Certainly, professional speakers or authors have reached thousands or more through their media, but you can find Joe's fingerprints on owners and their businesses throughout the Bay Area. His Northern California Mentoring Group has involved 453 people over the last 16 years.

He started the group after retiring from Kelly Moore Paint after 45 years in the business starting as a stock boy and rising to president and CEO. He spent 23 years with Sherwin Williams, the largest paint company in the world, running its national sales before being recruited as president of Kelly Moore.



Joe Cristiano

The mentoring group was one of three core activities after retiring. He launched a paint-consulting business that had clients across North America and in Europe at its height and served as chairman of the board of the Bank of San Francisco.

Joe recalled that "he almost cried" after the first night of the entrepreneur adult education class through the Pleasanton schools when only four guys showed up: Kevin Comerford (who he already knew), Joe Rodriguez from Valley Catering, Mike Vincent from the tech world and Jeff DeBernardi of DeBernardi Development. After the scheduled classes were finished, the guys asked if they could keep meeting, so the continued to meet monthly.

That's grown into meetings with 50 or more at Service Champions in Pleasanton, the company Comerford co-founded and grew with Joe's guidance. When I attended last month, both Kevin and Joe were there, starting their 17th year.

Joe stays quite busy with the mentoring — 29 one-hour meetings in May.

When asked why he runs the mentoring group, he wrote in an email, "My 45+ year business career was blessed with hundreds of very special individuals at all levels who coached, constructively criticized, mentored, motivated, encouraged

and assisted me in climbing the ladder of success from a stock boy in a small paint store to CEO and president. I always felt that when I eventually achieved my goals and was in a position to repay them, I would pay it forward by helping others as they had helped and guided me.

"Once I became involved in mentoring, I realized that this was the best path to achieve this objective. Along with that came the realization of the pure joy I was receiving personally when I helped another mentee achieve what they were capable of while asking for nothing in return.

"Their personal messages and thank-you notes has helped fill my 'Joe Feel Good Book' and that is all the payment or reward I ever needed!"

The mentee that has known Joe the longest is Comerford, who met him while dating his daughter when they were attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. After graduating, Kevin came home and joined his parents' heating and air conditioning business as general manager. He reached out to Joe and asked if he could come visit him at Kelly Moore's headquarters and plant in San Carlos.

Kevin said he went expecting to learn how to run a \$400 million business, instead he got a lesson in working with people. Joe took him on a tour of the plant and Kevin was blown away to see how much Joe knew about each employee. When they got back to Joe's office, his secretary had a box of 3x5 cards waiting — one for each employee where Joe kept notes on what he had learned.

Joe recalled, "He was a cocky kid. I convinced him that his real mission should be to show his people he cares for them."

Joe said one of his key roles is holding the mentees accountable. They leave each meeting with three to five goals to accomplish over the next month. Miss them and Joe is disappointed.

Matt Richert, who has taken over operating Richert Ace Hardware in Pleasanton from his dad and company founder Tom, recalls how he hit all his goals except one. He'd delegated it to his dad who didn't get it done. Joe's reaction — delegated to the wrong person. Matt was responsible.

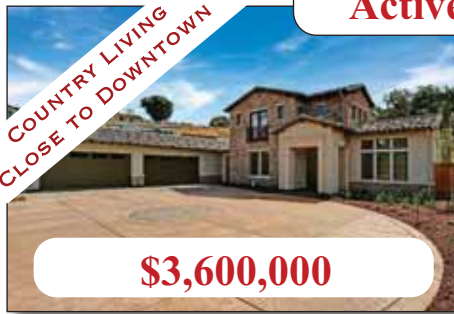
That fits with the tagline on Joe's email signature: "Friends love you the way you are; great mentors love you too much to leave you that way." ■

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The American Indian Center in Livermore strives to educate the community about Native American history and culture, including by putting on events like the Children's Pow Wow held in downtown Livermore last Saturday. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XX, Number 37

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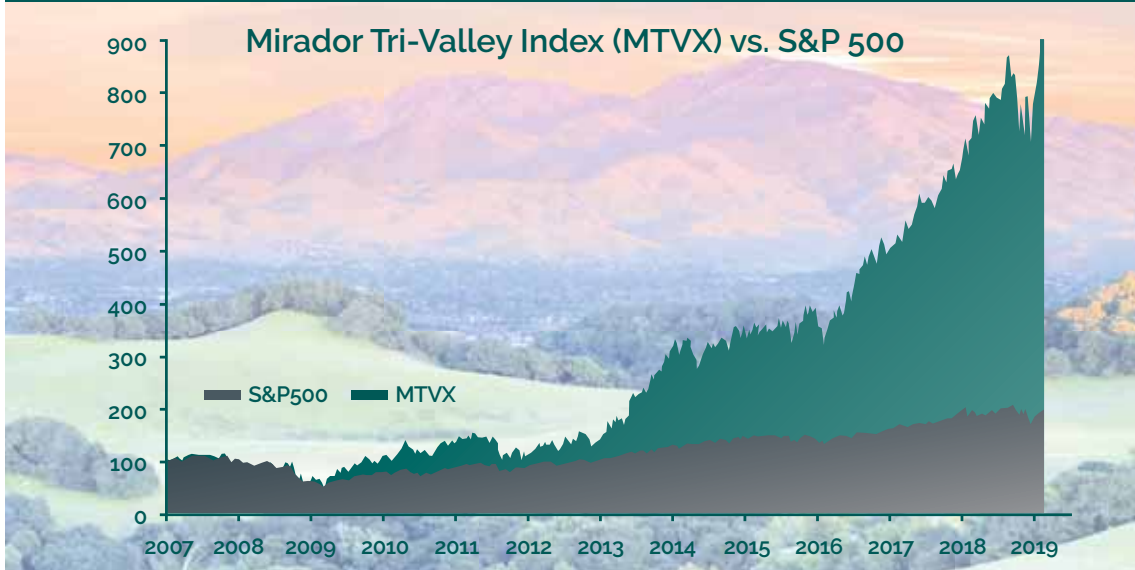


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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

If someone is talking about you to someone you've never met, would you prefer they describe you as 'clever' or 'great-looking'?



**Marianne Ottoway**  
Elementary school teacher

It would be nice to be described as beautiful and/or clever, but honestly, I wish you offered additional choices, like caring, thoughtful, sensitive and kind, because I have all of those qualities and believe they are all far more valuable and helpful to others than both beauty and cleverness.



**Kurt Ottoway**  
Software engineer

I would much prefer to be described as clever because cleverness is far more practical and helpful in the long run, and in life, generally, than being really great-looking.



**Bryan Nelson**  
Bartender

I would prefer to be described as clever, especially as I get older, because looks fade over time, but being clever has really helped me throughout my adult life — so much more so than being good-looking.



**Chad Gregonis**  
Bar back

I would prefer to be described as clever over good-looking because "clever" says so much more about a person, and who they really are. At the end of the day, a person's appearance is truly meaningless. In fact, I can't even imagine anyone answering this question some other way. No offense.



**Jamie Moore**  
Manager

Clever, for sure. Looks fade over time and beauty, in the long run, has never gotten me anywhere, really. But being clever and resourceful, especially in a pickle, is a really great life skill that has served me very well for as long as I can remember.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### Zone 7 open house

Tri-Valley residents can learn about the journey that water takes to reach their tap at the Zone 7 Water Agency's first open house next Saturday (Oct. 12) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visitors will learn how reverse osmosis works, explore the Mocho Demineralization Plant, and browse geographically themed stations explaining how water travels from "the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada, into Lake Oroville, down through the Delta and into the Tri-Valley," officials said.

The family-friendly open house also features activities for children of all ages including workshops, games and prizes. Early arrivals can enjoy donuts in the morning and hot dogs will be served at lunch.

Tours require advanced registration. To learn more, visit [www.zone7water.com](http://www.zone7water.com).

### State of the District

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty is scheduled to deliver his State of the District address at a luncheon event next Thursday (Oct. 10) hosted by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Haggerty, whose district includes Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, will highlight recent accomplishments and goals ahead for what will be his final year in office before retiring without seeking re-election.

For tickets to the luncheon at the Shannon Community Center, visit [www.dublinchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.dublinchamberofcommerce.org).

### Small quakes

The U.S. Geological Survey reported multiple small earthquakes north-northeast of Dublin on Monday, including a 2.7-magnitude temblor at 4:52 p.m. and a 2.9-magnitude at 6:18 p.m.

### A pirate haunting

Pirates of Emerson, the haunted theme park with a buccaner twist, is returning to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton for the ninth straight year this Halloween season.

Open today through Sunday and then continuing on weekends and select weekdays through Nov. 2, the special event will feature haunted attractions such as a mystery house, mazes, "Dorm of Doom" and the namesake "Pirates of Emerson" experience, plus music, nightly entertainment and more.

The event is geared toward teens and adults, so families are advised that attractions may not be suitable for young children. For tickets or more information, go to [piratesofemerson.com](http://piratesofemerson.com). ■

## Police chief announces retirement

After 8+ years leading Pleasanton PD, Spiller stepping away next month

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton Police Chief David Spiller announced on Tuesday that he will be retiring from the department next month after more than eight years at the helm.

Spiller, who first joined the Pleasanton Police Department as a lieutenant 17 years ago, was promoted to police chief in 2011 after serving nearly eight years as a captain before that.

"I am just pleased to have had the privilege of serving the Pleasanton community," Spiller told the Weekly. "I am proud of the department and all that the men and women of the PPD have accomplished these past years. There are really good people here that care a lot about the service they provide

to this supportive community."

"I am eager for a quiet departure, and I hope the Pleasanton PD and the community 'look forward' to what's ahead," he added.

Spiller's retirement will take effect on Nov. 14. An interim police chief has not yet been named. The recruitment process for a permanent successor is expected to last three to six months.

A career police professional, Spiller served in every sworn rank position, climbing from patrol officer to police chief.

He also built a lengthy



David Spiller

educational resume over the years, including an associate degree in administration of justice from De Anza College, a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior from the University of San Francisco and a master's degree from Saint Mary's College in public sector leadership. Additionally, he was a graduate of the California Command College and Senior Management Institute for Police at Harvard University.

Spiller began his police work in the San Diego and Mountain View police departments. He moved to Pleasanton police as a lieutenant in 2002, and the next year was promoted to police captain.

In May 2011, Spiller was appointed as the sixth police chief in city history.

City leaders lauded Spiller for his service and accomplishments in Pleasanton, including modernizing the department's training, technology and equipment, and developing partnerships with police staff, community members and regional stakeholders, including nonprofits, community groups and surrounding law enforcement agencies.

"The safety and quality of life in Pleasanton is a direct result of Chief Spiller's outstanding leadership for the last 17 years," City Manager Nelson Fialho said in a statement. "He served and led every day with compassion, integrity and responsiveness to our city. Dave's extraordinary vision and professionalism will be missed, and we wish him the very best in his retirement." ■



COURTESY OF CITY OF PLEASANTON

The restaurant building at 6455 Owens Drive has been vacant for about four years since tenant Denny's left. Now, the property owner wants to redesign the lot with a new, multi-tenant commercial building, as shown.

## Tearing down old Denny's

Owner wants to replace with multi-tenant building

By JEREMY WALSH

The owner of the Owens Drive property where the former Denny's restaurant building has sat vacant for years is proposing to redevelop the site with a larger commercial building to accommodate multiple tenants.

The project application is on track to head to the City Council for consideration later this fall after the Planning Commission endorsed the proposal with some modifications last week.

The commissioners' conversation centered on what types of new businesses there would require a more stringent conditional use permit and making sure traffic into and out of the redesigned parcel would move

smoothly in light of common congestion in the area, especially from the nearby Chick-fil-A, according to city planning manager Ellen Clark.

The project parcel at 6455 Owens Drive is nearly 36,000 square feet overall, situated between Johnson Court and the Larkspur Landing hotel, just a short block from the busy Owens Drive-Hopyard Road intersection.

The site contains a parking lot and a 3,510-square-foot restaurant building that is rundown and has remained empty since Denny's left nearly four years ago.

Owner Abbas Mash initially brought forward a redevelopment plan back in 2015 that

proposed replacing the restaurant with two new single-story commercial buildings, but that concept never advanced beyond a city workshop in September 2016, according to Clark.

Now, Mash is proceeding with a revised plan that calls for demolishing the former Denny's and constructing a single rectangular building at 10,980 square feet with five commercial tenant suites, with one intended to be a restaurant and the others some form of retail or commercial business.

The building would back up to Owens Drive, with the front doors facing a parking lot on

### HEAD OF THE CLASS

## Finding fulfillment on campus

O'Brien reflects on career arc that led him to Vintage Hills

By JULIA BAUM

Years before taking over as the new principal at Vintage Hills Elementary School, longtime Pleasanton Unified School District educator Mike O'Brien was on a different path — a red carpet, more appropriately.

"I always was enamored by wanting to work in the film industry or television," the North Bay native told the Weekly in a recent interview.

A former Pleasanton Middle School vice principal, O'Brien switched schools this summer to succeed former Vintage Hills principal Ann Jayne, who resigned after four years in June following a several-month-long leave of absence.

After graduating high school, O'Brien packed his bags and left to launch a career in Los Angeles, doing a little bit of everything from working as a director's assistant to publicity for feature films.

"It just wasn't as fulfilling as I thought it'd be, even though it was



Mike O'Brien

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# Meet candidates for Dublin school board special election

Foothill VP Norrington, parent-volunteer Kuo facing off for Trustee Area 3 seat

By JULIA BAUM

A section of Dublin voters will choose between an active parent volunteer and an experienced educator when they pick the new Dublin Unified School District Area 3 trustee next month.

The Nov. 5 special election will fill the seat that's been vacant since third-term trustee Dan Cunningham stepped down for personal reasons in March.

Malcolm Norrington, first-year vice principal at Foothill High School in Pleasanton, and Catherine Kuo, a business analyst and resident of Dublin for 20 years, are the only candidates in the running for Area 3, which covers parts of central and eastern Dublin. Both live in the same area but come from very different backgrounds.

Kuo, who has children ages 9 and 13 enrolled in Dublin schools, is a



**Catherine Kuo**



**Malcolm Norrington**

Bay Area native. Born in Redwood City and raised in Saratoga, Kuo later earned her bachelor's in psychology from UCLA and since then has worked in the fields of human resources, recruitment, business analysis and planning management.

She touts her past position as president of the Dougherty Parent Faculty Club and two years as a representative on the Superintendent's Council among her leadership experience. This past year Kuo also

sat on both a principal's hiring panel and the Second High School Input Committee, the latter an issue that's woven into her campaign platform.

"I am strongly committed to further improving the education and experience for all Dublin children," Kuo said on her campaign website. "I will work to alleviate the impact of growth on our high school students by ensuring the completion of the second comprehensive high school."

Kuo also promised to ensure that "our limited funds are more effectively distributed to benefit all of Dublin's students, focusing on school safety procedures — consistent policies and training for all sites, fostering solutions that embrace neighborhood elementary and middle schools, and I will strive to represent the best interests of all our diverse students, teachers, staff and community."

Norrington was raised by a single mother on the south side of Chicago and inner-city Los Angeles. The

first in his family to attend college, Norrington graduated from Cal State Northridge with a bachelor's degree in English, then later earned a master's degree in education administration.

He spent 13 years as a police officer prior to teaching at several schools in Georgia and California, including Valley Continuation High School in Dublin, where he was a member of DUSD's Wellness and Community Review committees and helped start the tobacco use prevention education program. In June, Norrington was appointed as a vice principal at Foothill High by the Pleasanton school board.

A father of five children including two stepsons, Norrington is also a visiting committee member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and has coached high school basketball for more than 20 years. In a statement on his

website, where he lists student safety and fiscal accountability among his priorities as trustee, Norrington said he knows about the importance of relationships in the Dublin community and will provide the community with guidance.

"As an educator, I know how important it is to have good leadership on our school board," Norrington said. "I am running for school board because you need a trustee who can do both, be an important leader for our schools and students and someone who can bring people together in our community. Students have always been my focus as a teacher, as a coach, and as an administrator."

In-person voting for the DUSD Trustee Area 3 special election is Nov. 5. Polling locations will be open that day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about polling locations, early voting or mail-in ballot dropoff locations, visit [acvote.org](http://acvote.org). ■

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## 'Women in Business' luncheon

City, Chamber event to also present Economic Driver Awards

As part of their collaborative effort to promote local business through innovation and entrepreneurship, the city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce are presenting "Women in Business: An Economic Development Luncheon" later this month.

The Oct. 29 event at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery will include a keynote address with a "fresh spin and focus on women in business" from Stanford Health Care's Anna Dapelo-Garcia and the presentation of Economic Driver Awards to four Pleasanton companies led by women, according to chamber officials.

"We're pleased to honor these amazing business women from Pleasanton that are leading the way in growing their companies and also setting a great example for young women that aspire to do the same," said Steve Van Dorn, the chamber's president and CEO.

The recipients will be DAHLIN Group Architecture/Planning with president Nancy Keenan, ID/Architecture with principal Carmen Campos, LTD Global, LLC with founder and CEO Lili Tarachand and TekValley Corporation, Inc. with founder and CEO Seema Chawla.

The Economic Driver Awards aim

to recognize dynamic companies headquartered in Pleasanton with innovative products and services that "address identifiable need, attract investment, substantially impact the local economy and show significant continued economic promise," chamber officials said.

Each honoree are set to receive commendations on behalf of the city, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, State Senator Steve Glazer and U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell.

Serving as keynote speaker is Dapelo-Garcia, executive director of patient access and financial clearance services at Stanford Health as well as founder and president of Lean in Latinas. Her resume of accomplishments and awards also include the Silicon Valley Business Journal's Latino Leadership Award, Woman of the Year by the Women's Health Care Executives, and being featured in Forbes and on National Public Radio (NPR).

The "Women in Business" luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 29 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton. Tickets cost \$45 per person and are open to everyone. Sponsorship opportunities are available, chamber officials said.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org) or call 846-5858.

**2019 Economic Driver Awards**

In announcing the award recipients, chamber officials highlighted



**Cruisin' up north:** This time last year, George and Maria Mayer, Randy and Pat Kramm, Lee and Valerie Baker, and John and Debby Day were in Haines, Alaska in the middle of a cruise that started in Vancouver, B.C., and ended in Anchorage, where they then took a train trip to Mt. McKinley, Denali National Park and Fairbanks.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto: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.

# Pleasanton Hotel restaurants close

Less than a year in, Clubhouse and Lily's cease operation earlier this week

By JULIA BAUM

The Clubhouse and Lily's Spirited Dining restaurants inside the Pleasanton Hotel both shuttered their doors without warning this week, less than a year after opening for business along Main Street.

Replacing the previous longtime tenant gastropub in the historic hotel building, both restaurants were seen as popular draws on the weekend but struggled to attract consistent crowds on weekdays.

A sign posted on the double doors of the Pleasanton Hotel on Tuesday morning thanked patrons for their support. The locked building was dark inside except for the bar, and the menus usually in the glass case next to the entrance outside were gone.

"With a very heavy heart, we announce the closing of this chapter in the glorious history of the Pleasanton Hotel," the sign read. "We love our downtown, our city and our community, and are saddened by our departure. We certainly hope the Grand Lady will come back to life once more with all the grace and grandeur she possesses."

The restaurants' owner, Ed Westmoreland, told the Weekly that he and his staff "put their heart and



JULIA BAUM

Lily's Spirited Dining and The Clubhouse have ended their short runs in the Pleasanton Hotel.

soul into this place," but there simply wasn't enough business to make things work.

Both restaurants opened last fall on the first floor at 855 Main St., as well as a seasonal venture of Westmoreland's called The Patio with a courtyard and outdoor seating. The restaurant space in the historic hotel, a marquee building on the north end of Main Street, had been empty for about half a year after Handles on

Main Gastropub closed in February 2018 to end its nearly seven-year run there.

The Clubhouse was known for serving food, craft brews and local wines in a casual setting, and Lily's Spirited Dining — named for the legendary ghost which some believe haunts the hotel — offered upscale dinner entrees. A banquet room on premises was also available for rental for business and social events.

"We could not generate enough revenue to sustain the business model or modify it when changes were needed," Westmoreland said in a social media post announcing the closures.

He called the decision to shut down, "agonizing and heartbreaking."

Westmoreland, who also operates the popular Eddie Papa's restaurant on Hopyard Road, said he couldn't "help but feel so disappointed in not succeeding at creating a lasting establishment" in the Pleasanton Hotel but remains proud of what everyone achieved together while they were open. "I am proud of what we did accomplish, as we did create new memories for so many people. I am proud to be a part of her history, even if it was just for a minute." ■

## DENNY'S

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the opposite side that would be screened by the building. There would be 42 parking spaces, five fewer than currently onsite.

City staff described the proposed building as incorporating traditional architectural style. Eleven trees would need to be removed, including one heritage tree — to be replaced by 21 new trees and landscaping improvements.

The planned-unit development (PUD) application also asks the city to rezone the property from freeway commercial to PUD-commercial.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal during its Sept. 25 regular meeting, with most of the discussion focusing on traffic near the property, according to Clark.

A busy commercial area just off the freeway, traffic backups are common in all directions at the lighted intersection of Owens Drive and Hopyard Road, plus there are often queuing issues along Johnson Court — and some times continuing onto Owens — because of the drive-thru line and crowded parking lot at Chick-fil-A, which is located just steps away from the old Denny's site.

"The city is working on design for intersection improvements

at the Hopyard/Owens intersection, including widening to add a southbound right turn lane from Hopyard on to Owens, that'll also include a new protected bike lane and bike signal," Clark told the Weekly. "The project is close to final design, with installation expected next summer."

The commissioners added a stipulation, at staff's recommendation, to not allow tenants to move into the proposed commercial building at 6455 Owens Drive until after the intersection improvements are completed, according to Clark.

They also opted to expand the list of potential businesses that would trigger a conditional use permit review to include coffee shops, doughnut shops and bagel shops, because of traffic patterns and impact on parking, Clark said.

The commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the project to the City Council. Commissioners Greg O'Connor, Brandon Pace and Herb Ritter were absent.

Commissioner Jack Balch didn't support the new condition of preventing occupancy until the Hopyard-Owens roadwork is finished, but he joined the majority in the final vote so the item could advance with recommendation to the council, according to Clark.

The project is tentatively scheduled to appear before the council on Nov. 5. ■

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# Stanford-ValleyCare recognized as primary stroke center

Hospital can now accept ambulances transporting stroke patients

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has achieved a major milestone in its efforts to provide the best care possible for patients suffering from strokes, receiving certification as a primary stroke center by national quality accrediting group The Joint Commission.

Not just a recognition that the hospital can keep on its mantle, the distinction as a primary stroke center means that the hospital will now be allowed to accept ambulances transporting stroke patients.

"This designation allows us to

provide a high level of neurovascular care to the many stroke patients in the region who need it most," Rick Shumway, president and CEO of Stanford-ValleyCare, said in a statement. "As a primary stroke center, we are already seeing the positive impact this is having on the community. Patients are receiving care closer to home, allowing them faster treatment and better outcomes."

In order to achieve the certification, the hospital underwent a rigorous on-site review in August, where Joint Commission inspectors measured the hospital in more

than 100 standards of care including, door-to-CT scan times, how quickly patients receive "clot-busting" medication and the quality of care administered, according to hospital officials.

A milestone sought by the hospital since launching its comprehensive stroke care program, Stanford-ValleyCare staff say the certification will save vital time that can mean the difference between recovery, disability or death when treating a stroke.

"This allows us to provide prompt treatment to local stroke patients," said Dr. Prashanth

Krishnamohan, medical director of Stanford-ValleyCare's neurology and stroke program. "Previously, even someone whose stroke happened right outside our door would have been taken to another primary stroke center in the Bay Area for evaluation and treatment. That could mean a 15-minute to one-hour drive in an ambulance."

Krishnamohan added that patients will have 24/7 access to stroke-trained neurologists any time of the day or night.

To make a donation to the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation or learn more about ValleyCare's

efforts to become a stroke center, visit valleycare.com/stroke.

In other recent hospital news, Stanford-ValleyCare has some leadership changes to its Board of Directors, with the announcement that John Sensiba has been elected board chair, and chief of orthopedics Dr. Aaron Salyapongse has been appointed to serve on the board for the first time.

Also joining the ranks of the hospital's leadership team is Kyle Wichelmann, who has been appointed as ValleyCare's new chief financial officer. ■

## BART board wants new, swing-style fare gates

\$150M project aims to curtail fare evasion

The BART Board of Directors voted unanimously last week to adopt swing-style barrier gates as the transit system's preferred design for new fare gates to replace their traditional wedge-shaped orange gates.

The Plexiglas gates with panels that swing open like a pair of French doors when a person tags in or out are similar to the fare gates by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency but BART managers say they are taller and sturdier, making it hard to jump over the panels or push them open.

A major reason BART wants to install new fare gates is that currently 5% to 6% of its riders evade paying fares, costing the transit system \$25 million to \$30 million a year.

BART Board President Bevan

Dufty said, "Unchecked fare evasion is an Achilles heel for us because we depend on fares," as the transit system gets 67% of its revenues from fares, unlike other agencies that depend more on subsidies than fares.

The only catch with the plan to use swing-style gates is that BART hasn't yet identified where it will get the estimated \$150 million needed to build and install them.

BART also considered floor-to-ceiling gates, which critics described as an "iron maiden" style, similar to the gates used in the New York City subway system. But many BART directors said it would be difficult for people who use wheelchairs to get through the floor-to-ceiling gates. ■

—Bay City News Service

## O'BRIEN

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what I always wanted to do," O'Brien said. "I decided I needed to have something more fulfilling in my life."

Looking back on his trajectory, O'Brien called his segue into the classroom "natural," especially coming from a family with a history of teaching, dating back to his great-grandfather.

"I always enjoyed school as a student and always had some amazing teachers that made a difference in terms of sparking my interest in school and different subjects," he said. "I knew I was going to go to college, so I always had a career path in continuing my own personal education."

O'Brien first considered teaching as a career during college when he was working at a sleep-away camp in New Hampshire.

"I really enjoyed working with kids and influencing them and getting to know them and always thought teaching would be a real natural career for me because of my personality and my way of working with kids. I always put that on the back shelf as another possibility," O'Brien said.

A few years later, O'Brien was participating in a company-wide

volunteer day while working for Paramount Pictures that rekindled his dormant interest in education. "Working with the kids in the classroom, donating my time, I realized I really enjoyed it much more than what I was doing," he added.

O'Brien made a decision to completely stop his career in television and film and came back to the Bay Area to get his teaching credential from Dominican College in San Rafael. He then applied to teaching positions with a number of school districts, but PUSD wasn't one of them.

"The funniest part is I personally didn't apply to Pleasanton," O'Brien said. "I was living with my grandmother in the city and taking care of her while I went back to school ... and when it came time to apply to positions, it was the old send in the mail, it wasn't electronic."

"I was getting ready to go to the post office with about eight applications and noticed that day was the due day for Pleasanton Unified and so I thought if I mailed it, it's not going to get there in time, so I purposely didn't mail that one, I left it on the kitchen table," he continued.

"My grandmother thought I'd dropped it and she put a stamp on it and gave it to the mailman, so it

was out of sight, out of mind for me. When Pleasanton called me up for a job interview, I said, 'I didn't apply to you guys,' and they said, 'Well, we have your information right here so come on in for an interview,' and the rest was history — so I owe that to my grandmother."

Since then, O'Brien has been a popular teacher and administrator during 21 years with the district, including five years teaching at Donlon Elementary and another 12 years in the classroom at Hearst Elementary.

He said he enjoyed the past four years at Pleasanton Middle, but likes his new school because "there's fewer students so I feel like I could almost focus more on the elementary kids."

O'Brien envisions creating "a place where kids are learning but that they love to come here to learn," but he also has another all-encompassing goal for the campus.

"You could say a goal like we're going to improve 5% more on the state test scores — what does that really mean other than we're teaching kids as best we can," he said. "It has to be deeper than that — are we reaching all the needs of our kids? Socially, emotionally, academically, behaviorally. The main goal is to focus on all those things collectively." ■

## WOMEN

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the companies' achievements with the following descriptions:

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**LTD Global:** "LTD provides accounting, administrative, human resources and recruitment services to businesses, nonprofits or government agencies."

Lili Tarachand started LTD Global from the loft of her home in 2003. Since then, LTD has grown to be nationally recognized as one of America's fastest-growing companies by INC 5000, as well as

being a FAST 100 and a Top 100 Woman Owned company by San Francisco Business Times."

**TekValley Corporation:** "Headquartered in Pleasanton with offices in Texas, Charlotte and India, TekValley is a full-spectrum, one-stop provider of IT services ranging from custom app development to full-blown infrastructure system architecture and build-out."

Their current focus area is the triad of Cloud/Big Data/AI and they are constantly helping their clients solve their biggest problems using an assortment of these technologies. TekValley has been recognized as a top 100 women-led business by San Francisco Business Times and is also on the list as a Inc. 5000 fastest growing company." ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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## 1,000 bikes and counting

"What measures 20 inches, is hot pink and lime green, and has the word 'Trouble' splashed across its frame? It's the 1,000th bike that was donated to a deserving community member, thanks to the work of students in the Del Valle Bicycle Repair Program." That's how Livermore school district officials recapped the special presentation on Sept. 18 during which the milestone bicycle was given to Kids Bike Lane for distribution to a youngster in need of a new bike. The program at Del Valle Continuation High School has grown from an after-school activity six years ago into a regular school session that has trained 125 students on bicycle mechanics to date.

# Kaiser reaches tentative agreement with unions

New contract with raises for workers aims to avert mass strike

A settlement has been reached between Oakland-based health care provider Kaiser Permanente and a coalition of unions representing more than 80,000 Kaiser workers, the union and company both announced last week.

If ratified by workers in the 11-union coalition, the four-year agreement would ward off a nationwide strike that had been set for Oct. 14.

The Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions said the agreement

includes 3% raises in each of the four years for workers in California, Oregon and southern Washington.

Workers in Colorado, Hawaii, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and the rest of the state of Washington will receive a 3% raise the first year and 2% plus a 1% lump sum the following three years, with an opportunity to turn the lump sums into regular raises if the company hits specified financial benchmarks, according to

the coalition.

The agreement also includes a workforce development program to provide educational opportunities for workers, funded with \$130 million from Kaiser, the coalition said.

The two sides agreed to a list of jobs that cannot be outsourced or subcontracted for the four years of the deal, and preserved the existing retirement benefits, with some expansion of them in Hawaii, Virginia, Maryland and

Washington, D.C.

The agreement comes after nearly five months of active bargaining, and voting by members of the various unions is expected to be completed by the end of October, according to Kaiser.

"Reaching an agreement was not easy, it had lots of twists and turns, but in the end we accomplished what we set out to do — reach an agreement that is good for patients, workers and our communities,"

said Georgette Bradford, a union member and ultrasound technologist at Kaiser in Sacramento.

Arlene Peasnell, interim chief human resources officer for Kaiser, called the agreement "a testament to the dedication, compassion and skill those employees bring to work every day and demonstrates that Kaiser Permanente and the Coalition have a shared commitment to affordability for our members." ■

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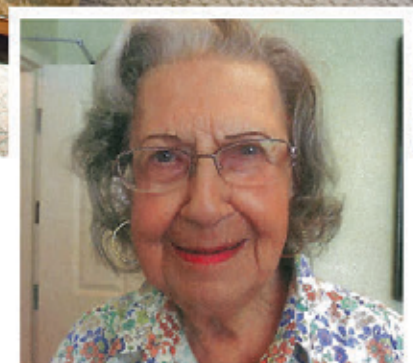
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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Fleeing suspect eludes police near Valley Trails

A man with outstanding felony warrants who was spotted in a stolen vehicle in Pleasanton reportedly evaded police near the Valley Trails neighborhood last week and remains at-large.

The suspect, identified as 28-year-old Jeremy Castleberry, was last seen in the area of Valley Trails and West Las Positas Boulevard between Interstate 680 and Hopyard Road on Sept. 25, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Kurt Schlehuder.

Castleberry was still at-large as of press time Wednesday and may be armed and dangerous.

He is known to frequent Hayward and the Santa Cruz area, and he is wanted for several felony warrants for his arrest from Alameda County for identity theft, burglary and forgery, according to Schlehuder.

Pleasanton police only cited the

theft-related case in Alameda County, but Bay City News Service reported that Santa Cruz police also arrested Castleberry on Sept. 9 on suspicion of raping a former girlfriend and trying to kill her. The legal status of that more serious case remains unclear.

In the meantime, Castleberry allegedly was spotted in Pleasanton driving a stolen white BMW X5 westbound on Stoneridge Drive at Denker Drive just after 9 a.m. Sept. 25. Schlehuder later confirmed to the Weekly that the stolen vehicle was initially identified to police by one of the new automated license plate readers recently installed in Pleasanton.

After pursuing officers initiated a traffic stop, the suspect increased speed and drove the wrong way on the I-680 northbound off-ramp continuing onto the freeway,

according to Schlehuder.

It was at that point, Schlehuder said, that "officers terminated the pursuit as the vehicle drove dangerously southbound on the northbound direction of I-680." Pursuing officers lost sight of Castleberry after he got out of the BMW and ran eastbound toward South San Ramon Creek, hopping over the guardrail and escaping down the embankment into the creek.

Police conducted an "extensive two-hour search" of the area, according to Schlehuder, but cleared the perimeter by that afternoon after being unable to locate the man. Castleberry was described as a white man with a shaved head, who was last seen wearing a white T-shirt and carrying a large backpack.



Jeremy Castleberry

#### In other news

- A Dublin man and a Daly City woman were found fatally shot inside a car that crashed into a home in East Oakland on Saturday morning, police said.

The man and woman were found in a car that crashed into a home in the 500 block of Douglas Avenue, a residential neighborhood in the Brookfield Village area, at about 11:07 a.m. on Saturday, according to police.

They were suffering from apparent gunshot wounds and were pronounced dead at the scene, police said. The victims' names aren't being released at this time pending notification of their next of kin.

The Oakland Police Department and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to an arrest in the case.

- It has been a busy few weeks for news resulting from serious incidents at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

In the first case, an inmate at the

Dublin jail was charged with felony mayhem and assault for allegedly beating a fellow inmate so brutally in August that the victim lost his right eye, according to court records.

Michael Angel Rodriguez, 44, of Tracy was charged on Sept. 4 and later pleaded not guilty for the alleged attack on the other inmate at 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 29.

Alameda County sheriff's Deputy Brian Quinn wrote in a probable cause statement that he was escorting inmates into a temporary holding tank at Santa Rita when Rodriguez walked over to the other inmate, who was sleeping, and struck him in the head multiple times without provocation. The victim was taken to a hospital for emergency surgery to repair his right eye but the surgery was unsuccessful.

In the second story, the family of a 20-year-old man who died in June after he was arrested in Fremont and taken to the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin filed a civil rights claim against Fremont police and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Attorney John Burris, who represents the family of Christian Madrigal, said at a news conference at his Oakland office on Sept. 9 that Madrigal's parents called Fremont police on June 10 to seek medical assistance for him because he was suffering a mental health crisis, but officers instead arrested him for being criminally under the influence and then beat, choked and placed him in a full-body restraint called a WRAP device at Fremont City Jail.

Burris said Fremont officers then transported Madrigal to the Santa Rita Jail. The attorney alleged that a sheriff's lieutenant, previously

identified by a sheriff's spokesman as Lt. Craig Cedergren, ordered his deputies to chain Madrigal to a cell door, in violation of the jail's internal policies.

Burris said Madrigal was left unattended for at least 10 minutes and reportedly was found trying to commit suicide by hanging himself using the same chains the deputies restrained him to the door with. The 20-year-old was taken to an area hospital, but never recovered and ultimately died on June 15.

And in the final case, the California Legislature approved a bill last month authored by State Sen. Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) that's designed to end what she says is the dangerous practice of county jails releasing people in the middle of the night.

Skinner said SB 42, called the Getting Home Safe Act, was inspired by the "preventable death" case of Jessica St. Louis, a 26-year-old Berkeley woman who died of an opioid overdose on July 28, 2018, about four hours after she was released from Santa Rita Jail in Dublin at 1:30 a.m. that day.

Under SB 42, jails throughout California must provide people who are eligible for release during evening and nighttime hours with the option of remaining in a safe waiting area, not behind bars, until morning. The bill has been forwarded to Gov. Gavin Newsom for consideration.

The three marquee cases were covered in-depth by Bay City News in stories published in full on the Weekly's website. Visit [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) to read more. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## Louis 'Rusty' Hewitson

August 3, 1944 – September 24, 2019

Long time Pleasanton resident, Louis 'Rusty' Hewitson died at age 75 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Funeral and burial services will be held in San Diego where he resided. There will be a memorial mass at St. Augustines Church, Pleasanton on Friday, November 8 at 11 am. Please see Rusty's complete obituary at <https://dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/san-diego-ca/louis-rusty-hewitson-8868204>

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Sept. 27

#### Drug violation

- 1:06 a.m. at Hopyard Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

- 8:23 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 9:39 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Graffiti

- 2:07 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 9:29 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Fraud

- 8:17 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Sept. 26

#### Sex offense

- 5:36 p.m. on Koll Center Parkway

#### Burglary

- 9:52 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

- 3:37 p.m. on the 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway

### Sept. 25

#### Theft

- 6:21 a.m., 1600 block of East Gate Way; bicycle theft

- 10:18 a.m. on the 700 block of Main Street

- 3:05 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

- 4:08 p.m. on the 7600 block of Driftwood Way

- 5:26 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Sept. 24

#### Alcohol violation

- 9:51 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

- 5:56 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:51 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Sex offense

- 6:01 p.m. on Moreno Avenue

#### Fraud

- 4:29 p.m. on the 3400 block of Stacey Way

#### Domestic battery

- 3:06 p.m. on Fressia Court

#### DUI

- 12:19 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

#### Vandalism

- 4:59 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

- 5:38 a.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

### Sept. 23

#### Vandalism

- 9:30 p.m. on the 6000 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Burglary

- 7:36 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop



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## GUEST OPINION

By CHRISTINA NYSTROM MANTHA

### Swearing off profanity

I've never liked swear words. They always seemed so profane and offensive to me.

Maybe that's because they're meant to be.

The definition of profane is "to treat (something sacred) with abuse, irreverence, or contempt, desecrate." That's a harsh definition for words that are thrown around like prepositions (in, at, to) in our community. Swearing is commonplace at the store, gym, restaurants, parks and even schools. Are we, as a society, OK with that? I'm not.

Last Wednesday morning my son and I sat outside of Noah's (the regular meeting time and place for middle- and high-schoolers). I didn't intend to do "research" for this piece. But I was shocked that literally every single kid that walked by us used profanity. And these are mostly kids that know me from school, sports or socializing with their parents.

After about a dozen kids walked by I saw one young lady, who I knew as a kindergartener. I like her a lot. I was relieved because I thought "Finally, a kid who won't throw around potty mouth." Nope. Before I finished my thought, she swore in place of the word "things."

The intent of profanity is to get someone's attention — to convey extreme contempt. If it's used as regularly as the word "things," does it still hold a strong meaning?

I've always believed that I don't need to swear because my vocabulary is large enough to convey my thoughts without intentionally offending people with contemptuous language. What I know now is that profanity isn't necessarily used because we don't know the right words, it's used because we lack the emotional control and patience to find words that aren't offensive.

We are used to immediate gratification and attention — immediate response to commands we give our phone, immediate response to texts



we send, immediate "likes" or comments to what we post on social media. We don't know how to take a breath anymore. We don't know how to allow our emotional middle brain to relax so our logical pre-frontal cortex can take

over.

The use of profanity is pervasive. I have heard older men, businesspeople, coaches, moms, teenagers and younger kids liberally throw around words that could be substituted with "things," "stinks," "ridiculous" and "stupid."

Children hear adults use profanity and reasonably think it's OK for them to also. Are we OK with that?

And if so, at what age do we find profanity acceptable coming out of a child's mouth? Is it when they are in middle school (age 11)? Or maybe it's OK for fourth-graders (age 9) but not for second-graders (age 7)? Maybe once a child starts school at age 5, they can mimic how their parents talk in their company?

I do swear once in awhile — maybe every other month. But I assure you, when I swear, whomever I am talking to takes notice. They know I am riled up. They know that what I'm saying is meant to be said strongly, and my intent is to be abusive or contemptuous.

I don't advocate omitting profanity from our vocabulary. But I do think it's worth being mindful of how often we use "bad words" and what it says about our ability to take a breath, slow down, and, most importantly, teach our children to do the same. ■

*Editor's note: Christina Nystrom Mantha grew up in Pleasanton, went to school in Washington D.C., and now serves as the chairperson of the city's Economic Vitality Committee and as a board member of the Museum on Main. She is the mother of kids in elementary and middle school, and is also a youth sports coach, Girl Scouts leader, blood donor, neighborhood watch captain, and the principal of her consulting business.*

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## BEFORE THERE WERE PLEASANTON AND LIVERMORE ...

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RYAN J. DEGAN

A flurry of activity could be found at the Livermore American Indian Center in the week leading up to the center's annual Children's Pow Wow, with volunteers getting regalia ready and working to help prepare for the celebration of Native American heritage.

Hosting events like last weekend's popular Children's Pow Wow — a traditional get together of Native Americans that includes dancing competitions, native craft vendors and food — is just one of the ways the center works to educate

## AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER TEACHES ABOUT TRI-VALLEY'S ORIGINAL INHABITANTS

the community and help continue to revive Native American culture.

"(Pow wows) are a good cultural way for American Indian children to be raised, because there are so many negative things that happen to Native Americans in our life today," Mary Puthoff, program specialist for the

Livermore-based American Indian Center, told the Weekly. "There's stereotypes and misconceptions about American Indians and we try to provide a positive community oriented get together. And anyone can go to a pow wow."

Located inside Livermore's Lawrence Elementary School, the American Indian Center serves approximately 400 students of Native American descent in the Tri-Valley, teaching cultural classes, promoting events like pow wows, and educating the wider community on the history and cultures of indigenous Americans who lived and thrived in the Bay Area for thousands of years.

"Our goal is to provide a positive learning environment for children of American Indian heritage, promoting our cultural heritage," said Puthoff, who is of the Lakota people from the Rosebud Sioux tribe in South Dakota.

Founded more than 40 years ago, the American Indian Center in Livermore is run almost completely by volunteers and provides students and members of the community with a variety of activities to achieve these goals. The center will take students on field trips, provide information on scholarships, offer academic tutoring and often send educators to teach in classrooms about the history and culture of indigenous people.

Puthoff, along with her volunteers, also teaches indigenous American language classes to

students, which she says is fun but challenging because every American Indian student wants to learn their own tribe's language.

Held last Saturday — one day after California's Native American Day (Sept. 27) — at the Bankhead Shea Homes Plaza in downtown Livermore, the Children's Pow Wow featured competitive dancing, singing, drumming and vendors selling traditional Native American foods, artwork and other items.

The afternoon began with a grand entry featuring all of the dancers dressed in their traditional Native American regalia, followed by an intertribal dance where participants joined in a group dance, jumping and spinning around the plaza. After a ceremonial prayer marking the start of the day, dancers broke down into age categories where they competed against one another in traditional and more contemporary dances.

In an effort to encourage participation from the youngest generation of dancers, the Children's Pow Wow also had

a "Tiny Tots" competition for children from toddler age to 5 years old.

"One of the reasons we are having this Children's Pow Wow is for the children to run it so when they grow up they will know how to put on a pow wow," Puthoff added.

As a "children's" pow wow, the event's dancing and organization was organized by the students, whose ages range from kindergarten to 12th grade, granting them confidence and allowing knowledge of the events to be carried onto the next generation.

One important point Puthoff wants individuals to keep in mind when visiting a pow wow

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**Mary Puthoff,**  
Livermore American Indian Center



Shown above and at top: The Livermore American Indian Center hosted its annual Children's Pow Wow in downtown Livermore last Saturday at the Bankhead Theater's Shea Homes Plaza, a celebration of Native American culture and history.



Mary Puthoff, program specialist for the American Indian Center, travels to schools to teach about Native American culture. Here: She displays a map of the tribal areas of California.



The center in Livermore is stocked with displays and nearly a thousand books on Native American history and culture.

— which she says are held all over California every month — is that the traditional clothing worn during a pow wow is referred to as regalia, not costumes. She says the term Native American “costume” promotes ugly cultural stereotypes.

“We are a culture not a costume,” she said. “We discourage people from dressing up as an Indian for Halloween because that promotes the whole stereotype of American Indians. Also mascots come up as a stereotype of American Indians.”

Putting on events like the Children’s Pow Wow is just one of the ways the center corrects stereotypes about indigenous Americans, teaches the next generation about ancient traditions and reminds the public that their culture is alive and well.

Larger events like these also offer Puthoff the opportunity to advocate for “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women,” a movement that seeks to protect the disproportionately high number of Native American women who are slain without their killers being brought to justice.

“There’s a big move to let people know about the missing and murdered. Because even today there’s young women that are missing and they don’t even do an investigation of it because it happens on reservations,” she said. “My own birth mother was murdered and there was no investigation, so it is something that is close to my heart.”

Education on Native American topics, past and present, is key, according to Puthoff.

In the centuries before European colonization and Western expansion, the Tri-Valley was the traditional home of the Ohlone people, who are a popular subject for lessons in Bay Area classrooms.

“Everything (the Ohlone) had came from nature, you know. (And) they had a huge population here because this is such a wonderful place to live. That’s why we’re all here today,” she said, with a laugh.

Puthoff said that while people of Ohlone descent are still very much alive today, the population is significantly smaller than what it was compared to pre-European colonization “because they got killed off. They were just murdered a lot of them because the Gold Rush people came in and they killed Indians just like they were animals.”

“Which has happened to a lot of American Indians and it happened to the Aborigines in Australia,” she continued. “All indigenous people have been disenfranchised.”

Puthoff added that while the Ohlone people lived throughout the Bay Area and California, the state is home to more than 100 Native American tribes, each with their own distinct language and culture.

In the Pleasanton Unified School District, students start learning about Ohlone culture in the third grade, with lessons that include a trip to Alviso Adobe in western Pleasanton.

There, students learn from the park’s “Native Ways” program which includes activities that replicate different traditions practiced by the Ohlone people such as cooking, games and hunting practices, according to Lydia Rice, a third-grade teacher at Donlon Elementary School.

“I have been taking groups to our local Alviso Adobe for over seven years,” Rice said. “The Alviso makes a concerted effort to update their program as they work with Ohlone descendants to align their program and activities with authentic Native American practices.”

Puthoff also said the American Indian Center has a library with nearly 1,000 books about indigenous Americans, for residents interested in learning more about Native American culture. The center can be reached via phone at 606-4748, ext. 3, or by email at [mputhoff@lvj.k12.ca.us](mailto:mputhoff@lvj.k12.ca.us). ■

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Puthoff is Lakota from the Rosebud Sioux tribe in South Dakota.



The Bankhead Theater plaza has played host to the Children’s Pow Wow for the past four years.

## Party Performance goes viral

Variation on Filipino traditional dance is set to Bay Area rap music

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

**Beat. Tap. Tap.  
Beat. Tap. Tap.**

Dancers nimbly move between the bamboo poles to the rhythm as the poles are knocked against each other and slapped on the ground in the traditional folk dance of the Philippines called “tinikling.”

Then the performance leaps into the 21st century as a rap song fills the air, poles keeping the beat, and the dancers adding gyrations.

The fancy footwork and unexpected music are the brain-child of Mireya Paulos, a 2017 graduate of Foothill High, who began to choreograph tinikling

performances for the school's multicultural rallies when she was a freshman. She had always seen the catchy dance at Filipino celebrations, she said, and to learn more she attended college workshops in tinikling.

This summer Paulos wanted to do something special for her cousin Olivia Mendoza's cotillion, which is a coming-of-age party sometimes held for Filipino girls when they turn 18.

“She asked me to choreograph it because she knows my background,” Paulos said.

The traditional Filipino folk dance involves two people pounding and sliding bamboo poles on the ground with one or more dancers moving between the poles.



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Mireya Paulos, her cousin Olivia Mendoza and friends perform a new twist on the traditional Filipino tinikling dance choreographed by Paulos for Mendoza's cotillion this summer, to celebrate turning 18.

But Paulos took it a step further, using 16 performers and creating a modern version of tinikling set to the beat of “My Type,” a recent hit by Bay Area rapper Saweetie.

She gathered her dancing friends to practice every Friday evening in her driveway, and Aug. 10 they performed at the cotillion, to everyone's delight. Afterward Paulos posted a video of the performance on a Filipino website.

The video went viral, with 1 million views on social media platforms, thanks to getting recognition by famous people and re-postings.

“I was shocked,” Paulos said. “I didn't know social media was that powerful. I first uploaded it on a Filipino community page.”

When she checked soon afterward, it had 30,000 views and was growing.

The video came to the attention of Saweetie herself, who is

half Filipino, and she posted it on her Instagram.

“It was posted on Instagram, the Filipino page, and on Facebook,” Paulos said, “and within 24 hours, Saweetie saw it, after it got the attention of celebrities and influencers.”

“I have communicated with her team but not with her,” Paulos said. “But I hope to meet her.”

KTVU/FOX2 got wind of the sensation, and invited Paulos and Mendoza to appear on its show, “The Nine,” with Frank Mallicoat, Gasia Mikaelian and Sal Castaneda. After that, the young women were contacted by NBC Bay Area, NBCLA and other news outlets, including CNN Philippines.

“Studying all these tinikling videos, it seemed like it was all the same and then everyone (on social media) was saying, ‘It's amazing,’ and ‘I've never seen this before,’” Paulos said in her KTVU interview.

Mendoza recalled that she'd

been seeing the dance performed at special family parties since she was in the second grade.

“I wanted to bring it back for my party, but I'm usually pretty quiet so they weren't expecting it,” she told interviewer Mallicoat. “It's amazing to think that many people have seen our dancing and enjoyed our dancing.”

Paulos just entered UCLA after transferring from Chabot and Las Positas colleges, and is focusing on public health care.

“I only do tinikling when I have the time, or the opportunity comes up,” she said. “It's a very dramatic dance, so it's time consuming, and done only at traditional times, like festivals or birthday parties.”

“But if there is some special event, I'll do it,” she added. ■

*Editor's note: To view the YouTube video of the performance, visit our website at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com).*



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When Mireya Paulos posted a video of her and her friends performing tinikling to the rap song “My Type” by Saweetie, it soon went viral — and even came to the attention of the rap artist.



COURTESY KTVU

Mireya Paulos and her cousin Olivia Mendoza at KTVU —From left: Frank Mallicoat, Mendoza, Paulos, Gasia Mikaelian and Sal Castaneda — where they were interviewed about a video of their tinikling dance that went viral.

### More about tinikling (tin-ik-ling)

The name tinikling refers to birds known in the Philippines as tikling, and the dance imitates their movement as they gingerly step between grass stems, run over tree branches, or dodge bamboo traps set by rice farmers.

Tinikling is considered a national dance in the Philippines and is performed on special occasions like traditional Filipino festivals or at big parties. Some Filipinos say the dance represents two main cultural character traits: resilience and fun-loving.

## Cultural events continue

Saturday features Africa, Sunday the Philippines

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center continues its seven free community events this weekend, honoring Africa from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and the Philippines from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Bankhead Theater Plaza.

This Saturday, Cheza Nami's "A Taste of Africa" will showcase the vibrant music and movement that is central to the cultures of the African continent and diaspora with performances on the outdoor stage throughout the day. African food as well as activities will be offered including children's crafts, face painting, vendor booths and displays of art and African crafts.

Sunday's Filipino Barrio Fiesta will honor Filipino American History Month, co-presented by Livermore Fil-Am. The event will feature youth music and dance performances, artifacts and script exhibited by Bayani Art and Kristian Kabuay, as well as a historical display by the Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies, Filipino food, crafts and activities.

Diwali Festival of Lights will be



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Cheza Nami's "Taste of Africa" is returning this Saturday to Livermore for a cultural celebration of the continent.

held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 20, honoring the holiday celebrated in India and throughout Southeast Asia. The event will feature lively and colorful Bollywood and classical Indian dances, as well as a storyteller who will capture the history and meaning of the holiday. There will be a craft area for children as well as

booths offering Bollywood apparel, jewelry, diya decorations, and rangoli art.

In 2020, the cultural offerings will continue, with African-American Day on Jan. 11, Lunar New Year on Jan. 25 and Hispanic Heritage Day on May 9. For more information, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org). ■

## ArtWalk in downtown Livermore

Event celebrates how arts bring community together

Livermore is holding its 18th annual ArtWalk turning downtown into an art district from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 12).

The event, sponsored by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, celebrates the many ways the arts bring the community together and features handmade and original works by more than 200 artists, as well as live music, performances, hands-on crafts and drawings.

At the center of the event will be the "Building Bridges" community art project on the stairs leading to the Bankhead Plaza on First Street with 5-inch-by-7-inch postcards telling what people love most about Livermore.

The annual ArtWalk takes place throughout downtown with art ranging from contemporary to classical, abstract to realism, pottery to jewelry. Live music performances will be on the plaza, as well as at the Wine Arbor at Livermorium Plaza. Sponsored by the Livermore



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More than 200 artists will display their handmade and original works from contemporary to classical, abstract to realism, pottery to jewelry at Livermore's 18th annual ArtWalk next weekend.

Cultural Arts Council, the Wine Arbor lets visitors enjoy music while resting in the shade and savoring a glass of wine from local wineries.

Most artwork is available for purchase. To encourage people to invest in art and artists, those who purchase more than \$200 in art, jewelry, crafts or other products during

ArtWalk are eligible for a special drawing to win a hand-painted wooden box filled with three Gold Medal-winning Livermore Valley wines.

Information and maps for ArtWalk activities are available at [www.bothwell.lvpac.org](http://www.bothwell.lvpac.org). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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### Mind-boggling magic

The Firehouse Arts Center has been selected for its intimate setting to present world-renowned illusionist Alex Ramon in two performances of "IMpossible," his newest show featuring mind-boggling magic, illusions and mysteries, at 8 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 12) and 2 p.m. next Sunday (Oct. 13). Ramon has been on national and international television, has made elephants disappear, transformed men into tigers and made Whoopi Goldberg levitate. Tickets are \$22-\$32. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

## Dublin Library presenting day of indie writers

Showcase includes resident and the story of her adventurous aunt

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Eve Sprunt of Dublin, a member of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch, will be participating in her city's second annual Indie Author Day Celebration being held from 12-4 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 12) at the Dublin Public Library.

Sprunt was the first woman to earn a doctorate in geophysics from Stanford University. She holds 23 patents and has authored dozens of scholarly papers.

She will be selling and autographing copies of her book, "Dearest Audrey, An Unlikely Love Story," the true story of her aunt, who was an unmarried English professor at Mills College in Oakland when in 1956 she accepted a Fulbright grant to spend her sabbatical teaching at the University of Karachi in Pakistan. Audrey's experiences in Pakistan dramatically changed her life in ways that she never anticipated.

The authors' event begins with a Sisters in Crime Indie Authors Tell All Panel from noon to 1:30 p.m. This is followed by a Local Author Showcase from 2-4 p.m.,



Eve Sprunt

sponsored by the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch. Twelve authors, including Eve Sprunt, will give short readings from their works. There will also be a DIY Zine Workshop for Teens from 2-4 p.m.

An Author Book Fair will take place from 3-4 p.m. with authors at the tables to sell their books or chat and answer questions.

To learn more about the other authors appearing at the event, visit [dublinlibrary.wordpress.com](http://dublinlibrary.wordpress.com). There is no fee for the event, and no preregistration is required. The library is located at 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin. ■

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Football: Falcons dominate Dougherty, Dons due back in action after bye

Also: Highlights from cross-country, volleyball, water polo

The Foothill football team kept its strong season intact, beating Dougherty Valley 55-0 last Friday.

The game was over just after it started, as the Falcons scored three defensive touchdowns on Dougherty's first four plays of the game, getting two interception returns for scores, as well as a fumble return for another touchdown.

After starting the season with a 28-20 loss to San Leandro in a game they should have won, the Falcons have run off four straight, outscoring their opponents 149-13.

The road figures to get tougher as the next two games are away from home, at San Ramon Valley and at Monte Vista, before Foothill comes home to host Clayton Valley. All three teams sport 4-1 records.

Amador Valley football was on the bye last week. The Dons (3-2) were due back on the field at Dougherty yesterday evening, with results pending as of press time.

#### Foothill volleyball

The Falcons had a big week, rallying from a 2-0 deficit to beat Amador Valley, then sweeping Granada 3-0 last week.

In the win over Amador, Grayce Olson had 21 kills and six digs to lead the way. Naya Williamson added 14 kills, 11 digs, with Ishana Ram running the show with 59 assists and 19 service points.

In the sweep of Granada, Olson once again had 21 kills and six digs, with Emilie Clark chipping in 15 service points and three digs. Chloe Marceau had four kills.

#### Amador volleyball

On Sept. 21, the Dons competed in the East County Tournament at Deer Valley, going 4-1, winning the championship of their flight.

The Dons beat Big Valley Christian (2-0), San Ramon Valley (2-0) and Acalanes (2-0), before beating Mills (2-1) in the championship match. The Dons lost to Las Lomas 2-1 earlier in the day.

Tournament leaders for the Dons were Colette Wogsland (28 kills, 72 assists, 20 digs, 8 service aces), Phoebe Monette (28 kills, 6 blocks), Sophia Moore (26 kills, 10 blocks), Camille Ernst (24 kills), Danielle



SUZY MASKA

The Foothill boys cross-country team recently competed in the Woodbridge Invitational in Corona.

Caccamo (9 service aces, 23 digs), Jillian Wittenauer (46 digs) and Sarah Banholzer (20 digs).

Then last week, the Dons dropped a tough 3-2 decision to Foothill and fell 3-0 to California.

The Amador defense was led by junior MB Jaiden Reilly's seven blocks. Wittenauer also aided the Dons' defense with 21 digs.

Caccamo had five service aces to pace the Dons' offense. Freshman Sam Riter also contributed three service aces. Moore and Monette had 13 and 10 kills.

In the loss to Cal, Wogsland gave the Dons' offense a spark with a double-double of 10 kills and 16 assists. Riter had a balanced match with a double-double of her own, 14 assists and 10 digs. Caccamo had five service aces.

Wittenauer and Ali Martinez held up the Dons' defensive effort with 16 and 14 digs, respectively.

#### Foothill water polo

While still working through not having a pool to practice in, the team accomplished victories in their league game and a third-place finish at the annual Foothill-Amador Tournament.

On Sept. 26, Foothill played a league game versus Dougherty Valley, winning 12-9 with Sanjay Menon and Eugene Kruger each scoring four goals, Daniel Kim scoring two goals, and Ian Jones and Jesse Goodman each putting one away for the team.

Goalie Moises Ambriz had a great

game with 11 saves and four steals. Defensively, Eugene had three steals and Menon and Jones both had two steals.

The Falcons closed out the week on a high note with a third-place finish at the annual Foothill-Amador Tournament. Last Friday, the Falcons won both of their games, versus Benicia (11-6) and Irvington (16-5).

Then Saturday, they came up short against Acalanes, one of the top teams in North Coast Section. Menon led the team on offense throughout the weekend with 13 goals. Kim also had a breakout weekend with 12 goals of his own. Moises played great with over 30 saves.

#### Foothill cross-country

The Falcons went down to Corona in Southern California for the nationally recognized Woodbridge Invitational the weekend of Sept. 21.

Falcons' captain Arjun Subramanian led the team with a 14th-place finish in the 300-plus runner field. His personal record of 15:38.5 ranks him currently 10th in NCS.

Leading on the girls side, freshman Hailee Gorham turned in a 19:49.9 for a 55th finish in a race of 400 runners. Karen Wan (20:06.5) and Sydney Cohen (20:28.2) were close behind. ■

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**DRINK AND DINE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S** From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 8 at World of Beer, 4920 Dublin Blvd., dine, drink, and be merry, all while raising funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

**FAMILY CAREGIVER CLASS ON END OF LIFE ISSUES** From 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 12, at 6377 Clark Ave., 2nd floor, Dublin, Hope Hospice will offer a free presentation for family caregivers, "Facing End-of-Life Issues and Handling Grief and Loss." Registration is required; space is limited. Family caregivers will receive information about what to expect in the final days of life, transitioning to palliative (comfort) care, hospice services, and making funeral arrangements. An optional caregiver support group convenes after class from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.; bring your own bag lunch if desired. View the series schedule and registration details at [hopehospice.com/family](http://hopehospice.com/family) or call 829-8770.

charge and open to all. Speakers are Gaurav Rastogi, interfaith leader at Livermore Shiva-Vishnu Temple and Bhawana Kamil, an active member of the Muslim American Society.

Livermore. Note cards will be available for those who would like to ask the Sheriff a question. Light snacks will be provided.

**CROSSPOINT CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE** From 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 at Crosspoint Church, 5627 Gibraltar Drive, there will be a blood drive, connected to an Eagle Scout project by a local student. Visit [bloodheroes.com/index.cfm](http://bloodheroes.com/index.cfm) to register. Please text or call Steven Chan at 399-1918 with any questions.

## Community

**DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT IN PLEASANTON** The City of Pleasanton will be hosting a document shredding event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Civic Center parking lot at 123 Main St. This is a free service offered to Pleasanton residents with proof of residency, who will be allowed to bring a maximum of two banker boxes per vehicle. All documents are shredded on-site.

**A CONVERSATION WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF AHERN** Livermore Indivisible's Immigration and Human Rights Committee will host "A Conversation with Alameda County Sheriff Ahern" from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way,

## Festivals

**OKTOBERFEST** At 3 p.m. on Oct. 5 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, there will be free admission to the beer garden with four local breweries. Local artisans' crafts market, music by the Queen of Hearts Combo, food and drink available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the work of the church.

## Talks & Lectures

### RAE DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES

At 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 10, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, Jonathan Reichenenthal will present *The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Winners and Losers*. Reichenenthal brings clarity to the changing technology, demographics and economics that have brought about this revolution. For additional information, visit [raedoroughspeakerseries.org](http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org), call 373-6800 or visit [bankheadtheater.org](http://bankheadtheater.org).

### TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

At 6 p.m. on Oct. 10, at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore, all Republican women and men are cordially invited to the monthly buffet dinner to hear guest speaker, June Gilliam discussing socio-communism. Reservations are due by Oct. 8. Call Jo Molz at cell/text at 367-6155 and include all names and a phone number, or email [rjm911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjm911@sbcglobal.net). TVRWF Members \$30; guests \$35.

## Fundraisers

### TRI-VALLEY HAVEN'S OCTOBER PACE FOR PEACE

Whether you walk or run, be sure to join us at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore for Tri-Valley Haven's 5K/10K Hope Run through Livermore's beautiful wine country. Race day registration starts at 7 a.m. at or to register online follow the link at [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org). All proceeds go to local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and homelessness served by Tri-Valley Haven. For more information and to download pledge forms, visit [The Haven's website at trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org) or contact Christine at 667-2707.

**JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED** The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1989 Santa Rita Road, is holding its semi-annual jewelry event to be held Oct. 11-13. The Discovery Shop is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches. Please take a moment to peek in your jewelry box and donate some of your unwanted vintage, designer, costume and precious jewelry. Donations are accepted at the shop Monday thru

Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. Please contact Kelley Meno at 462-7374 for more information.

### SWEAT 4 A CAUSE BENEFITING LYMPHATIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK

From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 12, at Prodigy Fitness & Performance, 5653 Stoneridge Drive, No. 101, join us for a day of fun, fitness, and community as we help to raise money for Lymphatic Education Research Network. Prodigy will put on a 45-minute group fitness class that is open to all levels. Buy your tickets at [prodigyfitness-sweat4acause.com](http://prodigyfitness-sweat4acause.com).

## Religion

**INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT OCTOBER RELIGION CHAT** "How Does Your Faith/Congregation Address Environmental Concerns?" will be the topic of this month's Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. The event is free of

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The following person doing business as: Freelap USA, 3336 Medallion Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: SimpliFaster, Inc., 3336 Medallion Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by SimpliFaster, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 19, 2012. Signature of Registrant: Christopher Glaeser, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Sept. 11, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 2019).

Peregrine Beta Solutions  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 563164

The following person doing business as: Peregrine Beta Solutions, 5985 Corte Arboles, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Zheng Zheng, 5985 Corte Arboles, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Zheng Zheng, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Zheng Zheng, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 6, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019).

Quantum Light Connections; Skypointe Communications  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 563890-563891  
The following person doing business as: Quantum Light Connections; Skypointe Communications, 4847 Hopyard Road, Suite 4-422, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Guy Burnett, 2424 Burlwood Drive, Modesto, CA 95355. This business is conducted by Guy Burnett, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business names listed herein Sept. 15, 1996. Signature of Registrant: Guy Burnett, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Sept. 26, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019).

Qualitas Dental Lab  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 563924  
The following person doing business as: Qualitas Dental Lab, 3322 Arcadian Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Accurate Dental Lab Inc., 3322 Arcadian Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Accurate Dental Lab Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 1, 2009. Signature of Registrant: Roger Mogel, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Sept. 27, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019).

Clean Town  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 563982  
The following person doing business as: Clean Town, 27832 Coronado Way, Hayward, CA 94545, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Alejandra Yanez, 27832 Coronado Way, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by Alejandra Yanez, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Alejandra Yanez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019).

Blooming Beauty  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 563934  
The following person doing business as: Blooming Beauty, 1670 Stoneridge Mall Road, #167, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nohea Cosmetics LLC, 33527 11th St., Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by Nohea Cosmetics LLC, A Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Sept. 27, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Renee Aminyar, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Sept. 27, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019).

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PENDING

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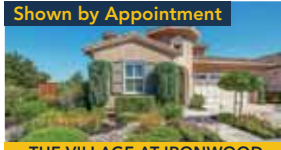
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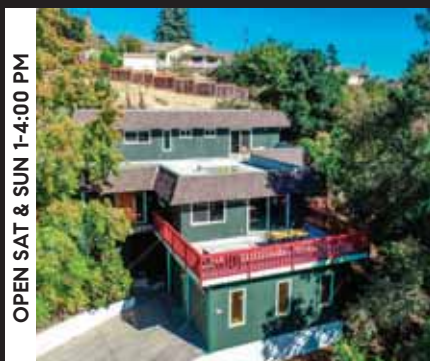
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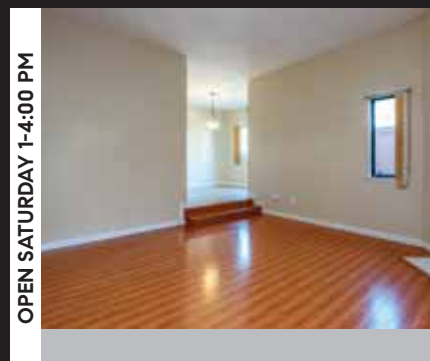
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