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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

Joyce Smathers of Sacramento registers as one of early guests at the new AC Hotel on Stoneridge Mall Road with front desk agent Julisa Anza checking her in and general manager Demetrius Hodge greeting guests on opening day.

Old hotel gets a new lease on life

The Pleasanton Sheraton on Stoneridge Mall Road — part of an 80-year-old brand identity that some in the travel industry believed had lost its way — was rededicated this month as a newly owned AC Hotel by Marriott, to be operated by Hersha Hospitality Management.

Marriott, after pumping \$20 million into upgrading, updating and retrofitting the six-story building, has a good chance to make the long-ago foreclosed hotel a success again.

Touting its superb location between a complex of Workday buildings on Stoneridge Mall Road and across from a soon to be revitalized Stoneridge Shopping Center, Marriott smartly bought the aging Sheraton, which Workday had hoped to buy for another office building.

Economic times have changed both for Pleasanton and the hotel industry since the late 2000s when many businesses were struggling. Next door to the new AC Hotel, Workday's new headquarters building is home to some 3,100 employees. So many, in fact, that it can cause delays for hotel guests trying to drive into AC's parking lot as streams of Workday people walked continually on the sidewalk between their own workplaces.

"Pleasanton is one of the most vibrant destinations in the Tri-Valley, continually experiencing rapid growth and revival," said Naveen Kakarla, president and CEO of Hersha.

"Workday's general confidence in Pleasanton and its investment in this area of the city has served as a catalyst for additional redevelopment," added Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton's city manager. "The property under the Marriott hotel flag will now

leverage the travel activity created by Workday's training programs."

Marriott inherited the Sheraton hotel chain as part of its Starwood Hotels acquisition in 2016.

Although it was expected to close many of the Sheratons as not meeting its hotel standards, Marriott executives found that the hotel brand, founded in 1937, was too big and valuable.

Instead, Marriott decided to start renovations on three Sheratons viewed as top potential properties: the Sheraton Miami Airport, Sheraton Wilmington South and Sheraton Pleasanton.

A look inside the newly-renovated Sheraton — now the new AC Hotel in Pleasanton — shows that the results are phenomenal.

At the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce-organized ribbon-cutting on Nov. 14, I saw a complete and comprehensive transformation of the main lobby and the 171 "reimagined" guest rooms. The hotel features communal spaces for business meetings, even some around a new outdoor pool deck. Custom artwork lines the walls.

And, as general manager Demetrius Hodge pointed out, besides being located just minutes away from Interstate 580 and within walking distance to the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, Workday and the Stoneridge Shopping Center, the AC Hotel Pleasanton is just 30 miles from San Francisco, near the Livermore Valley wine country, the San Francisco Premium Outlets and plenty of golf courses. ■

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

His "Around Pleasanton" columns typically run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

About the Cover

With our cover story today, we are kicking off the 2019 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, which will benefit 10 Tri-Valley nonprofits. Learn more inside on Pages 14-15. Cover design by Kristin Brown. Vol. XX, Number 44



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What are your plans for Thanksgiving this year?



Kirsten Schwartz
Adjunct professor

I am taking a road trip with my family to Utah, and I'm so looking forward to it. We are so excited to all be together and to enjoy a great Thanksgiving dinner that is prepared by someone other than me, myself and I.



Judie Smith
Retired librarian

My husband and I have a whole lot of family members coming to our house for a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner. My children are coming in from out of town, and we are expecting siblings, nieces and nephews as well. And, perhaps most importantly, my beloved mother-in-law who will be turning 100 in December.



Kevin Stout
Sheet metal worker

I'm planning to spend the day with my wife and my mother, and a few other close relatives, just as we do every year, right here in Pleasanton.



Janine Mattison
Special needs aide

I am heading to Disneyland with my family. It is an annual tradition for us, and we always have the most wonderful time. I've been looking forward to this trip all year long.



Cindy Kryslar
Property manager

My son is flying home from college. I haven't seen him since July 30, so I am very eagerly awaiting his visit. We plan to have a nice little family Thanksgiving dinner and just relax and catch up with one another.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Candidacy deadline

The due date for candidates to qualify for March primary election ballot is quickly approaching.

The nomination period for offices relevant to the Tri-Valley is Dec. 6, with a five-day extension given if an incumbent does not file for re-election.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represents District 1 with Livermore and Dublin, has already announced he won't seek another term. District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley, who represents Pleasanton, is running for re-election.

Other Tri-Valley positions on the ballot include Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors, U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate and State Assembly.

Candidacy paperwork is due to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office in Oakland by 5 p.m. Dec. 6. To learn more, visit www.acvote.org or call 510-272-6933.

Join holiday parade

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony is coming up on the evening of Dec. 7, and city officials are reminding people that the deadline is approaching for those who want to be part of the festive procession.

The deadline for parade entry applications is next Wednesday (Nov. 27). Following the parade down Main Street, attendees can watch the holiday tree lighting as well as live music from The December People and a special visit from Santa Claus.

The city is also recruiting volunteers to assist during the event. For more information, visit www.hometownholiday.com.

Threat not credible

A Dublin High student is under investigation after school officials learned of a threatening post they made on social media overnight Monday, according to Superintendent Dave Marken.

Dublin Police Services officials, who interviewed the student on Tuesday morning after the post was discovered by school staff, determined there was no credible threat, Marken said. "Following the police investigation, the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken," he added. ■

Corrections

Last week's article "PUSD Board of Trustees confirms \$323M bond for March election" incorrectly cited two monetary figures related to PUSD bond measures. Property owners would pay \$43.10 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for the new bond. Also, the second issuance of Measure 11 bonds from this summer was for \$90 million. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors.

Council endorses framework for new East Pleasanton Specific Plan process

Also: Via Espada residents lament aggressive commuters cutting through neighborhood

By JEREMY WALSH

The city is poised to restart the East Pleasanton Specific Plan process early next year, with City Council expressing initial support Tuesday for city staff's concept for how the public planning effort would play out during the ensuing two years.

The recommended public drafting and review process centers around workshops and meetings overseen by the Planning Commission, with regular check-ins in front of the council along the way, as opposed to creating a new task force like what happened the last time the city

undertook east side planning several years ago.

The final city deliberations on the specific plan, once completed, would occur before the council — though a public vote on ratification remains a real possibility.

"Staff's recommendation is the right direction for us to take as a city," Councilman Jerry Pentin said Tuesday night in the council chamber. "I think planning commissioners would relish the opportunity to be included in something like this, and I think they'll do a great job."

"This is a major part of our city,"

Pentin added about the need to restart the east side process. "We can't kid ourselves that we're not going to plan the east side. We have to plan the east side."

Pentin, along with Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilwoman Kathy Narum, voiced strong support for staff's proposed process.

Vice Mayor Karla Brown and Councilwoman Julie Testa were more hesitant.

"This is so big ... I think the five of us sitting before you today were elected to help plan huge projects like this, and I'm uncomfortable

delegating too much of it to the Planning Commission," Brown said. "I want to have a big hand in it."

No vote was taken Tuesday night, with city staff recommending council members hold the initial public discussion and then return to confirm their direction on the planning framework at their next regular meeting, Dec. 3.

The formal process schedule would be finalized early in the new year ahead of the council confirming a contract with planning consultants

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New solar panels (156 in all) were added recently on top of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

Solar panels light up Bankhead

LVPAC also launches \$140,000 matching gift campaign

By JULIA BAUM

Keeping the lights on at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore will be less costly after 156 solar panels were recently installed on the building roof.

The eco-friendly upgrade was commemorated during a celebratory event last week, which also kicked off a \$140,000 challenge gift campaign benefiting the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC).

The solar panels were added

last month and will power the theater during the day while helping to cut costs in the evening. A monitor showing ongoing power use and savings from the panels also will be placed in the concession area of the lobby.

Last year, incandescent stage lights were replaced with LED models and environmentally-friendly carpeting was also added inside the theater as part of the "Green the Bankhead" campaign started in 2017. Other projects

in the works include adding low-flow plumbing fixtures and an office overhaul to help capture more natural light.

"As an independent nonprofit arts organization, we rely on the generous support of our donors and this challenge grant will help us achieve our financial goals," Chris Carter, director of development and communications, said in a statement. "But reducing

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Pleasanton promotes Clark to CDD chief

Deputy director moving up to new position next month

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's city administration has hired from within for its next community development director, promoting deputy director Ellen Clark to the department's top position effective Dec. 2.

An experienced public planner who has worked for the city of Pleasanton for almost two years, Clark will now oversee the Community Development Department that is responsible for planning, building and safety permitting, traffic engineering and code enforcement.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be appointed as Pleasanton's new community development director," Clark told the Weekly.

"For the past two years, I've very much enjoyed getting to know the community and the organization — I look forward to building on those relationships, and making significant progress on key projects like the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, work to prepare for the next Housing Element and respond to new housing legislation."



Ellen Clark

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Mold prompts emergency repairs at Dublin school district site

Staff to be temporarily relocated from former Nielsen campus

By JULIA BAUM

The Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved an emergency resolution for \$250,000 of repair work last week after two inspections detected signs of mold at the Nielsen Education Center earlier this year.

The presence of mold means about a dozen staff members at Nielsen will temporarily relocate to the former Kaleidoscope property while the Nielsen site is repaired “before the rain season starts and mold re-activates,” according to district staff.

During that time, the district said “a repair and renovation of the existing two portables at the Kaleidoscope site is needed in order to accommodate the staff transfer.”

There are no students at the Nielsen site, which sits on the eastern side of the DUSD district office grounds, since it ceased operations as a school in 2009. The former

campus has found a second life in the past decade and is now used for district storage and training events.

Normally a public notice for bids is required before issuing a contract, but California law allows a school district’s governing board to approve repairs or replacement of a public facility without issuing a bid during an emergency.

In February, the district performed an inspection at the Nielsen site for roof leaks, water damage and mold, including a visual inspection and tape lifts for mold samples, followed by another in October that also included air samples. According to district documents, “both reports came back positive for mold on the tape lift samples albeit all samples are dormant.”

The air samples did not show elevated mold spores in all areas, particularly those currently

occupied on a regular basis, but staff said “there are specific areas (hallways) in the main building that the levels are elevated.”

DUSD spokesman Chip Dehnert told the Weekly in an email, “The possibility of renovating the Nielsen site, or building a new school on the site (and removing the old one, similar to what is going to happen at Frederiksen and Murray) has recently been discussed as a way to address continued growth in Dublin, but given the lack of action on the bond measure that was on (the Nov. 12) board agenda, it’s not clear when or if that will happen.”

According to Dehnert, staff from Nielsen will be at the Kaleidoscope property “indefinitely”, where construction will start in several weeks and take about a month to complete. Deferred maintenance funds will cover the \$250,000 budget for the Kaleidoscope renovations. ■

CLARK

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City Manager Nelson Fialho announced his hiring decision with a press release Tuesday afternoon.

“Throughout the highly competitive application process, Ellen consistently distinguished herself as someone with broad and extensive experience in the field of community development,” Fialho said. “I am confident she will continue to seamlessly work with the community, Planning Commission and

City Council on all development-related matters.”

Clark will take the reins from assistant city manager Brian Dolan, who has pulled double duty as acting community development director since August after former director Gerry Beaudin stepped down to accept the position of assistant city manager in Alameda.

Fialho lauded Clark’s work since joining the city in late 2017 as deputy community development director and planning manager.

Her duties over the past two

years included oversight of the department’s planning division with all current and advanced planning activities and zoning administrator management. Fialho pointed out key projects she worked on during that time, such as the Downtown Specific Plan update process, Workday’s new corporate headquarters, the first phase of Stoneridge Shopping Center renovations and the Tri-Valley’s housing legislative framework.

As director, Clark will manage a department that has an annual budget over \$10 million and that is responsible for tracking and processing some of the most marquee public and private projects in Pleasanton.

Significant efforts on the horizon for Clark and the department include crafting a framework for Stoneridge Shopping Center redevelopment, restarting the east side planning process and updating the city’s Housing Element in response to emerging state housing legislation.

Another early task for Clark will be selecting her successor as deputy director and planning manager.

With nearly two decades of planning experience, Clark came to Pleasanton after serving almost five years with the town of Moraga, including more than three years as its planning director. Educated at the University of Cambridge, Clark also worked in the private sector and for the town of Mammoth Falls. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Gateway to the West: Bjorn and Erik Jensen brought the Weekly on their father-son trip to St. Louis to see the Gateway Arch. “The arch was even more beautiful than we expected. It looked different from every angle and changed throughout the day as the sunlight hit it differently. Definitely worth the trip,” Bjorn said.

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.

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ACTC selects Lengyel as next executive director

Longtime deputy in line to take reins in 2020

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has officially selected deputy executive director Tess Lengyel to serve as the agency's next executive director.

Lengyel, who has nearly 30 years experience working on various transportation projects, will be replacing outgoing executive director Arthur L. Dao who is set to retire at the end of the year — pending successful negotiations of her new contract.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve Alameda County in a new



Tess Lengyel

capacity as the executive director for the Alameda County Transportation Commission," Lengyel said in a statement. "I look forward to working closely with the commission, staff, partner agencies, and community and business partners to deliver voter promises and to develop new transportation solutions to meet current and future needs."

ACTC officials say Lengyel has a keen understanding of transportation policies and issues, and has already led some of the most complex and challenging projects undertaken or sponsored by the commission.

Lengyel is the former chair of the Women's Transportation Seminar International Leadership Program and boasts a background in planning, policy and environmental studies.

She is also a member of the California Association of Councils of Government, the Self-Help Counties Coalition and the Transportation Research Board.

Lengyel will be taking control of the organization's \$500 million annual budget and guiding its staff of 37 full-time employees through a variety of short-, medium- and long-term projects. All of this pending final approval and contract negotiations — which ACTC officials say will be reviewed during the commission's Dec. 5 meeting.

While final contract terms have not yet been released, according to the job posting on ACTC's website, the salary range for the executive director position is \$253,371 to \$329,383.

Lengyel will be replacing Dao, who announced his upcoming retirement after more than 30 years in a statement released on Aug. 30.

"Tess is a tremendous leader with a second to none work ethic and a strong consensus building experience. She is more than capable of leading this excellent organization into the new era of transportation planning, funding, and project delivery to improve transportation and mobility throughout Alameda County," Dao said of his successor.

"She is highly regarded in the transportation industry and has a proven record of getting the job done," he added. "The commission could not have picked a better executive director." ■

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Thanksgiving event

The eighth annual Tri-Valley Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner will return on the holiday next Thursday (Nov. 28).

Sponsored by a coalition of churches, community organizations and businesses, the free dinner with no reservations required is designed to serve seniors, active military, veterans, singles or anyone just in need of a place to go for their Thanksgiving meal.

The dinner and activities will run from 12-4 p.m. at St. Raymond Catholic Church at 11555 Shannon Ave. in Dublin. For more information or to volunteer by donating food, supplies or cooking a turkey, visit www.TVC-Thanksgiving.com.

Spread Cheer with Beer

This holiday season, Visit Tri-Valley is again encouraging local residents to spread the cheer while on the Tri-Valley Beer Trail.

Now through Jan. 31, residents can visit 22 participating breweries, taprooms and restaurants in Pleasanton and the rest of the Tri-Valley and collect stamps on official Beer Trail passports. For every passport that has collected at least five stamps, \$20 will be donated to the nonprofit Taylor Family Foundation. To learn more, go to visitrivalley.com.

BART records

BART announced last month it launched a new online portal that is meant to make it easier to get public records from the transit agency.

The new portal is at <https://bart.nextrequest.com/> and its creation is also aimed at making BART more transparent and efficient with California Public Records Act requests, officials said. Now users can submit, track, receive and pay for documents online.

—Bay City News Service

New gigs

The city recently welcomed Pleasanton native Nick Binzoni as the new community and public relations coordinator for its Library and Recreation Department.

An Amador Valley High alum, Binzoni is also a familiar name locally as the one-time communications manager for former assemblywoman Catharine Baker, during her first term. On the city's PR team, he joins public information officer Cindy Chin — Baker's former chief of staff.

Speaking of the former legislator, the Livermore Lab Foundation recently announced that Baker was named to its Board of Directors.

And following our profile last month of Amador's new principal, we fielded inquiries about the next career stop for former principal Alberto Solorzano, who resigned after taking a leave of absence seven months into his Amador tenure back in February. Solorzano is now the principal of Sonoma Valley High School. ■

County, state officials target illegal dumping

\$750,000 in state funds acquired to create one-year pilot program

Top prosecutors and elected officials in Alameda and Contra Costa counties joined together last week to announce new funding and strategies aimed at preventing illegal dumping and waste.

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Pleasanton's representative whose district also includes parts of Oakland that are affected by the problem, said something must be done because illegal dumping is "a plague on our society" and affects residents' quality of life.

Joining Miley and others at the Nov. 13 news conference at the Alameda County District Attorney's

Office in Oakland, Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) said she has secured \$750,000 in state funds to allow for the creation of a one-year pilot program in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that will focus on increased law enforcement efforts to combat illegal dumping.

Bauer-Kahan said the funds will pay for enforcement officers in both counties and will help establish best practices that will be used to enforce illegal dumping laws across the state.

"This state funding will provide our counties with the resources they need to combat this difficult

problem," Bauer-Kahan said.

The problem is caused, Bauer-Kahan said, by unscrupulous commercial haulers as well as individual violators who illegally dispose of construction debris, mattresses and all sorts of trash, wreaking havoc on the environment and ruining neighborhood streets.

The funding will provide both counties with the ability to have at least one full-time officer to enforce illegal dumping laws to make a big impact in tackling the problem, she said.

Miley said Alameda County will have two sheriff's deputies enforce the laws full time and Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton said one deputy from her county will focus on the problem.

In addition, Alameda County DA Nancy O'Malley said several attorneys in her office will prosecute illegal dumping cases.

"Illegal dumping is an environmental justice issue that disproportionately affects disadvantaged communities and impacts the

sense of well-being of all who live and work in neighborhoods where it is rampant," O'Malley said.

She added that dumping hot spots become breeding grounds for vermin and impact public health.

Becton said, "Illegal dumping puts entire communities at risk. It can harm the environment, endanger wildlife, threaten the health and safety of residents and adversely affect property values."

Miley said he hopes the fight to end illegal dumping can be expanded to the rest of California if the pilot program is successful.

"This problem of illegal dumping knows no boundaries and this is a statewide issue," he said.

Miley said if Alameda and Contra Costa counties are successful in stopping illegal dumping, the people doing the dumping will move to Marin County, San Mateo County and other areas in the state.

"If we don't stop it across the state, they will go somewhere else," he warned. ■

—Bay City News Service

SOLAR

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costs can also help us reach those goals and being able to make use of the free power from the sun makes a big difference."

Donations made to the LVPAC gift campaign until Dec. 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$140,000 by three donors to support end-of-year fundraising. The contributions will help fund events at both the Bankhead and Bothwell Arts Center, as well as educational outreach, free community events and subsidies for student tickets.

Board leaders and past challenge donors praised the increased public support for the organization, whose membership reached an

all-time high of 959 members this year.

"To support LVPAC as it grows, our base of support will have to grow as well," said Jean King, chair of the Board of Directors.

"Having three new challenge donors come forward with a commitment of this size is a significant step in the right direction," added board president Joan Seppala.

The \$140,000 matching grant runs through the end of the year and includes gifts of securities and contributions made for #GivingTuesday on Dec. 3. Donations can be made at lvpac.org. For more information about giving opportunities, gifts of securities and other donation types, email development@lvpac.org. ■



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Equipment for Everyone

Amador Valley High School students Monty Sage and Brent Friedman, along with classmate Nate Cohn, who is not pictured, recently hosted an athletic gear donation drive that collected more than 1,500 items, including new and gently used bats, gloves and balls for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The Nov. 10 event held in the school's parking lot "was a huge success," according to Friedman, co-founder of the Equipment for Everyone Club at Amador. The items will give "low-income students around the Bay Area a chance to play the sports they love," he added. The students are planning another drive in the future, possibly in late winter. Anyone with questions can email equipmentforeveryone@gmail.com.

State grant gives LPC students cash for class

Part-timers can receive \$500 in financial assistance each semester

By JULIA BAUM

Cash-strapped Las Positas College students can now apply for a California College Promise grant, which helps cover some of the cost of unit fees, textbooks and other supplies.

As more career adults become interested in advancing their professional development and those who opted out of college to join the workforce start returning to class, Las Positas and its sister school, Chabot College, are both working

to connect more students with the resources they need to attend.

When Assembly Bill 19 — also known as the California College Promise — was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom two years ago, it contained a provision allowing college districts to decide how grant money can be used to help the most students.

Las Positas will use its grant money and give \$500 college promise scholarship grants to students with limited or no access to direct

financial aid grants. The school will also use the funds for increased financial aid outreach, staffing assistance and technical upgrades to better serve all students.

“Our colleges have decided to invest in all students, giving a broader range of students a place at the table,” Ronald Gerhard, interim chancellor for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, said in a statement.

“At both colleges, we are using the funds to invest in students,

staffing and promoting financial aid options. This includes a number of initiatives that will assist the increasing number of students with financial need,” he added.

“We believe that over half of our students would be eligible for the Promise Grant Fee Waiver Program if they applied,” said Las Positas College Interim President Roanna Bennie. “With approximately 9,000 students enrolled in day, evening and online classes, it is imperative

that we utilize AB 19 funds to provide equitable access to more than first time, full-time students.”

To qualify, students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine units (six of which must be at LPC); have filed a FAFSA or DREAM application and have an expected family contribution of \$3,100 or more; be eligible for the Promise Grant Fee Waiver Program, which waives course fees for students with financial need, and have at least \$500 in unmet financial need.

More information is available at www.laspositascollege.edu. ■

EAST SIDE

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to work with city officials on the project.

The East Pleasanton Specific Plan would be the city policy document that lays the groundwork for future development of Pleasanton's so-called east side — a large swath of land on the far southeastern edge of the city long eyed for potential redevelopment with residential, commercial and other uses.

The east side was the subject of a city planning effort, including intensive task force work, from 2012 until mid-2015 when the council opted to halt the project amid public concerns about the drought, school overcrowding and general over-development in Pleasanton.

Almost four years after hitting the pause button, the council earlier this year voted to prioritize reinitiating the east side planning effort, with private property owners and prospective developers advocating to move forward and with city officials hoping to solidify the specific plan to help maintain local control over development of the area ahead of future state housing mandates.

City staff expects to begin the estimated 18- to 24-month planning process in February.

Ahead of that, city officials said they wanted a public discussion with the council about their proposed process framework — designed as a big-picture conversation, without getting too much into the weeds on specific planning topics but making sure the process was on the right track.

The general topics that staff wanted to touch on included the planning process approach and scope of work.

They said they were also looking to make sure their list of key planning considerations for the specific plan was complete — a catalog of items such as the overall planning area boundary, circulation, land-use options, open space, trails, utilities, public facilities including schools, water quality, possible relocation of the Pleasanton Garbage Service facility, and project implementation and phasing.

City staff also noted that Pleasanton-based developer Ponderosa

Homes has secured agreements with the major private property owners in the East Pleasanton area to take the lead in working with the city to advance the specific plan. The firm will pay for the city's planning efforts, including consultant costs, but the services would be retained and managed by the city.

“You may ask ... ‘Why plan now?’” Jeff Schroeder, senior vice president for Ponderosa, told the council. “Over the last two years, Ponderosa has been able to bring the two major property owners together and lead them in an effort to work with the city and the Pleasanton community to complete the EPSP.”

The council heard from a handful of other residents on the east side Tuesday night, a majority of whom represented the special needs or veterans communities urging the city to restart work on the specific plan and prioritize affordable housing opportunities in that area.

City officials also attempted to address public criticisms made over the past several days by email and on social media that Ponderosa would be controlling the public process or that the city would be working for the developer in the process.

“I want to assure the council and everyone that that is not the case. This specific plan will be prepared in collaboration with staff, the Planning Commission, the community, with regular check-ins with City Council,” assistant city manager Brian Dolan said. “But this idea that it's applicant-driven is just not correct.”

Thorne added, “The way I've described it is Ponderosa gets to buy the bus, but we drive it.”

In other business

- Ten residents who live on Via Espada, joined by other family members in the audience, spoke to the council during non-agenda public comment about concerning conditions on their neighborhood street caused by cut-through commuters.

Situated between Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road, Via Espada is a half-mile street in a near-loop shape wrapping around part of Black Avenue. The neighborhood has been an oft-used route by commute drivers trying to cut through city streets to skirt freeway traffic as well as

avoid stop-sign backups on Valley approaching the fairgrounds.

The problem has continued to worsen in recent years and the neighborhood is fed up, according to the residents, who described recurring incidents of road rage, speeding, illegal passing and other unsafe actions by aggressive commuters.

Bonnie Miller-Fehrmann recounted a recent incident during which her teen daughter was nearly sideswiped trying to get into her car by a driver who then pulled over, got out of their car and began to bang on the daughter's car and yell at her as she tried to drive past.

“This has just escalated beyond belief,” Miller-Fehrmann told the council.

The residents urged the city to prioritize finding solutions to address their problem, citing ideas such as new stop signs, more traffic signals on Valley Avenue, increased police patrols and even closing off the eastern intersection at Valley and Paseo Santa Cruz.

Thorne told the audience the council was precluded from discussing the issue Tuesday night because the item was not listed on the meeting's agenda, but he asked city staff to provide brief input.

City traffic engineer Mike Tasano said staff is exploring short-term options, including installing three speed lumps soon, while other long-term solutions remain on the table. The council directed staff to hold a community meeting with the neighborhood and report back for a public hearing on a preferred strategy as soon as possible.

- The council presented a proclamation in support of Nov. 30 as Small Business Saturday, encouraging residents to “Shop Small” in Pleasanton on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

- Newly appointed teen poet laureate Kanchan Naik, a junior at The Quarry Lane School, read an original poem to mark her new ceremonial position with the city.

- The public hearing on the proposal to redevelop the former Denny's restaurant site on Owens Drive with a new, multi-tenant commercial building — which was originally scheduled for Tuesday — was postponed to the Dec. 17 council meeting. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Story time, in costume

Paws to Read volunteers donned Halloween costumes during their special pre-holiday session held on Oct. 29 at the Pleasanton Public Library. The regular program provides children in grades 1-5 the opportunity to hone their reading skills by reciting stories to comfort canines certified by the Valley Humane Society.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 10

Theft

■ 9:09 p.m. on the 4100 block of Georgis Place

Drug violation

■ 1:52 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

■ 5:03 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:08 p.m. at Bernal and Case avenues

Burglary

■ 3:25 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

■ 11:53 a.m. at Rosewood Drive and Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

■ 11:21 a.m. on Chabot Drive

Nov. 9

Robbery

■ 7:32 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

■ 5:08 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

■ 5:32 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 6:14 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 8:12 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 8:49 a.m., 1100 block of Piemonte Drive; theft from auto

■ 10:32 a.m. on the 4300 block of Railroad Avenue

■ 3:58 p.m., 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft

■ 4:04 p.m., 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft

■ 4:39 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Nov. 8

Theft

■ 9:33 a.m., 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto

■ 10:06 a.m., 8100 block of Mountain View Drive; theft from auto

■ 8:22 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Embezzlement

■ 3:03 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 7

Theft

■ 11:32 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:08 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 5:02 p.m. on the 2700 block of Willowren Way

Vandalism

■ 4:39 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Trespass/prowling

■ 12:47 p.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

Fraud

■ 7:43 a.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

■ 10:36 p.m. on the 700 block of Palomino Drive

Nov. 6

Theft

■ 2:05 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:20 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:33 p.m., 2800 block of Gray Fox Court; theft from auto

Sex offense

■ 9:24 a.m. on Chabot Drive

Nov. 5

Theft

■ 9:50 a.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 11:13 a.m., 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; shoplifting

■ 11:22 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

■ 12:40 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 2:05 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

POLICE BULLETIN

Ice cream spoon leads to DNA match, arrest in cold case

DNA from a discarded plastic Baskin-Robbins ice cream spoon led to the recent arrest of a Livermore man for allegedly sexually assaulting two women more than 22 years ago, according to court documents made public on Monday.

Gregory Paul Vien, 60, was arraigned in court on Nov. 7 on charges of sexual assault and a slew of special allegations in connection with incidents that took place in Livermore and Union City in 1997, according to Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

Vien, a maintenance worker who's being held without bail, was scheduled to return to Alameda County Superior Court in Dublin on Wednesday to enter a plea, with results pending as of press time.

He has been charged with three counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object and two counts of forcible oral copulation, as well as 23 special allegations including committing a sex offense on a kidnapped victim, in connection with the sexual assaults of a 41-year-old woman in Union City and a 22-year-old woman in Livermore.

DNA samples were collected and analyzed in a timely manner from both crimes at the time, O'Malley said in announcing the charges Monday. Investigators

were able to determine both crimes were committed by the same assailant, but they were unable to find a match to the perpetrator in known law enforcement data bases.

Then earlier this year, Livermore police detectives developed new leads through a genetic genealogical search in their quest to solve the cold-case assaults. That information allowed them to focus their investigation on Vien, obtain a sample of his DNA and identify him as the assailant, according to O'Malley.

"For over 20 years, the survivors of these sexual assaults have lived with the constant uncertainty that comes with not knowing when, if ever, their assailant will be identified and brought to justice," O'Malley said in a statement.

"The police agencies never gave up, nor let these investigations go cold," the DA added. "Their dedication, tenacity and excellent investigative work, has now paid off in the arrest of Mr. Vien. My office's specialized cold case unit and sexual assault unit worked alongside our law enforcement partners and will now ensure that Mr. Vien is held to account for the crimes he committed."

Prosecutors allege that Vien was the man who attacked a 41-year-old woman in Union City on May 6, 1997 as she walked to BART after work and dragged her to a secluded area, where he sexually assaulted her. At the time, the culprit was identifiable only as a white man in his 30s.

Then just over four months later, on Sept. 15, 1997, prosecutors allege Vien attacked a 22-year-old woman while she was on a walk near Livermore High School and sexually assaulted her.

O'Malley said DNA samples obtained from both crimes were uploaded to the national law enforcement DNA database at the time but no "hit" was made to determine the identity of the assailant.

Union City police Det. Joshua Clubb wrote in a probable cause statement that authorities finally got a break in June when the Livermore police forensics team sent the DNA sample to a private lab and a genetic genealogy search was conducted of the private database. Preliminary results allegedly identified a possible relative of the 1997 assailant.

Livermore police soon identified Vien as their target suspect and began watching the man. The case turned when Livermore officers who were conducting extensive surveillance on Vien surreptitiously collected a Baskin-Robbins spoon that he had discarded and sent it to a DNA lab for forensic

analysis, according to Clubb.

Clubb said on Aug. 28 the lab determined that the swab from the spoon matched semen strains and sperm in the Union City rape case.

O'Malley said DNA evidence that was collected when Vien was arrested at his home on Cameo Drive in Livermore on Nov. 5 also connected him to both sexual assaults.

Clubb wrote that when police recently interviewed the Union City victim she said "she was afraid her attacker was going to kill her at the time."

Livermore police said there are three additional unsolved brutal sexual assaults that occurred in Livermore between 1995 and 1997, which have similar characteristics to those in the incidents for which Vien has been charged. "At this point, we believe Gregory Vien may be a suspect in those cases and we continue to investigate," Livermore police said.

They said Vien is a long-time Livermore resident who also frequented Union City, Fremont, Hayward, San Lorenzo and San Ramon in the mid to late 1990s.

Livermore police said anyone who has information about the unsolved cases should contact Sgt. Steve Goad at 580-9585 or sgoad@cityoflivermore.net.

In other news

- "Busy weekend!"

That was the headline for the Pleasanton Police Department's post on Facebook on Monday recapping a weekend that saw police record more than a dozen arrests in the city.

"Sometimes we just have to brag a little bit. Our officers were getting it done this weekend! Aside from their usual patrol checks and traffic enforcement, the weekend crew made 14 arrests!" PPD officials said in their post.

The arrests included incidents including battery, shoplifting, trespassing, domestic violence, outstanding warrants, DUI, child endangerment, violations of court orders and drug offenses such as possessing heroin, Fentanyl, methamphetamine or drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Specific details on the different cases were not immediately released.

Over the weekend, local officers also responded to two residential burglaries, a vehicle burglary and a house fire where they helped evacuate residents and neighbors. There were also situations during which two people were placed on emergency psychiatric holds, according to PPD. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Be sure to 'Shop Small' in Pleasanton this season

Quality of life in a community like Pleasanton is closely tied to the local economy, which goes hand in hand with the health of the small businesses in our community.

In the age of e-commerce, acquisitions and mergers making large retailers into giant monopolies, small businesses are struggling to survive. These establishments, like the ones that line downtown Pleasanton or your neighborhood shopping center, add diversity to our otherwise homogeneous, chain store, online-impersonal world.

They support the community and other small businesses, and keep the decisions and dollars local.

The effects of small businesses failing are widespread and undesirable. When a business fails, owners and employees lose their income, landlords lose tenants, buildings sit empty and the community loses sales tax dollars.

That is just the start since there is a ripple effect. When people are unemployed, they spend less, which creates a vicious circle of less money spent in small businesses, making them less viable and more apt to fail, putting more people out of work. Through all this, the local governments lose sales tax revenue they use to run the municipalities.

Small Business Saturday, held strategically on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day, between the shopping crazes of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, encourages holiday

shopping at small, local, brick-and-mortar businesses.

The first Small Business Saturday was held only nine years ago and the program has grown exponentially since on a national level.

Participation has certainly grown here in Pleasanton as well.

This year, the city government and Pleasanton Downtown Association are partnering on a showcase Small Business Saturday and Downtown Pleasanton Open House event next Saturday (Nov. 30).

Twenty downtown merchants will be taking part, offering special discounts on shopping, dining and services, and lucky customers who visit downtown stores and restaurants will receive balloons, stickers, shopping bags, pet bandannas, pens and more as a thank-you for their support.

The PDA is also sponsoring free photos with Santa Claus at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Buying locally ensures our city stays extraordinary and the place to go," PDA officials said ahead of Small Business Saturday. "Our businesses make us special and give us a strong sense of loyalty for our city. The more unique we are as a community, the more we attract visitors, which benefits everyone."

Shopping in Pleasanton also keeps dollars right here. PDA officials said that for every \$100 spent at an independently owned Pleasanton store, \$46 stays in the community.

City officials concur.

According to a proclamation presented during the City Council meeting on Tuesday night, Pleasanton has more than 3,300 small businesses, defined as those with up to 150 employees. Collectively, these businesses employ 34,375 people.

"The owners and operators of small businesses foster economic growth through the creation of jobs and the production of goods and services for our community and around the globe," the proclamation stated.

"Small Business Saturday is a day to support the small businesses that invigorate our economy and keep our communities thriving," the proclamation added. "The city of Pleasanton ... calls upon all residents to support our small business community by shopping, dining or accessing the services of a small business in Pleasanton."

Support our small, brick-and-mortar establishments and "shop small" on Small Business Saturday next weekend. And share your experiences with the Weekly, city and PDA via social media, using #ShopSmall.

Don't forget that your local newspaper is also a small business. Memberships to the Pleasanton Weekly make a wonderful holiday gift.

When you shop local, you keep the decisions, tax dollars and jobs here and help our community continue to thrive. ■

LETTERS

Zone 7 water rates

Dear Editor,

The Zone 7 Water and Flood Control District board voted at their October meeting 5-2 to provide untreated water at a below-cost rate for the upcoming year.

The primary beneficiaries will be the local agriculture folks in the valley. Keep in mind that Zone 7 is not a charity organization. They have a responsibility to operate in a cost-efficient manner and then pass on those costs to their customers in a fair, reasonable and equitable manner.

The board overruled the staff-recommended \$217 an acre-foot rate for 2020 and instead settled on an untreated water rate of \$173 an acre-foot rate. That is a 20% discount to the computed rate.

The board arrived at the lower

number by not charging for overhead, by not charging for capital spending and then on a discretionary basis took the rate down to \$173. The failure to fully bill out the computed costs to untreated water users means that the Zone's revenues in 2020 will most likely come up short.

Why is this important? In order to address the shortfall in revenue, the board will need to make up this amount by charging costs out to other customers. That will most likely be us Tri-Valley folks that use treated water.

This is not a fair, reasonable, or equitable way to run Zone 7. Please come to future board meetings or send emails directly to the board and express your respectful desire for Zone 7 to be fair to all of their customers.

—Alfred A. Exner

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TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY Protecting the lands



By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Tri-Valley Conservancy, a land trust founded in 1994, has managed to protect thousands of acres for agriculture, parks and wildlife even as the area has drawn more residents, which is why the Pleasanton Weekly named it the 2019 Hero for Environmental Stewardship. It also educates the public and advocates for the need to conserve land.

The Conservancy celebrated its 25th year with a fundraising bash earlier this month, *Jeans & Jewels: Rockin' the Ranch*, an elegant event that encouraged comfy clothing, held at Casa Real Event Center.

"It was exceedingly successful," executive director Laura Mercier reported. "Everybody who attended was very generous."

The evening raised \$90,000 for Tri-Valley

Conservancy's Youth in Nature Program, which teaches fourth-graders the wonders of natural spaces. Three sessions are held in the classroom, then students go on a field trip for views of the valley and to see open spaces and trails, and the program ends again in the classroom.

Now Tri-Valley Conservancy is focused on the bridge construction in Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore that will link 25,000 acres of open space with a 44-mile trail through five parks: Sycamore Grove, Del Valle Regional Park, Ohlone Regional Wilderness, Sunol Regional Wilderness and Mission Peak Regional Preserve.

The trail, which has entailed two decades of planning, will be for hikers, equestrians, cyclists, strollers and people with disabilities, and will also give wildlife the interconnected habitat it needs to survive.

"Right now we are in the final stages of our bridge, to be opened Dec. 12," Mercier said.

She noted that Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and his chief of staff Shawn Wilson were instrumental in making donations at *Jeans & Jewels* as well as working on the \$1.3 million funding for the bridge.

The Conservancy keeps a close eye on urban growth boundaries and the impact on cultivated lands, particularly vineyards but also range lands, to protect these critical



CHRIS BOSWELL

The American badger is among the threatened animals making a comeback thanks to the Conservancy.



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Tri-Valley Conservancy's Youth in Nature Program includes a field trip to Holdener Park for a 1.5-mile hike that allows the fourth-graders to behold the open landscape.

areas as the community grows.

In the last 25 years, Mercier said she has seen an increased awareness of the Tri-Valley Conservancy. Since the population among Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon has increased nearly one-third since 2005, the need to protect lands has never been more critical, she pointed out.

Land trusts protect land directly by buying or accepting donations of land or conservation easements, and the Conservancy has helped landowners develop conservation plans based on their particular situations and financial circumstances. It also helps determine a property's conservation value and future ownership.

The Tri-Valley Conservancy is shifting to focus on the economic vitality of the land and its growers, Mercier said, and next year's big event will be Livermore Valley Uncorked on April 16. This celebration of the wine industry will include unlimited wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and a chance to meet wine-makers and growers.

"We want to showcase the business of

Livermore Valley grapes and promote it — and attract people from outside the Valley," Mercier said.

The Conservancy is working on several projects involving California Department of Fish and Wildlife as well as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to both preserve the land and keep agriculture viable, Mercier said. The trick is to keep a balance between development needs and preserving the lands for future generations.

"There's always that balancing act," she remarked.

This year's updated "Mission and Vision" includes strategies to keep the locally grown food and wine, fresh air, clean water, and parks and trails that only open spaces can provide.

"We are excited to help our supporters make the most impact by prioritizing projects to leave the Tri-Valley a better place for you, wildlife and future generations," Mercier said.

Visit trivalleyconservancy.org to learn more about the land trust, including opportunities to volunteer and to donate. ■

Hero FYI

- ▲ Tri-Valley Conservancy's work to maintain open space has resulted in the return of threatened species including the burrowing owl, the San Joaquin kit fox, American badgers and Tulle elk.
- ▲ The Conservancy is focusing on agribusiness in the area, mainly vineyards but also olives and pistachios. Prohibition severely impacted the Livermore Valley: It had more than 50 wineries at the beginning of the 1900s, and by 1933 only 12 remained. By the late '60s, there were only 1,500 acres of vines and six wineries.
- ▲ To receive Tri-Valley Conservancy e-newsletters, visit trivalleyconservancy.org/news/e-news/.
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Tiny clothes make big difference

Donations for babies let moms focus on other needs

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The young single mother was finding life hopeless when she ended up living in a shelter with her baby daughter, a life she had never imagined. Then she received a box marked “Baby Girl” that was filled with little clothes to outfit her baby for her first year.

“I wept when I opened the box of baby clothes. Thank you for helping someone you don’t even know,” she wrote to the donors, a non-profit group called Loved Twice.

The organization collects clothes sizes 0 to 1 year, which are sorted by volunteers and distributed by licensed social workers to families in need, including mothers undergoing poverty and domestic violence.

Volunteer Colleen Botelho, a retired school district employee who lives in Pleasanton, discovered the group last year.

“My daughter had given me a bag of baby clothes after her second baby boy, asking me to take care of it,” Botelho said. “It was just sitting there, and I was thinking maybe I should give it to a shelter.”

Then she read a newspaper story about Loved Twice.

“It was like a light bulb went off in my head,” Botelho recalled.

She went to www.lovedtwice.org and found the closest donation bin was in Walnut Creek. Botelho contacted founder Lisa Klein to ask why there were no bins in Pleasanton and learned it was a matter of volunteers’ time — so Botelho decided she would volunteer for the organization, too.

“It became my goal to find a donation site in each of the Tri-Valley cities,” Botelho said.

She met Joyce Gunn, a retired librarian from San Ramon, who also



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Loved Twice bins are set up around the Bay Area for donated baby clothes sizes 0-12 months.

wanted to help.

“We got together and brainstormed,” Botelho said. “She said, ‘What about libraries?’ Libraries are open almost every day of the week, and lots of families with kids go to story time.”

The librarians in Danville agreed to host a bin. Also Botelho was able to place one at Pleasanton’s Prim POP boutique on Main Street, which specializes in baby clothes, and across the street at Towne Center Books to collect board books. The beginner books are included in the boxes along with small blankets, hats, socks and bibs.

Botelho has friends who help her sort the clothes, which are mostly basic onesies and sleepers but also a few fancy outfits.

“We’ll drink coffee and ooh and aah over how cute they are,” she said with a laugh. “Somebody in Danville has been knitting or crocheting — we got all these brand new little baby hats.”

Klein called Botelho “a superstar

volunteer.”

“She has set up collection bins in the Tri-Valley area and has personally filled up her trunk with thousands of baby clothes,” Klein said.

Some parents face hard choices about covering basic expenses, which in turn affects their ability to bond with the new baby, Klein noted.

“We lost our jobs before Amelia was born,” wrote recipients Jamie and Tom. “These clothes will allow us to pay rent. Thank you!”

Klein, who lives in Oakland, began the effort in 2005.

“I used to work in advertising in San Francisco and always loved it, but when I had a child, I decided to stay home and raise her,” she said.

When Hurricane Katrina struck, Klein saw an online community appeal for donations of baby clothing. She rallied her mom friends and collected 200 pounds of clothing for the babies in Louisiana in just four days. Then she realized the Bay Area had needs for baby clothing, too.

“It was something to do to fill my time that felt amazing,” Klein recalled.

Her home was soon full of baby items in different stages of being sorted, as she gave new life to the tiny clothes that she and her friends — and their friends — had in abundance.

“Then friends said to sign up as a nonprofit so donors could get a tax write-off and I could get space to use outside my house,” Klein remembered with a laugh.

Now her organization collects and distributes more than 200,000 garments to babies each year, whose average household income is less than \$16,000, and Klein said she has a waiting list of agencies with clients who desperately need baby clothing.

“We put the collection bins where we know we’ll get nice clothes,” Klein said. “The moms who donate the clothes absolutely love it. And the clothes collected in the Bay Area stay in the Bay Area.”

She also likes keeping items out of the landfill, 1.8 million items since 2005.

“In the spirit of reuse, it feels good to be able to donate our gently used clothes and help a struggling family,” Klein said.

Loved Twice partners with businesses, schools, churches and parenting groups to host clothing drives, and it has more than 150 hospitals, safe houses, clinics and



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San Ramon volunteer Joyce Gunn sorts baby clothes donated in the Tri-Valley, where she partners with Pleasanton volunteer Colleen Botelho to help Loved Twice.



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Lisa Klein (far right), founder and executive director of Loved Twice, and two volunteers deliver baby-wardrobe boxes to staff members at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

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Ken and Karen Cormier of Livermore hold Annie, one of many cats that awaited adoption in Valley Humane Society's fun Kitty City playroom.

community in Pleasanton, specifically designed to provide a diverse, sustainable and productive quality of life for these special needs adults.

"The Holiday Fund has allowed our organization to continue to plan and build the framework of our programs and activities that will be core to the daily lives of the Sunflower Hill," said Edie Nehls, executive director.

Hope Hospice

A Dublin-based nonprofit provider of in-home nursing, Hope Hospice and Home Health offers a full spectrum of patient care, from monitoring and treating a patient's illness or condition, to helping to improve their quality of life at the end of life.

"In hospice, the focus is on keeping patients comfortable by managing their pain and symptoms and preserving their dignity," said Jennifer Pettley, the organization's director of development.

Hope Hospice brings compassionate, uplifting support to help families during this highly emotional time, added Jennifer Hansen, CEO of the nonprofit.

Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen is the largest hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley.

"Our mission is to serve prepared, nutritious meals free-of-charge to the hungry people of the Tri-Valley area," said Denise Bridges, OHK's development director. "There is no qualifying process and meals may be eaten at numerous serving sites or taken to go."

"Contributions from the Holiday Fund will be used for our three programs to feed our community's most vulnerable neighbors — the hot meal program, senior meal program and children's weekend bag lunch program," she added.

Open Heart Kitchen serves an average of 2,190 people and 2,750 children monthly throughout the Tri-Valley.

CityServe

CityServe of the Tri-Valley also will receive contributions from the Pleasanton Weekly's 2019 Holiday Fund.

This is an organization that is focused on "mobilizing mercy," according to new CEO Christine Beitsch-Bahmani.

"We are about compassion in action," she said. "What that means is that contributions to CityServe will be used to leverage an impact for good here in the Tri-Valley."

Last year, the Holiday Fund and other donations helped a single mother in Pleasanton, who was in and out of homelessness. CityServe also helped a homeless senior who had been living in his vehicle for years but lacked the access to supportive services, according to Marielle Evans, the nonprofit's director of operations.

"This is just a small snapshot of the kind of work that CityServe engages in and that your contributions from the Holiday Fund will allow to continue," she added.

PPIE

For more than 30 years, the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation has supported Pleasanton's 15,000 public school students, 9,400 school families and more than 800 teachers with district-wide funding and programs.

According to Steve McCoy-Thompson, PPIE's executive director, the organization was able to allocate over \$700,000 to Pleasanton schools this past year for key supplemental staff, including math and reading intervention specialists, support counselors, librarians and more.

"The Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund is used to support two key PPIE programs: our INSPIRE Grant Program, which provides grant funding for innovative STEM grants that give students and teachers access to technology and science, and the Mariachi robotics program at multiple public schools in Pleasanton," he said.

Added McCoy-Thompson, "Thank you for your tremendous support. Your funding makes a huge difference to our students and provides them an opportunity to access technology and learning that will position them for the future and enables them to contribute to our community."

Valley Humane Society

The Holiday Fund this year will also go to the Valley Humane Society, located at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton.

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REACH

An acronym for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing (REACH) for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley, this nonprofit provides safe, quality and affordable living environments where an adult with a developmental disability may live independently.

Over the years, REACH has served hundreds in their desire to live, work and socialize



REACH

Shooting baskets are (from left) Jason Paasch, Mason Trevisano and Evan Rutter.

in the community where they grew up.

"The number of individuals desiring to live independently is growing and yet the number of affordable housing options is not," said Kay King, chairwoman of the nonprofit.

She said REACH relies on local grants, fundraising events and the generosity of our community, including those who contribute to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

"For that, we are most grateful," she added. ■

3 holiday gift ideas that keep on giving

Good feeling can last all year with these presents

One of the best parts of the holiday season is watching loved ones open thoughtful gifts you've selected just for them. Now suppose your holiday gifts went even further than just bringing cheer to friends and family.

For long-lasting global impact, consider these cool gift ideas:

Water filter bottles with impact

Whether for the adventurer, eco-conscious hiker or to keep your friends and family safe in a disaster, LifeStraw's innovative line of water filter straws, bottles and household filter pitchers provides access to safe, clean drinking water and ensures every purchase has positive social impact.

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Also, LifeStraw's Give Back

program involves more than just dropping off water filters and extends beyond a one-for-one donation.

With local teams residing in Kenya, Mexico and other locations around the world, the program ensures sustainability through comprehensive planning, training, education and quarterly follow-up visits. To date, the program has reached 1,870 schools worldwide, providing over 3.3 million students with one year of safe water.

"Clean drinking water is absolutely fundamental to human health," said Tara Lundy, head of brand for LifeStraw. "We are therefore deeply committed to expanding our reach and making water safe to drink in communities not only here in the U.S. but around the world."

Sustainable writing tools

Some of the best gifts are those that last. Enter Sprout pencils. Not just ordinary writing and coloring tools, when the pencils become too short to use, your gift recipient can plant them, and over time, watch

flowers, herbs or vegetables grow.

The process gives the gift a whole new life. This is a great option for doodlers, writers, artists and anyone who cares about the planet — as well as beauty enthusiasts — as the brand now makes plant-able makeup pencils too.

Soaps supporting women

Unique soaps and votive candles are always a thoughtful gesture. Now, these gifts can do more than just pamper.

When shopping with the Adventure Project, purchases of delightful-smelling candles and soaps support efforts to provide women in Kenya and Tanzania with entrepreneurial skills, teaching them to make and sell clean cook stoves and solar lights. The program helps its beneficiaries earn a living and improves the health of their communities.

Spread cheer at home and beyond with thoughtful holiday gifts that not only deliver delight to recipients, but at the same time, make the world a better place. ■

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homeless shelters that distribute the boxes.

A young mother named Amber wrote: "You made me smile and I haven't done that in a very long time. I hugged the baby clothes as tight as I hugged my new son."

Klein also works with large corporations, which give grants and provide volunteers to sort clothes. Recently, 133 volunteers at Google filled 187 boxes with 14,025 infant garments — in two hours.

"These baby clothes, worth \$49,000, will be keeping infants warm via Homeless Prenatal Program and APA Family Support Services in San Francisco and Native American Health Center in Richmond," Klein said.

"We see the value of Loved Twice's work two to three times a week, especially during these difficult economic times," said Misty Schultz, a social worker at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center. "The result of this generosity is invaluable for our families — to leave the hospital with dignity and have a box full of clothing that will last a year." ■

Help the babies

Loved Twice needs baby clothes during the holiday season, as well as funds for expenses. Collection bins are located in Pleasanton at Prim POP, 560 Main St., for clothing and blankets, and at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., for board books; in Danville at the library, 400 Front St., and at Whimsy Kids at Danville Livery and Mercantile. Other sites are listed at www.lovedtwice.org.



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Winning dance show on tour

"So You Think You Can Dance Live! 2019," which is on a 40-city nationwide tour with the Top 10 finalists and two All-Stars, will be at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 8 p.m. next Friday (Nov. 29). The show, which has won 16 Emmy Awards, is part of the 16th season and will include popular routines from the TV show as well as pieces created for the tour. Tickets range from \$20 to \$350, with special VIP and Hot Seat packages available. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.



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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Football playoffs: Foothill advances to semis; Amador Valley falls to De La Salle

Also: Falcons celebrate National Signing Day

The Foothill football team gained one measure of revenge from the regular season, opening the North Coast Section Division II playoffs with a 41-20 win over San Leandro last Friday.

And thanks to the win, the Falcons get another chance at redemption in the semifinals as they will play Clayton Valley. Foothill opened the season with a 28-20 overtime loss to San Leandro, then fell later in the season 41-0 to Clayton Valley.

Tonight, Foothill travels to Clayton trying to redeem the performance, as well as earn a berth in the NCS finals. Game time is set for 7 p.m. It will be a tall order against top-seeded Clayton Valley, but expect a much better game tonight than the first time the two teams played.

Amador Valley, the East Bay Athletic League Valley Division champions, had the unenviable task of opening the NCS Division I playoffs against De La Salle. The Dons saw their season end with a 69-14 loss.

It was a great season for the Dons who will be hanging a title banner for winning the division.

Foothill athletes honored

Foothill High School honored and celebrated 13 of their student-athletes who signed a letter of intent to play collegiate athletics on National Letter of Intent Signing Day on Nov. 13.

Foothill athletic director Joe Viviani emceed the event with each coach introducing their athlete(s).

Honored athletes included Hailey Hayes (softball), Boise State; Nicole May (softball), University of Oklahoma; Courtney Beaudin (softball), UCLA; Tomas Kersulis (track and field), Cornell; Alex Ren (swimming), Johns Hopkins; Paige Doyle (lacrosse), Davidson College; and Audriana Templeman (soccer), Chico State.

The most-represented sport was baseball, with six players: Niko Mollat, Luke Novitske and Tommy Scavone to Cal State East Bay, Ben Hansen to Vanderbilt, Justin Durlinger to University of Nevada at Reno and Seungmin Shim to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Approximately 150 family and friends gathered in Foothill's small gym for the event, including principal Sebastian Bull. Coaches participating were Matt Sweeney (softball),

Angelo Scavone (baseball), Jorge Quero (track), Stephanie Vosicka (swim) and Angelyn Brown (lacrosse and soccer).

Amador water polo

The Amador boys made school history by advancing to the semifinals of the North Coast Section Division I water polo tournament.

The Dons — seeded No. 7 — opened the tournament with a 10-4 win over No. 10 Vintage on Nov. 7.

The goals were scored by Ethan Braga (4), Ross Brown (2) and one each from Devon Kost, Will Bosse, Mason Boswell and Johnny Walder. Defensively, Tanner McMillen did a great job in the cage with 12 saves while Kost led the team with six steals, followed by Ross Brown with four steals.

In the quarterfinals the Dons faced a tall order taking on second-seeded Liberty, but the team pulled off the 9-8 upset.

Amador trailed 2-0 early, but Kost scored twice to draw the teams even at the end of the first quarter. The teams were tied 4-4 at the half and

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Foothill High School student-athletes celebrate National Signing Day on Nov. 13.

7-7 at the end of the third quarter before Amador pulled it out late, with Brown getting a key late-game steal for the 9-8 margin.

In the semifinals against College Park (No. 3 seed), Amador battled throughout but dropped a 15-13 final. It was the first time since 2013 the Amador boys had won an NCS match and the first time ever the Dons advanced to the semifinals.

Thanksgiving football

Thanksgiving Day is a great time to sit back and watch football, and TV30 Sports is doing its part with a "Football-a-thon" that starts at 12 a.m. on Thanksgiving and runs for 24 hours.

TV30 will re-broadcast three exciting high school games played earlier this season. The games may be viewed on Comcast TV Channel 30, AT&T U-verse via Channel 99 as well as streaming live on the TV30 website at tv30.org.

The schedule is Dublin at Livermore 12 a.m., 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Amador at Foothill 3 a.m., 12 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Livermore at Amador 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. ■

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

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Special Olympics showcase

Livermore hosted young athletes from across the region at two showcase events last month at Granada High School: the 2019-20 Tri-Valley Elementary Special Olympics and the 2019-20 Tri-Valley Special Olympics Northern California Schools Program. The well-attended events saw the athletes test their soccer skills in activities such as dribbling, goal-scoring and matches between schools.

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Thanksgiving

7TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley will hold its annual interfaith Thanksgiving program at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. There is no cost and all are welcome. interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com.

TRI-VALLEY TURKEY BURN The annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn will be held at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28 at the Ken Mercer Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive. Register through the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn website, trivalleyturkeyburn.org. All participant fees and donations from this event go to Tri-Valley youth programs supported by the Pleasanton North Rotary Club.

Music

TRINITY CONCERT SERIES Patrick Ball on Celtic Harp presents The Christmas Rose at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road.

THE GLORIOUS - HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' The Pacific Chamber Orchestra presents a production of Handel's "Messiah" at 3 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets may be purchased online at pacificchamberorchestra.org or at the Bankhead box office.

Festivals & Fairs

EXCLUSIVE WINTER LIGHT FESTIVAL Alameda County Fairgrounds presents The Exclusive Winter Light Festival, from 5-10 p.m., starting Friday, Nov. 22, running until Feb. 2, 2020, Wednesdays through Sundays, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Visit alamedacountyfair.com/event/exclusive-winter-light-festival.

Talks & Lectures

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Families

CHRIS PERONDI'S - STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE Chris Perondi's "Stunt Dog Experience" will be presented at two family-friendly shows at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400

PET OF THE WEEK

Black Cat Friday

Beta, a medium-hair cat and guaranteed entertainer, is one of the many black cats whose adoption fees will be waived next Friday and Saturday (Nov. 29-30) as part of Valley Humane Society's Black Cat Friday promotion (qualifying adoptions for other cats will be 50% off). Seven-month-old Beta enjoys goofy play antics, can bring you his toys and will show off his toothy grin. Meet Beta at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.



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First St., Livermore. Call 373-6800. Visit lvpac.org.

Contact Lions' club president Renee Huber at 789-0804.

Social Causes

FEED THE NEED The annual "Feed the Need" food drive on Saturday, Nov. 23, kicks off a month-long effort to fight hunger in the Bay Area. The "Feed the Need" food drive will take place at 166 Safeway locations throughout the Bay Area through December 25.

Seniors

FALL PREVENTION EXERCISE From 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., this exercise class focuses on strength and flexibility.

Religion & Spirituality

THE 7TH ANNUAL TRI-VALLEY PRAYER BREAKFAST At 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on 7050 Johnson Drive, the prayer breakfast is an opportunity for community leaders to partake in a time of fellowship and prayer while enjoying a plated breakfast and an engaging program.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON LIONS The Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Inklings, 530 Main St. All are welcome to attend our meetings. Visit pleasantonlionsclub.org.

Support Groups

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR TEENS Hope Hospice offers grief support groups for children and teens at no cost to residents in the Tri-Valley. Groups meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. during the school year on the first and third Thursdays at 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Call 829-8770 or email griefsupport@hopehospice.com.

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. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and share challenges, solutions, and triumphs. There is no cost.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at FA meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Visit foodaddicts.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 getting a domestic violence restraining order. No appointments necessary, just drop-in. This a free, confidential service. Call Tri-Valley Haven at 449-5847 ext. 2606.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

BC Tax & Accounting Services
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 564772
The following person doing business as: BC Tax & Accounting Services, 4299 Rosewood Drive, Suite 102 Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: BC Tax Inc, 2050 Longleaf Circle, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by BC Tax Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Feb. 1, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Shan S. Cao, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 24, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019).

Transformational Hypnotherapy
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 564322
The following person doing business as: Transformational Hypnotherapy, 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Roya Farani, 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Roya Farani, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Roya Farani, Hypnotherapist. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Oct. 10, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019).

H&P Brand Name 4 Less
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565133
The following person doing business as: H&P Brand Name 4 Less, 17756 Hesperian Blvd., San Lorenzo, CA, 94580, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Phuong Nguyen, 3459 Jerilyn Drive, San Jose, CA 95127. This business is conducted by Phuong Nguyen, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Phuong Thi Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019).

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 540497
The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name. The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: H&H Brand Name 4 Less, 17756 Hesperian Blvd., San Lorenzo, CA 94580, FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: January 25, 2018, UNDER FILE NO. 540497. REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Phuong Nguyen, 3459 Jerilyn Drive, San Jose, CA 95127; Hue Nguyen, 117 Ore Hayward Park Place, Hayward, CA 94544. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY a General Partnership. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on November 4, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019).

Rustic Rose Decor
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 564317
The following person doing business as: Rustic Rose Decor, 9877 Foothill Road, Sunol, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Cosette M. Johnson Blanchard, 9877 Foothill Road, Sunol, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Cosette M. Johnson Blanchard, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 1, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Cosette M. Johnson Blanchard,

Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019).

Keller Williams Tri-Valley Partners
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565191
The following person doing business as: Keller Williams Tri-Valley Partners, 3825 Hopyard Rd., #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Foundation Realty Group, 3825 Hopyard Rd. #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Foundation Realty Group, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Robert Cain, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2019).

KW Luxury Homes International
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565192
The following person doing business as: KW Luxury Homes International, 3825 Hopyard Rd., #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Foundation Realty Group, 3825 Hopyard Rd. #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Foundation Realty Group, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Robert Cain, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2019).

Jims Country Style Restaurant
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565161
The following person doing business as: Jims Country Style Restaurant, 5400 Sunol Blvd. Suite #1, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Dustin Joseph Goff, 670 Starling Ave., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Dustin Joseph Goff, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Nov. 5, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Dustin Goff, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Nov. 5, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2019.)

RWB Electric
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565352
The following person doing business as: RWB Electric, 6937 Village Parkway, #2668, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Christopher Borden, 6937 Village Parkway, #2668, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Christopher Borden, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Christopher Borden, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Nov. 12, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 22, 29 Dec. 6, 13, 2019).

RODARR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565509
The following person doing business as: RODARR, 20247 Catalina Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Xitlaly Aranda, 20247 Catalina Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Xitlaly Aranda, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Xitlaly Aranda, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Nov. 18, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2019).

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7211 Valley View Ct \$828,000
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Sat 1-4 4 BD/2 BA
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3284 Monmouth Ct \$1,269,000
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Oct. 7-11)

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$700,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,180,000
Average sales reported: \$1,200,000

Dublin (Oct. 7-11)

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$570,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,056,000
Average sales reported: \$785,000

Livermore (Oct. 7-11)

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$595,000
Highest sale reported: \$989,000
Average sales reported: \$870,000

San Ramon (Oct. 7-11)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$475,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,800,000
Average sales reported: \$985,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 7-11.

Pleasanton

4472 Comanche Way Wellnitz Living Trust to A. & X. Fang for \$700,000
1049 Harvest Circle Reyes Family Trust to Balestreri Trust for \$1,200,000
2834 Maria Street Alcaraz Living Trust to H. & X. Zhang for \$1,063,000
1192 Paladin Way Jeffrey Trust to Chang Family Trust for \$3,180,000
4179 Rennellwood Way Ott Family Trust to I. & S. Tam for \$815,000
3155 East Ruby Hill Drive Chang Family Trust to Jethani Trust for \$2,534,500
3317 East Ruby Hill Drive S. & V. Gellon to Yee Family Trust for \$2,575,000

Sunol

2060 Killcare Road Batra Trust to L. & A. Bicakci for \$1,420,000

Dublin

7126 Cross Creek Circle #C Baptista Trust to L. & L. Mecham for \$570,000
7382 Mount Veeder Road Meritage Hms Of California Inc to Lux Trust for \$1,056,000
7762 Squirrel Creek Circle Porter Family Trust A to R. & R. Sundaram for \$995,000
7764 Tuscany Drive J. & W. Ohaire to Tyler Trust for \$575,000

Livermore

2437 2nd Street Emmanuele Family Trust to E. & C. Walsh for \$870,000
1026 Bluebell Drive Emmanuele Family Trust to B. & C. Shen for \$880,000
868 Cloud Common Govnik Family Trust to K. & S. Patankar for \$742,000
147 Northwood Commons Beermann Trust to S. Rhodes for \$595,000
6367 Owl Way Forcier Trust to S. & G. Lopez-Diaz for \$871,000
1482 Rhododendron Drive Martinez Trust to N.

& N. Kulkarni for \$740,000
460 Ridgecrest Circle Michel Living Trust to E. & C. Monestier for \$989,000
San Ramon
9005 Alcosta Boulevard #200 V. Visuthicho to O. & C. Chavez for \$510,000
708 Ashton Oaks Court H. & C. Lee to Shetty Family Trust for \$1,472,000
737 Bridge Creek Drive P. Wong to C. & O. Lim for \$1,080,000
9749 Broadmoor Drive C. Huang to L. & C. Hern for \$860,000
124 Canyon Green Place Smart Square Feat Realty LLC to V. & L. Strieff for \$975,000
9065 Craydon Circle J. Kelley to M. Dimick for \$640,000
431 Deerhill Drive Burgett Family Trust to P. & N. Karmarkar for \$1,130,000
20 Eagle Lake Place #21 Mcgrath Family Trust to E. & E. Tey for \$827,500
2033 Elderberry Drive Shapell Industries to G. Qayum for \$2,800,000
2681 Fountainhead Drive C. Bates to U. Singbal for \$592,000
2008 Maidenhair Way L. Batongbacal to G. & D. Jadhav for \$975,000
411 Norris Canyon Terrace Lindholm Family Trust to E. Calderon for \$475,000
2036 Poinsettia Street E. & M. Tugadi to K. & A. Mehta for \$1,040,000
912 Regalo Way S. & M. Ave to Romano Family Trust for \$1,540,000
3125 Todd Way Jurewicz Family Trust to L. & B. Yee for \$985,000
5591 Wells Lane A. & B. Thomas to E. & M. Tugadi for \$1,220,000
6 Westside Place Bowers Trust to R. & E. Sarriddine for \$1,450,000
172 Winged Foot Place R. & K. Anglin to A. Rabrenovich for \$1,015,000
737 Winterside Circle L. & B. Yee to S. & J. Kim for \$895,000

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Sale Pending



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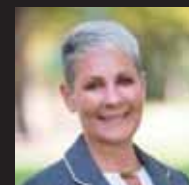
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1823 Harms Drive, Pleasanton
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SOLD

6842 Brighton Drive, Dublin
4 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,689+/- SqFt | 6,502+/- SqFt lot
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SOLD

4425 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,644+/- SqFt | 8,240+/- SqFt lot
Sold for \$1,025,000



SOLD

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4 Bed 3 Bath 1,928 Sq Ft \$910,000



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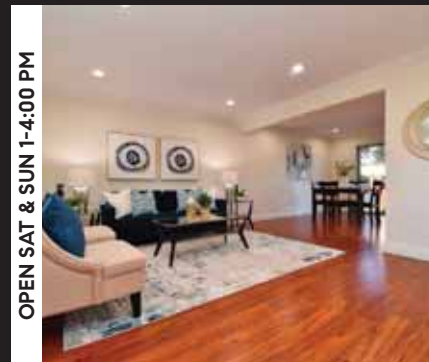
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