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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Axis helps residents meet new state health law

Californians must have health insurance coverage starting Jan. 1 or face penalties when we pay our 2020 state income taxes in 2021.

Axis Community Health, one of this year's recipients of Pleasanton Weekly's 2019 Holiday Fund contributions, can help.

Known best for offering medical and mental health services for low income and uninsured individuals and families — where it excels — Axis also is now a key provider of information and assistance for those enrolling in Covered California or Medi-Cal or renewing Medi-Cal coverage.

"Health insurance can be confusing," said Paula Barriga, community relations manager for Axis. "If you have questions or concerns about enrolling, we can help."

"Axis enrollment counselors can help determine if someone is eligible for Medi-Cal, Covered California or CalFresh during a free enrollment assistance appointment," Barriga added.

Open enrollment for Covered California health plans began Oct. 15 and ends Jan. 31. Many people already have qualifying health insurance coverage, including employer-sponsored plans, coverage purchased through Covered California or directly from insurers, Medicare and most Medicaid plans.

Under the new mandate, those who fail to maintain qualifying health insurance coverage could face a financial penalty unless they qualify for an exemption, Barriga explained. Generally speaking, a taxpayer who fails to secure coverage will be subject to a penalty of \$695 when they file their 2020 state income tax return in 2021.

Covered California offers plans from private insurance companies for U.S. citizens and documented immigrants. Applicants cannot be denied coverage due to preexisting conditions, and eligible applicants can receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of plans and services.

For coverage starting Jan. 1, enroll by Dec. 15. Plans purchased during this open enrollment period will be honored through the end of 2020.

Axis counselors will assist people in enrolling in Medi-Cal or renewing Medi-Cal coverage. To qualify, an individual must meet income and other eligibility requirements. For



VALERIE JONAS

Dr. Patrice Lane provides care to young patient at Axis dental clinic.

individuals, an income of \$17,237 or less qualifies; for a family of four an income of \$35,535 or less qualifies.

For those not eligible for Medi-Cal, counselors will work to get them coverage through Covered California. They will help fill out online applications and also determine if applicants are eligible for financial assistance to cover the cost of a health plan.

Axis is holding Covered California and Medi-Cal information sessions at these locations:

- Livermore Library: 2-3 p.m., Dec. 3.
- Pleasanton Library: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 6 and Jan. 3.
- Dublin Library: 1-4 p.m., Dec. 9 and Jan. 13.
- Information table at Las Positas College: 1-3 p.m., Dec. 17.

In-person assistance at Axis is free and available in English and Spanish.

"It's important that consumers not miss the open enrollment window for Covered California or they may not have another opportunity to enroll," Barriga said.

Axis also provides medical services on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size. But regardless of income, insurance status or ability to pay, Axis will work to help patients get the care they need.

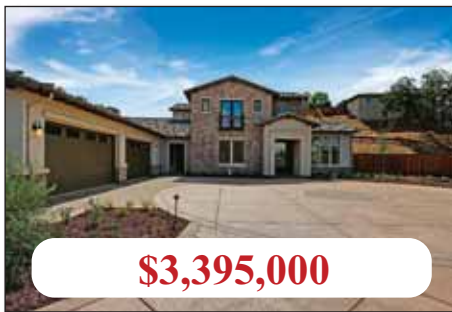
"No one will ever be denied access to services due to inability to pay," Barriga said.

The families who depend on Axis are the working poor; 95% of Axis medical patients have a family income less than 200% of the federal poverty level, which is less than \$46,100 a year for a family of four.

Last year, Axis provided more than 2,000 medical visits that were uncompensated, according to Valerie Jonas, chief development officer. She said the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund is an important source of financial help for meeting these uncompensated services. ■

### About the Cover

Emma Hedican and Anastasia Lihareva of the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club took to the rink Nov. 15 to perform a routine during the grand opening of the Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Skating Rink at City Center Bishop Ranch. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Kristin Brown. Vol. XX, Number 45



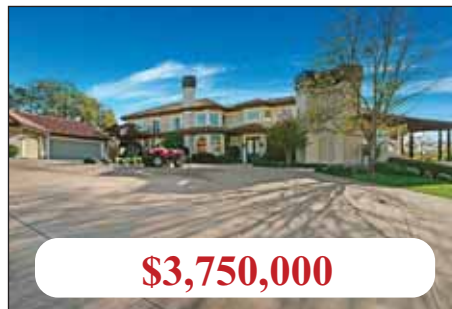
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# Streetwise

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## What factors do you consider when purchasing a glass or a bottle of wine?



### Chris Kyer

Marketing operations

Well, the first thing I always consider is the price because I like to get the most bang for my buck. I also like to buy wines that I am already familiar with, so that I know exactly what I'm getting.



### Kelsey Kyer

Recruiting operations

I usually consider taste as the first factor because that is important to me. I also consider where the wine is coming from. My preference is to buy local wines whenever possible, in order to support our area's wine country.



### Sammie Suchland

Editor

I always look for wines that I know will appeal not only to me, but to others as well, because I love getting together with friends in order to share a bottle of wine and catch up.



### Don Mullane

Engineering technician

The first thing I look at is the label. It has to catch my interest. If it catches my interest, I then go to an app that tells me its "story." If I like the story, I buy the wine.



### Alisa Mullane

Property manager

When I am looking to buy wine, whether it is a glass or a bottle, the only factor that matters to me is the taste. I never consider anything else, not even the price.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Homelessness panel

Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton is hosting a special panel discussion next week, "Addressing Homelessness in the Tri-Valley."

The presentation will focus on the state of homelessness, local efforts to provide immediate support, and ways for congregants and community members to get involved.

Moderated by Livermore City Councilwoman Patricia Munro, the panel will feature Christine Beitsch-Bahmani from CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Becky Hopkins from city of Pleasanton, Claudia Young from city of Livermore and local resident Joe Murphy.

Presented by the congregation's Social Action Committee, the panel will run from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 5) at 3400 Nevada Court.

### Education open house

Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is holding an education open house for constituents next week.

Topics will include education-focused bills the freshman legislator passed into law this year, highlights of other education efforts in the State Legislature and details on resources her district office offers for children and their families as they prepare for college.

The open house will run from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 3) at Bauer-Kahan's district office: 2440 Camino Ramon, Suite 345, in San Ramon.

### Affordable program

Livermore renters hoping to become first-time homeowners can now apply for the chance to buy a below-market rate (BMR) home through the city of Livermore's Affordable Homeownership Program.

Members of low and moderate area median income (AMI) households of up to nine people may enter the 2020 lottery to purchase a below-market-rate home.

Pre-applications are now being accepted until Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. A lottery-style drawing on Dec. 5 will determine in which order the applications are screened. Call Hello Housing at 415-738-7833 or visit [www.hellohousing.org](http://www.hellohousing.org).

### Correction

Coverage earlier this fall of the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors election in 2020 neglected to mention the fourth, off-schedule board position on the ballot. In addition to the three regular board seats up for election (four-year terms), voters in March will decide a special, two-year term for the previously vacated seat that was filled via short-term appointment by Michelle Smith McDonald. The Weekly regrets the error.

## Commission supports new penalties to protect historic buildings

Inspired by Second Street demolition, city rules would include stiff fine, site restrictions

By JEREMY WALSH

The city is close to confirming new regulations to create strict penalties for unauthorized demolition or alterations of buildings designated as historic in Pleasanton.

In the wake of a historic house on Second Street being torn down without a proper permit this summer, city staff discovered the Pleasanton Municipal Code had no specific penalties related to unpermitted work on historic structures, so they set

out to draft rules to address that short-coming.

The Planning Commission earlier this month gave unanimous support to those proposed regulations, which include a maximum possible fine that could go beyond \$1 million and restrictions on future site redevelopment for up to 20 years — depending on the extent of the unauthorized work.

"We want to put a process in place that is punitive and that deters bad

behavior," Commission Chair Nancy Allen said during the Nov. 13 meeting. "We want to make sure it doesn't happen, and we want people that would do it being penalized because we want to protect these historic resources."

Expected to be presented to the City Council for consideration in the weeks ahead, the proposed regulations were drafted in the aftermath of the complete demolition of an 89-year-old house that was listed

on the city's 2015 historic resource survey.

The owners of the single-story house at 4371 Second St. had been given city clearance for renovation plans that included removing and remodeling only the back part of the home, but city officials said the Planning Division had never authorized the building to be fully demolished — but that's exactly what occurred

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RYAN J. DEGAN

Bystanders and first responders gather at Alan Leeds' home include (back row, from left) Wyatt Jayne, LPFD Capt. Leo Lima, Falck paramedic Danielle Barnes, Falck EMT Gina Arendtson, Suzanna Arroyo and LPFD EMT Rudy Leuver, and (front row, from left) Mark Kinnard, Nicole Spencer, LPFD medic John Hatges, Alan Leeds, Alex Macias and EMS Capt. Serena Johnson.

## Survivor reunited with saviors

Fast-acting bystanders, first responders help Pleasanton man in cardiac arrest at gym

By RYAN J. DEGAN

For many, the holiday season is a time for reflection on the things that you are grateful for.

And this Thanksgiving, Pleasanton's Leeds family had plenty to be grateful for — after Alan Leeds was saved by a group of quick-thinking good Samaritans and first responders when he suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while playing racquetball in June.

During a reunion event held at Leeds' Ruby Hill home on Nov. 20, his family joined the first responders and the group

of bystanders who helped save his life to retell the story of Leeds' medical emergency and show their appreciation for one another.

"We rarely get to find out anything else beyond the patient's status when we drop them off at the ER, and that kind of blows people's minds because everything is so protected. So what I try to do, and hopefully we'll get to do more, is to try and make contact with families," Serena Johnson, an EMS captain at Falck ambulance group, said at the gathering. "We want to get the

message out to the community because what you guys did is the reason that he is here, truly."

To show their appreciation for the bystanders and first responders, the Leeds family presented Alan's saviors with Heart Saver Hero award certificates from the American Heart Association. An accomplished public speaker and magician, Leeds also entertained attendees with a magic show.

"Thank you everyone. Without you, we wouldn't be here today. This is huge, this is huge, so

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## Tax talk leads PUSD meeting

Admin also reviews achievement gap strategies

By JULIA BAUM

A modest turnout for a Pleasanton Unified School District community meeting at Pleasanton Middle School last week gave attendees the opportunity to learn more deeply about how their local schools are funded and the district's efforts to close achievement gaps among students.

The Nov. 20 meeting was attended by about two dozen parents, several high-schoolers, and PUSD administration including Superintendent David Haglund, Pleasanton Middle principal Joe Nguyen, and the entire Board of Trustees minus Board President Valerie Arkin, who was on vacation.

After a brief introduction, Haglund provided some recent district highlights such as Fairlands Elementary, Harvest Park Middle and Amador Valley High schools earning the No. 1 spots on Niche.com's 2020 Best Schools Rankings for the best elementary, middle and high schools in Alameda County.

Haglund also updated the audience on Measure II projects like the Lydixsen rebuild and modernization, portable replacements at Amador and Foothill, and the recent issuance of \$90 million in Measure II bonds.

The Measure II updates segued into a presentation in which Haglund explained where and how PUSD receives and spends its funding, the

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## Dublin Unified will rebuild two elementary schools

\$105M earmarked to revitalize Frederiksen, Murray starting next year

By JULIA BAUM

Groundbreaking on rebuilding the Frederiksen and Murray elementary schools in Dublin are scheduled to start early next year, using \$105 million in bond measure revenue for the projects.

The new buildings will be constructed on fields at the existing sites after Dublin Unified School District realized that rebuilding would cost less than renovating the current structures. Murray was originally built in 1966 and Frederiksen in 1967.

Signs showing the planned work at each site went up last week, where students and staff also posed for photos to commemorate the occasion. The new \$55 million Murray campus will have a kindergarten wing with four classrooms and another 28 grade-level classrooms divided among four separate buildings, with room for counseling and speech therapy.

Construction will start this spring, with the classroom buildings expected to be built from June 2020 to January 2021. Six of those classrooms could be in use as early as August 2020, according to DUSD.

The administration building, multipurpose room, library,

amphitheater, kitchen, science building and quad area are on track for construction from January 2021 to June 2022. Demolition of the existing Murray buildings will take place in spring 2022.

The planned \$50 million Frederiksen school will have 32 classrooms and a multipurpose room on the property's eastern and southeastern areas, respectively. An administration office, library and learning center, a STEM room, a fine art room and two special education classrooms will stand where the existing classrooms and administrative building are located.

Both campuses are designed to accommodate the 900 students that each are projected to enroll by 2025, according to the district. All work on both schools with the exception of demolishing the old buildings is expected to be completed by August 2021.

The projects are funded by Measure H, the \$283 million bond measure that Dublin voters approved in 2016 to address overcrowding in schools by expanding them, as well as upgrading older classrooms, adding modern technology and making sure that fire and safety codes are up to standard at all sites.

News about the projects came after the Board of Trustees reached an impasse the other week on whether to approve \$30 million for renovations at Dublin Elementary School. A "comprehensive site assessment" performed last year found inadequate parking, decaying exterior beams and roofing, and that "new mechanical units are needed in many locations," among other problems cited with the aging campus.

The 2-2 vote — trustees Amy Miller and Megan Rouse voted in favor, and trustees Dan Cherrier and Gabrielle Blackman against — blocked the proposal.

"The board made a decision not to move forward with those recommendations," district officials said in a statement. "The district will address this issue again once directed by the board."

The Dublin Teachers Association issued a statement on social media after the board vote and said members were "working diligently in collaboration with community members from across the district and colleagues at all 12 of our school sites in an effort to both support and raise community awareness for the Dublin Elementary community." ■

## Local high schools rank among best in United States

Four in Tri-Valley make Newsweek's Top 500 Best STEM Schools

By JULIA BAUM

Some of the best STEM (science, tech, engineering and mathematics) courses in the country can be found right here at several Tri-Valley high schools, according to Newsweek's recently released Top 500 Best STEM Schools rankings.

Foothill and Amador Valley high schools in Pleasanton, as well as Dougherty Valley High in San Ramon and the Quarry Lane School in Dublin, made the annual list. Overall, 82 of the best 500 STEM schools in the U.S. were located in California, many of those

within the Bay Area.

"We're fortunate to have amazing #CTE PLTW - Project Lead The Way pathways for students at both schools from computer science to biomed. Way to go #Dons and #Falcons!" — Pleasanton Unified School District officials posted on social media last week.

The district-wide program Project Lead The Way teaches pre-K through 12th-graders about computer science, engineering and biomedical science through hands-on projects and classroom lessons.

The Tri-Valley school rankings and their respective scores are as follows:

- **Amador Valley** STEM Rank: 169; Score: 94.04.
- **Foothill** STEM Rank: 242; Score: 93.08.
- **Quarry Lane** STEM Rank: 267; Score: 92.76.
- **Dougherty Valley** STEM Rank: 139; Score: 94.51.

The top 1,000 nationally ranked high schools were eligible this year for the STEM rankings. To see the complete list and scores of all 500 schools, visit <https://tinyurl.com/upc5afl>. ■



CITY OF PLEASANTON

### New teen poet laureate

Pleasanton's new teen poet laureate, Kanchan Naik, poses with the City Council after being recognized during a ceremony on Nov. 19 that included Naik reciting her original poem "not a writer" and offering brief remarks. "As the teen poet laureate, I would like to help our community not only appreciate poetry, but treat it like an approachable, hands-on activity," Naik, a junior at The Quarry Lane School, said in part. "In addition, I would like to use poetry to highlight the challenges that teenagers face on a daily basis, such as stress, body image and anxiety."



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thank you,” said Lois Leeds, Alan’s wife.

On June 18, after finishing up a game of racquetball with his friend Steve Reikes at the 24 Hour Fitness on Kitty Hawk Road in Livermore, Leeds went into cardiac arrest and collapsed on the floor.

Reikes quickly ran out to get help from personal trainer Wyatt Jayne while bystander Suzanne Arroyo began CPR — using a method she was taught working as a life-guard some years ago.

In the chain of survival that led to

Leeds’ recovery, Jayne took over CPR duties from Arroyo, before handing them onto his coworker Alex Macias, who after a while passed them onto bystander Nicole Spencer, a former paramedic who worked in Alameda County but now serves at the San Francisco Fire Department, who took charge with additional assistance provided by 24 Hour Fitness employee Mark Kinnard.

While the group waited for paramedics, they also applied an automated external defibrillator (AED) to Leeds.

“It’s the third time I’ve done CPR ... (And) the AED is easy. You just plug it in and follow the directions,”

Macias said with a chuckle. “When I was doing it, it’s fine. It’s afterward it gives me anxiety. I’m sweaty now just thinking about it.”

“I like to joke we are the safest 24 Hour Fitness because we have former Marines and airmen and sailors and EMTs and paramedics and we have doctors in there all the time,” Jayne added. “I hate the phrase ‘the perfect storm,’ but it really was a perfectly laid out situation.”

The group was able to keep Leeds stable long enough for Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Falck ambulance crews to arrive, who were able to

bring him to urgent care.

First responders stressed that the quick thinking bystanders who got involved were the vital link in the chain of survival for Leeds, who, statistically speaking, would most likely not have survived without their involvement — according to the American Heart Association, nearly 90% of cardiac arrests that occur in the U.S. are fatal.

“The biggest thing is that the public needs to get involved. In order for us to have a fighting chance to do the razzle dazzle, the public have to do some simple things: Call, get an AED, start CPR. I mean, I didn’t save your life; these

people did. We just came to pitch in,” said Danielle Barnes, a paramedic who treated Leeds. “Essentially it starts with the public, and if the public doesn’t get involved, we don’t have a fighting chance.”

Lois Leeds said she would like to host a CPR training course some time in the future, to help residents be more prepared to help save a life.

LPFD does not offer CPR training courses, however the American Red Cross provides a list of areas throughout the Bay Area where residents can train to become CPR certified. Learn more at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). ■

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## AWARDS CORNER

### LPC Express

For the second time this year, Las Positas College's student-led newspaper The Express has scooped up an armful of awards for their journalistic endeavors.

The campus publication received 19 awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) NorCal Conference in San Jose last weekend, including two of the most prized honors — General Excellence for both print and on-line journalism.

For the first time in nearly 10 years, The Express print edition earned one of the most coveted titles, and the online edition, LPCExpressNews.com, received the same for the second time in 2019.

Staff members also took home

top prizes for illustration and broadcast news, and a slew of second- and third-place spots and honorable mentions in various categories of photography, layout and news writing.

### Valor Crossing

The city of Dublin was recognized by its peers earlier this month for its support of the Valor Crossing affordable apartment complex in central Dublin.

The League of California Cities presented Dublin with a 2019 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations.

Valor Crossing is a 66-unit residential project built in collaboration among the city, Bay West Development and Eden Housing that gives preference to veterans and their families, military families, seniors and people with disabilities. Each unit is affordable; 35 residents were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless when the complex opened in 2017.

### Sen. Glazer

The East Bay Regional Park District and the Regional Parks Foundation recently presented Tri-Valley State Senator Steve Glazer with their 2019 Radke Championing Advocacy Award.

The local officials commended Glazer's efforts to secure \$5 million in the 2018-19 state budget for improvements at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, including upgrades to the park's aging water delivery system, which supplies water throughout the 4,395-acre park.

They also pointed to original Glazer legislation passed earlier this year to ban smoking in state parks and beaches. (EBRPD already prohibits smoking in its regional parks.)

### Ex-mayor Mori

Former Pleasanton mayor and state assemblyman S. Floyd Mori was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the OCA Asian Pacific Islander American

Advocates Utah during a ceremony Nov. 9 in West Valley City, Utah.

A Utah native who later moved to California and taught at Chabot College, Mori served on the Pleasanton City Council from 1972-75, including a turn as mayor, before being elected to the State Assembly from 1975-81. He has also been a longtime advocate for Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations and issues.

### Ed Maduli

The Association of Chief Business Officials recently recognized Edralin "Ed" Maduli, president of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees, with its Walter Starr Robie Award, which lauds California community college business administrators who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and exemplary service.

A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Maduli has also posted a long career in community college administration, currently

working as vice chancellor of administrative services for the West Valley-Mission Community College District in Santa Clara County.

In his hometown, Maduli has been an elected member of the Chabot-Las Positas board since 2016, representing Area 7, which includes Livermore and parts of Pleasanton.

### Engineer of the Year

Longtime Pleasanton resident Jonathan Wells, Ph.D., took home the 2019 Outstanding Engineer of the Year award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Santa Clara Valley section.

The award recognized Wells' acknowledged expertise, mentorship and development efforts in wireless communications and cellular technology, IBEE officials said.

Wells has lived in Pleasanton for 17 years and maintains a professional office downtown where he works as an independent consultant, specializing in wireless technology and intellectual property. ■

## REGULATIONS

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after contractors discovered severe foundation problems.

The consultant approached the Building Division with a request for changes to the footings — which was approved — but they did not call out to building officials that their changes would result in tearing down the whole house, nor did they seek approval from the Planning Division for the full demolition, as is protocol, according to assistant city manager Brian Dolan.

"We found out that we didn't have any recourse really in our existing code (for penalties)," Dolan told the commission. "It was very frustrating to not have a way to deal with it when it did happen, and I'm sorry to say we're probably more susceptible to it now that people found out that nothing happened to them."

The proposed code amendment centers around stiff fines and restrictions for property owners who

demolish a historic building, partially or fully, without written city approval or who make alterations to the building without proper permits.

The maximum fine would be based on the replacement value or the appraised value — whichever amount is greater — of the affected part of the building, before demolition or alteration, as determined by a licensed appraiser selected by the city. Staff recommended using only the appraised value, but planning commissioners supported adding the replacement value alternative for the highest possible maximum fine.

The other key penalty would be restrictions on future redevelopment at a site found in violation, meaning the owner could not reconstruct with a new building that exceeds the square footage, floor-area ratio, height or placement onsite as the demolished original structure for 20 years.

In practice, the ultimate fine amount in each case would be determined by the city's community development director, based on the

range from \$0 up to the maximum. The 20-year redevelopment restrictions could only be lifted with project approval by the City Council.

The commission also added a provision to clarify that the replacement structure should be the same architectural style or another approved historical style as the illegally demolished building.

The Pleasanton Heritage Association seemed supportive of the draft resolution as amended by the commissioners in their 5-0 vote on Nov. 13.

The proposed regulations are scheduled to head to the council during one of its December meetings, according to City Manager Nelson Fialho.

Meanwhile, with no recourse to impose additional penalties because of the gap in existing city law, the code enforcement case for the Second Street house resolved in mid-September, with city officials lifting the halt-work order they posted July 1 and allowing the

project to proceed.

"Staff has concluded that the best path forward in this particular case is to allow the Hodnefields to complete the reconstruction of the home as previously approved, as this is the best way to restore the historic character of the property and the neighborhood," Dolan wrote in a city memo on Sept. 17.

Property owners Jerry and Sherri Hodnefield sent an apology letter to the city on Sept. 16, acknowledging the error, expressing regret for what occurred and noting they recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Jean Jones Endowment Fund to support Museum on Main historic preservation efforts.

"We would like to offer our apologies for the misunderstanding at 4371 2nd Street. We began the process with the best intention of remodeling our home and preserving the historic integrity of the house as we have done with previous projects in Pleasanton," the Hodnefields wrote, in part.

"We mistakenly believed we had the necessary approvals to move forward with construction. Unfortunately, this resulted in the facade of the house being taken down. We regret this error," they added. "We believe that historic preservation is vital to the character of the neighborhood and the City of Pleasanton."

Work has picked up at the Second Street house in recent weeks. New framing has been built, among other new construction visible from the street since the red-tags were removed.

Jim Morgenroth of Pleasanton-based Morgenroth Development, the general contractor on the project, also acknowledged an error, telling the Weekly he made "the wrong choice" in not going directly to the city's Planning Division even though the house was in such bad shape "it would've come down anyway."

The firm is committed to

rebuilding the Craftsman-style house so the new facade exudes the same characteristics as the original, according to Morgenroth.

"Everybody will go by (and say), 'Wow, the house looks great; can't even tell it was worked on,'" he said.

Morgenroth also addressed why his firm turned down an unrelated contract with the city for construction services last month, saying he made the decision for availability reasons and not because of public criticism made by two City Council members in the aftermath of the Second Street situation.

The council had approved renewing an as-needed contract with Morgenroth worth a maximum of \$400,000 for 2019-20 in a 3-2 vote on Oct. 1. Vice Mayor Karla Brown and Councilwoman Julie Testa objected to re-signing with Morgenroth because of the firm's role in the unpermitted demolition.

Morgenroth said he was surprised and hurt by the public criticism, adding "so many of the comments weren't true," but he reiterated that they were not the reason he turned down the city contract after the council's approval.

He said recent family obligations, as well as his continued recovery from a serious injury, are impacting his professional availability so he felt that he and the firm could not handle the additional workload — "I couldn't do the good job that I expected."

Morgenroth was also confused why the contract renewal even went to the council on Oct. 1, saying he had already indicated to city staff that the firm "wouldn't be a good candidate for that work."

City staff found a new contractor, and the council on Oct. 15 confirmed an agreement with Ella Construction worth up to \$500,000 for on-call work and scheduled renovations, including the remodeling underway now at the city's Human Resources Department. ■

## Sprinkling happiness

Ahead of the rainy season, Amador Valley High students, staff and families were out on Nov. 21 to "sprinkle happiness" on people arriving to campus before the Thanksgiving holiday break. Wearing bright colors and carrying signs with positive messages, Amador staff and parents lined up along Santa Rita Road to greet and encourage students before classes began that morning. The holiday season is a time that many cherish spending with their family but others may struggle with their emotional and mental wellness, including depression and anxiety.



PHOTO BY PUSD

# Glazer proposes bills to 'harden' comm systems in power shutoffs

Tri-Valley State Sen. Steve Glazer said last week he plans to introduce legislation in January designed to help medical equipment and cell-phone towers stay in operation longer in emergencies such as fires and earthquakes.

Glazer (D-Orinda) said on Nov. 20 he plans separate bills to require mobile phone companies to provide at least 72 hours of backup battery power on their cell towers and to require utilities to provide backup battery packs to all customers whose lives would be endangered by an extended power outage.

Another proposal would allow hospitals to operate diesel generators to preserve power and for as long as necessary during planned shutoffs. Running such generators, Glazer said, can get hospitals and other agencies in trouble with local air quality regulators.

"Our most urgent priority is to

force the utilities to do everything possible to end these outages," Glazer said in a statement.

He was referring to PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoffs, which are being done to help minimize fire danger caused by the utility's equipment. In a subsequent interview, Glazer said it would also apply to unplanned outages, such as ones that could occur in an earthquake or other natural disaster.

"Until we have that assurance, we must also do all we can to help our residents deal with any power outages that do occur," Glazer said.

Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) agreed, saying these measures are needed to help counter PG&E's planned shutoffs, caused at least in part by what she said was "PG&E's many years of neglect, deferred maintenance and greed."

Glazer said the bills were borne out of a combination of direct constituent

contacts, social media posts and accounts from others about how cell-phone service went out during the planned power shutoffs. That cutoff, he said, rendered many of them unable to get updates on the outages or to reach out for help.

In an email statement, PG&E spokeswoman Ari Vanrenen said that over the last decade PG&E has invested more than \$30 billion in its electric system alone, including \$3 billion in vegetation management and tree trimming. Every year, she said, PG&E spends between \$6 and \$7 billion on its electric and gas systems.

Also, PG&E is working to "narrow the scope and duration" of future power shutoffs with the help of more technologically advanced weather stations and cameras that provide local data.

PG&E cannot comment on the proposed legislation without having seen it, Vanrenen said.

There likely will be three separate bills, Glazer said, concentrating on the cell tower "hardening," providing backup power packs to those who need them, and giving hospitals greater latitude to use the diesel generators. Each will likely have to negotiate different

subcommittees, he said.

Glazer also said he doesn't expect smooth sailing on getting the bills turned into law.

"We always get pushback — bureaucracies don't want to change," he said. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Dublin seeks nominees

City holding annual public awards program

Nominations are now being accepted for the city of Dublin's Citizen of the Year, as well as several other awards celebrating residents who made noteworthy contributions to the city's quality of life over the past year.

In addition to Citizen of the Year, the city is soliciting nominations for Young Citizen of the Year, which recognizes the volunteer work of Dublin youths, and Organization of the Year.

Winners are selected based on

five established nomination criteria: the project's overall uniqueness and originality; its relevance and importance to the community; how much time and effort was spent; challenges faced in completing the activity, and the Dublin Integrity In Action's 10 Characteristics, which include responsibility, respectfulness, caring, giving, positive attitude, trustworthiness, cooperation, doing one's best, honesty, and self-discipline.

Winners will be announced at the

annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Feb. 19 at Shannon Community Center. The Organization of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize and a \$300 donation will be made to the Citizen and Youth Citizen of the Year's favorite charitable organization.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.dublin.ca.gov/vre](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/vre) and can be submitted until Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 833-6650. ■

—Julia Baum

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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difference between basic aid and revenue limit school districts and parcel vs. property taxes. They also compared the comparative tax rates among different school districts in Alameda County.

This led into an update about the \$323 million bond that will be on the March 2020 ballot and an overview of the bond project list, which included modernizing and replacing the gyms and theaters at Foothill and Amador.

Tonya Bass, a PUSD parent liaison and mother of three children enrolled at Foothill and Hart Middle, told the Weekly that she thought the presentation was "very informative, especially the bonds."

She also said it was "nice that we get to talk to (administrators) one-on-one" at the less-formal community meetings, and added that she would "encourage others to attend the next event" for those reasons.

"I thought that was very informative, the way (Haglund) described it. He broke it down so you understood exactly what he meant," Bass said. "When I make decisions to vote, it

will definitely change my outlook because now I understand what (the bond measure) is."

Bass also said she appreciated learning about how the district has been working to recognize and close achievement gaps among students who are struggling academically. An audience member during the meeting's comment portion had asked what data, strategies and intervention programs PUSD was using to identify and meet the needs of at-risk students.

"We have various different data sets that we use. The state data isn't very helpful to us because it's always after the fact and we get the data after we disconnect with the student at the grade level. So I would say that the state student achievement is not a good tool for us to use," Haglund said.

He then explained how lower-grade teachers in the district have been implementing the Measures of Academic Performance (MAPS) system, a growth assessment in math and language arts given to students in grades 3 through 5 that he has seen other schools successfully use.

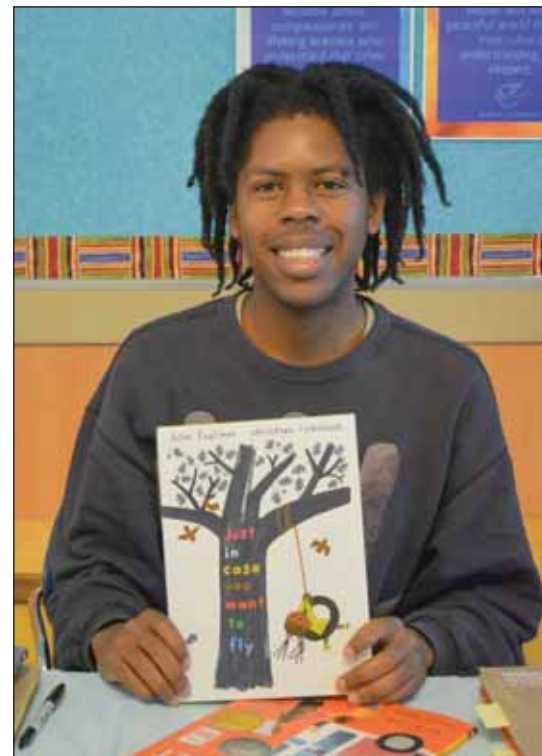
"It was very, very helpful for us to get to the gap identification, and the

reports that came out of the system also identified the specific area of misunderstanding within a standard that the student was struggling with and so you could easily form groups of students to do an intervention," Haglund said.

"Nobody fails algebra — they fail numbers or fractions or some other function of math that they didn't completely learn when they were younger, and as soon as you can address that learning need, the ability to work an algebraic function becomes much more attainable to that student," he added.

In response to being asked about meeting the needs of students in high school, Haglund said, "There's two ways to look at that. One is there's the kids we have sitting right in front of us and we have to help these kids that need help right now. But we also have to address the problem that produced that kid — what's the gap academically in the instructional program that along the way that led to the student to having a deficit. So we need to look at it both ways."

Another PUSD community meeting will be held at Amador in mid-January as well as another at Donlon Elementary during the spring. ■



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## Illustrator inspires students

Award-winning children's book illustrator Christian Robinson paid a visit to Joe Michell K-8 School in Livermore earlier this month, where the San Francisco-based artist captured students' attention with personal stories about being raised by his grandmother, how he became interested in illustrating and how he paved his creative path.

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During the grand-opening ceremony at the Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Skating Rink, members of the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club dazzled attendees with a series of skating routines and tricks.

## Skate into the season

### Tri-Valley's first outdoor holiday ice rink opens in San Ramon

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

Dozens of skaters could be seen elegantly gliding across the ice, working in the occasional twirl or desperately holding onto their balance during the grand opening of the Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Skating Rink at City Center Bishop Ranch earlier this month — a sight that San Ramon city officials hope will become a treasured tradition for many winters yet to come.

During the unveiling event held on Nov. 15, hundreds of families, teenagers, local government officials and the Olympic gold medalist herself were on hand to hit the ice and celebrate the Tri-Valley's first and only outdoor ice skating rink.

"It's very exciting, as I was coming here tonight I ran into a bunch of parents and their children coming down from the parking structure, rushing down the stairs wanting to get to the ice skating rink and see it open up," said Alexander Mehran Sr., chairman of the board at Sunset Development Company — the owner of City Center Bishop Ranch. "It's just one more element of the activity that people can share at Bishop Ranch



and (makes) it a point of gathering and celebration as we begin this holiday season."

Located in City Center's front parking lot near the corner of Bollinger Canyon Road and Camino Ramon, city officials say they believe the 4,100-square-foot ice rink will soon prove to be a cherished holiday tradition that will contain regional appeal, as well as a resource of fun for local teens and families.

"We have a significant population of under 17 (kids) and they need things to do. And this ice rink is going to serve them during the holidays," San Ramon Councilwoman Sabina Zafar said at the grand-opening event. "When my kids were younger we would go over to Walnut Creek or San Francisco so having it right here is going to be awesome."

San Ramon's Mayor Bill Clark-son was also at the event, saying a few words to welcome in what he says is an attraction that residents were highly enthusiastic about since City Center's early development.

"If there's one thing I heard the most enthusiasm about, because we are really a family-friendly city, the thought of having an outdoor ice skating rink here in the downtown area where people can bring their children and families just had a broad universal appeal," he told the Weekly prior to the opening. "I'm really excited that this real first winter they are actually going to open up and do it."

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation, which the Alamo resident and retired figure skater says aims to promote literacy among

underserved children in America and help instill children with a love of reading.

"We focus on early childhood literacy and have a reading program that targets low-income kindergarten students," Yamaguchi told the Weekly. "This is a population that does not have books at home, so what we do is provide access to high-quality books at home via technology and tablets."

By reaching out to kindergarteners, Yamaguchi says that they can instill a lifelong love of reading and books early on, adding "There's a recent study that came out a few weeks ago that 65% of fourth-graders here in the U.S. read below grade level. That's a crisis situation."

She also added that the program strongly encourages parent engagement to help families feel empowered by their own involvement in their child's learning at home. Learn more about the foundation online at [www.alwaysdream.org](http://www.alwaysdream.org). ■

#### Hours and prices

The Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Skating Rink will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 per skater, \$10 for skaters 4 and under and \$5 for skate rentals. Students with a valid ID can receive free skate rentals on weekdays before 5 p.m.

The rink is also available for private party rentals online, learn more at [www.citycenterbishopranch.com/ice-rink](http://www.citycenterbishopranch.com/ice-rink).

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# Gobble up your leftovers

More reasons to give thanks — from sandwiches to soup to salad

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Turkeys get a bad rap. They emit enzymes that make you sleepy (a myth busted in 2013). Don't stuff them the night before or they can kill you. Beware the pan of sizzling grease as you remove it from the oven.

But a turkey is as mandatory for Thanksgiving as joining friends and family for dinner and having pie for dessert.

My only concern regarding turkeys has been what to do with the leftovers, a dilemma as American as Thanksgiving itself.

For many years, I bemoaned that large carcass crowding out the leftover pie in the fridge. Sure it's easy to reheat everything for a feast redux, and turkey sandwiches for a day or two are great. However the sturdy turkey shell continued to yield meat long after the smooth slices of breast were only a fond memory.

But over the years, two uses for leftover turkey have come to be post-Thanksgiving staples for me, recipes that otherwise do well with chicken.

A Chinese cooking class many

years ago provided me with a wonderful recipe for shredded chicken salad. Drier turkey meat works well since the dressing provides moisture, and the sharp tang puts pizzazz into the grayest of days.

The second dish is turkey rice soup, a recipe I reverse-engineered soon after I began work at the Pleasanton Weekly in 2000. A deli next door to our original office on First Street called Me and My Friends cooked turkeys every day and made wonderful fresh soup that was especially enjoyable in the winter months. Some years I make broth out of the turkey bones but chicken or vegetable broth also work fine.

As this year's holiday approached, I asked others what they did with their turkey leftovers. My hair stylist said she sometimes makes a stew.

Pleasanton photographer Christina Gray, author of "Be Free Cooking: The Allergen-Aware Cook," said her family basically eats the leftovers the same as on Thanksgiving Day.

"But every now and then I

like to go back to my British Irish roots and make a small pie dish full of shepherd's pie for myself," she emailed. "Oh how I love turkey, gravy, vegetables and a crust full of buttery mashed potatoes — layer by layer of Thanksgiving goodness."

She added that shepherd's pie is traditionally made with beef or lamb so it is probably not common as a Thanksgiving dish.

"I used to have it all the time when I was a kid with the lamb leftovers from our Christmas meal," she remembered.

Now of course we have recipes at our fingertips and when I asked Siri what I could do with turkey leftovers, she responded with links to more than 35 tips including casseroles, pastry rings, crunch wraps and enchiladas. So the problem this year may be not enough leftovers.

When shopping for the Thanksgiving feast, I've always added fresh sandwich bread and lettuce to the cart, aware of the day after. This year, I specified: Really big turkey. ■

## Chinese shredded turkey salad

### Ingredients:

About two cups of turkey, shredded  
1 small head iceberg lettuce, sliced  
1 bunch cilantro, chopped  
1 bunch green onions, cut lengthwise into slivers, each about 2 inches long

### Topping:

1/4 cup salted peanuts, crushed  
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds  
1 small bunch of rice sticks, deep fried and drained

### Dressing:

1 tablespoon dry mustard mixed with a little water to form a thin paste  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 tablespoons sesame oil  
1 tablespoon wine vinegar  
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix the greens together. Add turkey meat. Toss with dressing and add topping. Serve at once.

## Turkey rice soup

1 tablespoon butter  
1 cup chopped cooked turkey  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped carrots  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup rice  
2-3 cups broth  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Cilantro

Melt the butter in a large saucepan and brown the next five ingredients. Add broth and, when it almost boils, turn the heat down and simmer for a half hour (or longer if using brown rice). Top with chopped cilantro.



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### Train of Lights

The train is out of the station, starting tonight. Niles Canyon Railway has brought back its annual Train of Lights for the holiday season. The Weekly got a sneak peek last week as the nonprofit unveiled this year's holiday-decorated train for a test trip for media and VIPs. The 2019 Train of Lights Trains will depart from Niles Station, 37029 Mission Blvd. in Fremont, at 4:30 p.m. and Sunol Station, 6 Killkare Road in Sunol, at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 30 (except for Christmas Eve and Day). Learn more at [ncry.org](http://ncry.org).

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### Country 'Holidays and Hits'

Country acts Lonestar and Phil Vassar will perform "Holidays and Hits," including their own "Not So Silent Night" as well as Christmas standards at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9, at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets are \$20-\$145; \$20 for students to age 21 and military. Call 373-6800, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org), or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore. This is the first of three Bankhead shows that celebrate the holiday season with different styles and sounds. Danú in "An Emerald Isle Christmas" on Dec. 16 will present authentic Celtic music, followed on Dec. 23 by the eclectic LA-based gypsy-klezmer band, Mostly Kosher.

## Symphony performing free Family Concert

Season opens same night at Bankhead Theater — Dec. 7

By **PATRICIA J. BOYLE**

The Livermore-Amador Symphony opens its 57th regular season with "Winter Dreams" at the Bankhead Theater at 8:15 p.m. next Saturday (Dec. 7), and earlier that day will present its Family Concert at 3 p.m.

This is the fifth year for the Family Concert, which is free but requires tickets.

"The performance is a fun-filled concert of Hanukkah and Christmas music and Camille Saint-Saëns' 'The Carnival of the Animals,'" music director Lara Webber said. "This fun musical suite features the cock-a-doodle-doo of roosters and hens, the hee-haw of donkeys, the shimmering slippery magic of



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The Livermore-Amador Symphony, directed by Lara Webber, opens its new season Dec. 7, with a free Family Concert in the afternoon and "Winter Dreams" in the evening.

fish, a royal lion, an elegant swan, kangaroos, cuckoos, elephants and tortoises.

"Two talented young pianists, Daniel Mah and Hailing Wang,

join the orchestra as soloists," she continued.

"Narrating the performance with the witty words of Ogden Nash is actor and director Michael Wayne Rice, known to Livermore audiences through his wonderful work with the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. He has delighted thousands of kids performing in school-outreach concerts with the symphony."

The program will include Valley Dance Theatre members performing selections from their upcoming "Nutcracker."

The concert lasts about 50 minutes and concludes in the lobby with a chance for children to meet the performers and try out musical instruments.

The evening concert will feature Mozart's "Three German Dances," also the "Carnival of the Animals," and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1.

"The music of Mozart puts us in the holiday spirit with his 'Three German Dances' that feature charming sleigh bells," Webber said, noting that much of his music was written for formal balls in Vienna.

"Tchaikovsky struggled so mightily with his first symphony," she added. "He believed at one point it might kill him, he was so exhausted. The pressure surrounding this milestone was enormous, but we hear none of that struggle in this brilliant music. Infused with Russian folk song, the architecture of the music is clean and clear like the bright sparkle of new snow."

Webber will provide commentary during the concert in lieu of a prelude talk. The Symphony Guild will host a post-concert reception.

Tickets for the evening symphony are \$26-\$36; youths, \$12. Tickets for both performances are available at [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org); the Bankhead ticket office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or by calling 373-6800. ■

*Editor's note: Patricia J. Boyle, immediate past president of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch, has been writing about the Livermore-Amador Symphony for seven years.*

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## DARRELL JOBE Packaging and people



By Jeremy Walsh

Darrell Jobe understands the value of second chances.

A former gang member who spent time in and out of jail as a youth and young adult, Jobe capitalized on the opportunity to truly change his life, personally and professionally.

Now, as CEO and founder of Vericool, Jobe spearheads a company that is working to transform the packaging industry, with an eye on helping the environment, by manufacturing fully recyclable and fully compostable coolers and shipping materials.

But the Livermore-based firm also has an eye focused on helping society in another way, by providing employment opportunities for those among the most in need of such a chance — formerly incarcerated men and women.

“I had to dig very deep to make those changes,” Jobe said during a phone interview this month. “When I came out (of jail), I had to fight for those opportunities. And there are so many others who don’t have that opportunity to fight.”

Jobe’s is a story becoming more and more well-known across the Bay Area and the nation — look no further than the Forbes’ profile article about Jobe and Vericool earlier this year.

Faced with a tough childhood in Richmond, including time in juvenile hall, Jobe found himself in jail staring at the real possibility of a five-year prison sentence. As

a 23-year-old man with a young daughter and son on the way outside those walls, Jobe decided it was now or never.

“I just told myself I couldn’t be this person I was becoming, that I had become,” he recalled. “So I made a lot of promises to God, sitting in that jail cell.”



Darrell Jobe

“And luckily for me, the judge showed me mercy,” Jobe said. “The judge said there’s something about this kid; I believe in him and I want to give him another opportunity.” And with that alone, I took a six-month sentence, and I came out with a whole new game plan of never to sell drugs, never to steal or cheat — never to be part of that lifestyle ever again and only do good with my life.”

Jobe, who had little formal

education beyond childhood, was searching for a career when he found the packaging industry.

He remembered having a friend whose father had a \$6 million house with fancy cars and a spread-out estate in Diablo Country Club.

“I had to ask her what her father did, and she told me he sold boxes,” Jobe said. “I’m like, what kind of boxes did he sell? And she told me, ‘Cardboard boxes.’ And I started laughing.”

He remembered joking with her, “You mean with cocaine in them? You’re not selling cardboard boxes and getting this kind of house. And she’s like, ‘No, really.’”

And that was Jobe’s introduction to the packaging industry. He said he spent six months trying almost every day to get an interview with the friend’s father, to get a job with the company.

“It was so far-fetched,” he added. “It didn’t make any sense to me in my mind that I’d ever get that opportunity, but something deep inside just said, ‘Darrell, don’t stop.’ And I would dream about it, and dream about it.”

Jobe said that amid his persistence, the man helped get him an interview with another packaging firm. He seized the opportunity, and has never looked back.

“I doubled my territory’s sales in that year,” he recalled about that first job.

Jobe would soon move to a family-owned company based out of Gilroy, working there for 14 years until



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Vericool founder and CEO Darrell Jobe (left) looks over products with an employee in the company’s warehouse in Livermore.

venting off on his own. About a decade in, Jobe was in position to purchase a share of the company.

From there, looking to expound upon his own original ideas for packaging, Jobe branched out to form his own company: Vericool.

Founded in 2015, Vericool develops coolers and shipping materials for industries such as pharmaceuticals, health and meal delivery, as well as for personal use, that are recyclable and compostable.

“It allows for consumers and B2B (business to business) to replace EPS/Styrofoam in a cost-effective way without compromising performance. You eliminate pollution with the environmentally friendly option. Your customers are a part of it, the business is a part of it and it protects our planet,” Jobe said.

“It’s a no-brainer,” he added. “You don’t really see much innovation coming out of packaging. So to be the company that’s bringing so much of this to the market is pretty exciting.”

But these days, almost as

innovative as its products is Vericool going out of its way to provide employment opportunities to formerly incarcerated people. Company leaders estimate that over the years, they’ve hired 75 men and women looking for that second chance after time behind bars.

“It’s very important to me because I come from that world ... The unemployment rate for formerly incarcerated men and women is at 28% nationally,” Jobe said, adding:

“When someone in prison has done their time, they’re excited to get out and believe that they’re going to have an opportunity to excel and create a new life.

“But when they come out, they realize that it doesn’t work that way. That when you turn in your resume, your resume automatically gets kicked out because it has ‘felon’ or it has ‘incarcerated’ — it has these signature rejection stamps on them because of your past.

“I believe the true way to reducing crime and recidivism is by giving people opportunities.” ■



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### Hero FYI

- ▲ Vericool is headquartered at 7066 Las Positas Road, not far from the Greenville Road intersection.
- ▲ Jobe came to know Livermore as an ideal company location after living there for five years. He and his family now reside in Pleasanton.
- ▲ Turned 40 years old earlier this month.
- ▲ In his down time, Jobe says he enjoys golfing, especially at Castlewood Country Club.
- ▲ Jobe and/or Vericool have won other awards in recent years, including the Small Business of the Year from State Senator Steve Glazer, #Gamechangers Award from Innovation Tri-Valley and a StopWaste Business Efficiency Award.
- ▲ A man of faith, Jobe said, “I live my life like this — Luke 12:48, ‘To whom much is given, much will be required.’”

## ALEXANDER MEHRAN SR. Transforming San Ramon



By Ryan J. Degan

In 1955, when 5-year-old Alexander Mehran Sr. moved from Oakland to Diablo with his family, the Tri-Valley felt like a much smaller and sleepier place than it is today.

Now, 64 years later — after an exponential growth in population — the once-rural community has seen a major transformation into a residential hub and business center, and that is due in no small part to Mehran's company, Sunset Development Company.

The result of Mehran and his family's contributions to the region's evolving landscape was among the reasons he received the 2019 Tri-Valley Heroes Lifetime Achievement award.

"I have never considered myself to be a hero," Mehran said after accepting the award. "I will admit to having participated in the transformation of the San Ramon Valley from a sleepy rural community to being a part of one of the most vital and vibrant aspects of one of the great centers of innovation in the world, the Bay Area."

Mehran serves as chairman of the board for Sunset Development, the company that was founded by his father Masud in 1951 and that is today led by his son Alexander Mehran Jr., who acts as the president and CEO.

Under Mehran's guidance, Sunset Development built Bishop Ranch in San Ramon, the largest mixed-use business community in Northern California. Bishop Ranch is home to approximately 30,000 employees who work at a variety of major companies such as Chevron, Bank of the West, PG&E and AT&T to name a few.

Bishop Ranch further evolved in 2018 when the highly anticipated City Center complex opened its doors, offering residents a retail,



Three generations of Mehran men have led Sunset Development, starting with its founder Masud Mehran (in portrait) followed by Alexander Mehran Sr. (standing left) and Alexander Mehran Jr.

entertainment and community gathering place that serves as a downtown area for San Ramon.

Through its partnership with the city of San Ramon, Sunset Development is also responsible for constructing San Ramon's City Hall — which is located on Bollinger Canyon Road down the block from Bishop Ranch.

To what does Mehran attribute his company's decades worth of success? Close family ties and the Mehran legacy.

"The real heroes in my family are my parents who immigrated to this country from Iran in 1944," he said. "I am blessed by having very loving close relations with both my parents, and I think that one of the secrets to my well-being is I knew they always had my back no matter what."

After receiving degrees at Harvard University and Cambridge University, Mehran worked at J.P. Morgan for 3-1/2 years before feeling the pull of his family business and legacy.

"I decided the business was really

the legacy of our family in America, and when I put it in that context, it was pretty clear (I should) come back to California. So I did and I came back with my dad and we built a couple of homes in Livermore," Mehran said.

He explained that the family legacy — as well as the close familial bond — continues today with his son Alexander Jr.

"It's fantastic; it's the best thing that has happened to me in my business career," Mehran said of getting to work with his son. "One of the elements of peace of mind when I was working for my father, that also exists between me and my son, is the trust that is there during the decision-making process. Because there is no separate agenda for father and son; the agenda is simply to do what is in the best interest of the business and what is in the best interest of the family."

He added that while he hopes his grandchildren will one day become involved in the business, he says the oldest one is currently 7 so that may

take awhile to come to fruition.

"To have created a multi-generational platform where I can be active, my father could be active, my son could be active and hopefully so my grandchildren can be active in the business ... is wonderful," Mehran said.

As for the future of the region, Mehran says that he believes people will migrate toward living closer to where they work — which Sunset Development will look to accommodate for its own tenants at Bishop Ranch by building 4,500 housing units in the heart of the property.

"I think that as transportation gets more and more difficult, people will gravitate toward going to local work centers and we will be one of those places," Mehran said. "I'm hoping that (our project) will be approved some time in 2020 and that will be a change for the better for easing the housing burden as well as making the choice to live and work in Bishop Ranch a little easier."

Still in the review process by the city, the project in San Ramon would also include a 169-room hotel, an interconnected parks

system, new parking structures, an amphitheater with a potential capacity for 1,500 seats and two new community centers, as well as other amenities and additions.

Some residents in San Ramon have expressed concerns over the size of the project and how that many new homes may adversely change the culture of the community, but Mehran says change is a part of life in the Bay Area and not something that should be feared.

"I think that people are naturally resistant to change and I think it's easy to focus on some of the negative aspects of change and forget about the positive attributes of change ... and the opportunities that it brings up," he said. "There are so many opportunities that have been made available to this community by virtue of how it has expanded and grown, and that is the most important thing that it allows people to achieve their maximum potential."

"I can tell you that if I were a 5-year-old boy growing up in Diablo today, I would have many more opportunities and doors that are open to me than I did when I was growing up," Mehran added. ■

### Hero FYI

- ▲ Mehran was born in Oakland in 1950 shortly after his family took a grand tour exploring all of the country's then-48 states.
- ▲ When his family moved to California in 1946, the state had a population of 9.5 million — 2 million of whom lived in the Bay Area. Today that population rests at 40 million and 7.7 million, respectively.
- ▲ Inspired by his grandfather's efforts to feed and house less privileged individuals, Mehran operates The Masud and Alex Mehran Foundation which strives to do the same.
- ▲ Mehran is the proud grandfather of five grandkids.



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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Livermore PD reports uptick in catalytic converter thefts

The Livermore Police Department is investigating a string of catalytic converter thefts targeting Toyota Prius cars in the city since early summer, including an additional uptick this month, according to a department spokesperson.

The department last week released security footage of a suspect and getaway car as well as announced a monetary reward in the hopes of tracking down the people involved.

Officer Taylor Burruss said that 25 catalytic converter thefts have been reported in the city since July — 10 of which have occurred since Nov. 1. All of the thefts occurred overnight during the dark.

Burruss said catalytic converters are attractive to thieves because of their high recycling value and relatively easy access on the bottom of cars.

“It takes a skilled thief a short amount of time — less than five minutes — to crawl under a car, saw or cut through the parts and steal the catalytic converter. Not only do the victims have to replace the catalytic

converter, the method of removal also results in additional costly repairs,” Burruss said.

As part of their investigation, police obtained surveillance footage from a Livermore apartment complex parking lot that shows a suspected thief and their car from afar earlier this month. The suspect vehicle appears to be red Ford Escort station wagon (1997-2000 era), Burruss said in a post on social media that included photographs pulled from the video.

The department is now offering a \$750 reward to anyone that provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprits involved in the catalytic converter thefts. Those with information can contact the Livermore Police Tip-Line at 925-371-4790.

Burruss also shared some tips for residents that could help slow catalytic converter thieves or help with the investigation:

- Park your vehicle in a closed, locked garage. If parking in your driveway, consider using/adding a motion-sensing light to illuminate the area.

- Install quality video surveillance outside of your home.

- Make a point to meet with neighbors/community regularly. Coordinate with one another to

safeguard your neighborhood and develop plans to look out for one-another. If you need help setting up a Neighborhood Watch, contact LPD’s crime prevention unit at [naguon@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:naguon@cityoflivermore.net).

- If you see something suspicious (like a person working on the underside of a car in the middle of night along with the sound of a power saw or hammering), please report it immediately.

### In other news

- Pleasanton police reported arresting two suspected package thieves with the help of a getaway car description provided by a resident who watched the crime occur on video outside his home last week.

The situation unfolded on Nov. 19 when a Laguna Oaks resident called police after seeing on video someone steal a package from his front porch and drive away in an Audi A7, officials said in a post on the Pleasanton Police Department’s Facebook page. The resident had witnessed the theft via his home’s video surveillance system.

A Pleasanton police officer soon spotted the same Audi driving on Foothill Road near Stoneridge Drive and followed the car until backup officers arrived to assist in a traffic stop, which took place on Interstate 580, officials said.

Officers searched the vehicle and allegedly found stolen mail from Pleasanton, fraudulent checks and the stolen package.

Police arrested the driver, a 26-year-old man from Hayward, on suspicion of theft, possession of stolen property, check fraud, driving on a suspended driver’s license and probation violation. The lone passenger,



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### Police read to preschoolers

A group of youngsters and their parents visited the Pleasanton Police Department headquarters on Nov. 20 as part of the Pleasanton Public Library’s Pop-Up Preschool Storytime program. Here, Officer Charles Hendrickson reads to the preschoolers, passages from Kersten Hamilton’s picture book, “Police Officers on Patrol.” The next police department story time is scheduled for Jan. 22. Contact the library for event details.

a 35-year-old Tracy woman, was arrested on suspicion of possessing stolen property, check fraud, theft and having an outstanding warrant for vehicle theft.

Both arrestees were then booked into custody at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

“This case is a good reminder to be careful about protecting your home package deliveries,” police said. “Thank you again to our ever-vigilant residents! It’s because of the great partnership we have with you that we live and work in one of the safest cities in the state.”

The pair’s names are being withheld in accordance with Embarcadero Media’s policy on identifying arrestees before prosecutors file formal charges — as is also the case in the next arrest story below.

- Three people were arrested on suspicion of drug-related charges after their vehicle was stopped by police early in the morning last week in Pleasanton, according to the department.

“In the middle of the night when you are snuggled warm in your bed our officers are out on the street vigilantly looking for bad guys,” police officials said to open a Facebook post recounting the incident.

Around 2 a.m. Nov. 18, Pleasanton police Officer Brian Jewell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the city and contacted three occupants inside, according to the department.

A search of each person and the vehicle followed, and the officer found drugs including heroin and Fentanyl as well as drug paraphernalia, according to police.

The driver, a 28-year-old man

from Pleasanton, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of a controlled substance and drug charges.

One passenger, a 33-year-old woman from San Francisco, was arrested on suspicion of drug charges. The other passenger, a 27-year-old San Francisco man, was arrested on suspicion of drug charges and having multiple outstanding felony warrants for theft.

All three people were later booked into custody at Santa Rita Jail.

Police added, “On a side note: This was Officer Jewell’s 25th DUI arrest this calendar year. Outstanding work!”

- Oakland civil rights attorney Dan Siegel filed a lawsuit in federal court last week alleging that Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern and Aramark Correctional Services are profiting from free labor by inmates at the Santa Rita Jail.

The suit, which was filed on behalf of eight Santa Rita inmates who do food preparation work at the jail, alleges that Ahern and Aramark Correctional Services are violating the 13th Amendment, which went into effect in 1865 and banned involuntary servitude.

The suit says that in 1990 California voters approved a proposition that allows counties to hire prisoners in their jails to work for private companies, provided the prisoners are paid comparable wages to the companies’ non-incarcerated employees.

Sheriff’s spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly didn’t immediately return a call seeking a comment on the suit. ■

—Jeremy Walsh  
and Bay City News Service

## Kaye Elizabeth Decker

November 8, 1927 - November 3, 2019

Kaye Elizabeth Decker passed away on Nov. 3, 2019 with family by her side. She was a beautiful and generous soul, a strong and independent woman, a marvelous mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, wife, and friend whose love made a difference in every life she touched. She is at peace now and her love and kindness live on within those blessed to have known her.



Kaye was married to Wally Decker and moved to Pleasanton in 1963. She was active in the community by serving as President of the Golden Acorn chapter of the Children’s Home Society, helping as a home room mother at her daughter’s school and working on the census in the 1970s. She had a passion for politics, cooking and charities supporting nature, animals and helping those in need. She was an avid reader and knowledgeable expert on FDR. She and Wally loved to travel abroad to Europe as well as within North America, learning and appreciating different sights, cultures and cuisine.

Kaye is survived by her daughter Courtney (Michael), son Bill (Sheila), son Dean, six grandchildren, Anna (Jake), Wendy (Jim), John (Marisa), Jeff (April), Christine, and Sean and six great-grandchildren, Anna, Sarah, Dominic, Xavier, Harper and Hudson.

A celebration of life will be held with family. Contributions in Kaye’s honor can be made to The Nature Conservancy ([support.nature.org](http://support.nature.org))

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# Livermore company ordered to pay \$100K for rupturing gas lines

MCH Electric accused of violations of Dig Safe Act; company's attorney denies allegations

A Livermore-based company will pay \$100,000 in penalties and costs because Santa Clara County prosecutors say it ruptured gas lines repeatedly over five years, although an attorney for the company strongly denied the allegations.

A judge on Nov. 20 ordered MCH Electric to pay the civil settlement following an investigation that included the help of Alameda County prosecutors.

The prosecution is one of the first in California that involves the state's Dig Safe Act enacted in 2016 to strengthen existing laws regarding excavation safety.

Prosecutors said MCH Electric broke gas lines 15 times over the past five years. An investigation

began when Milpitas police reported a series of problems at the company's construction sites in 2017.

Alameda County prosecutors joined the investigation when they uncovered alleged violations in their county, including in the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin.

The suit against MCH Electric alleged that the company did not call 9-1-1 immediately after rupturing a line, that it failed to call 8-1-1 to ask that lines be marked ahead of digging, and that it used backhoe equipment too close to utility lines than the law permits. No one was injured in any of the gas line breaks.

Charles Doerksen, an attorney representing MCH Electric, said on Nov. 21 that a news release the

district attorney issued about the settlement was "grossly misleading."

Doerksen noted that the settlement states that MCH Electric did not admit fault, and said "virtually every one" of the lines hit was one "that the utility mismarked."

He said the DA's office had threatened a lawsuit but then offered to settle for an amount significantly less than the cost to litigate the case, "a lawsuit that I very strongly believe that MCH Electric could have won," he added.

"MCH Electric is shocked and disappointed at how the DA has misrepresented both the nature of the settlement and the underlying facts," Doerksen said. ■

—Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Nov. 21

#### Theft

- 10 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard road; theft from auto
- 8:36 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Alcohol violation

- 1:25 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 11:23 a.m. on the 900 block of Division Street

### Nov. 20

#### Theft

- 10:19 a.m., 600 block of Division Street; theft from auto
- 3:24 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from structure
- 3:58 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:47 p.m., 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
- 6:26 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### Nov. 19

#### Theft

- 10:28 a.m., 4100 block of Mohr Avenue; theft from structure
- 11:13 a.m., 7700 block of Fairbrook Court; theft from auto
- 11:52 p.m., 3300 block of Medallion Court
- 12:40 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:16 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:57 p.m., 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; theft from auto
- 9:31 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

#### Graffiti

- 5:29 a.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court
- 9:39 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

#### Domestic battery

- 12:55 a.m. on Echo Court

#### Burglary

- 7:57 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

### Nov. 18

#### DUI

- 1:54 p.m. at Owens Drive and Andrews Drive
- 10:52 p.m. on the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Trespass/prowling

- 10:51 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 6:33 p.m. on the 500 block of Peters Avenue
- 10:38 p.m., 2100 block of Arroyo Court; theft from auto

### Nov. 17

#### Theft

- 12:41 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:56 p.m., 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive; theft from auto
- 8:59 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### DUI

- 1:28 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 6:18 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

### Nov. 16

#### Domestic battery

- 11:28 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Alcohol violation

- 10:01 p.m. on the 4100 block of Stanley Boulevard
- 11:13 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

#### Theft

- 11:28 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 4:08 p.m., 4800 block of Merganser Court; theft from auto
- 10:31 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Trespass/prowling

- 5:01 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### DUI

- 2:06 a.m. at Cornerstone Court and Juno Circle

#### Burglary

- 12:14 a.m. on the 3700 block of West Ruby Hill Drive

### Nov. 15

#### Assault/battery

- 7:54 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 11:07 p.m. on the 1300 block of Via Di Salerno

#### Theft

- 9:30 a.m., 3400 block of Arbor Drive; theft from auto
- 12:34 p.m., 4300 block of Foothill Road; theft from auto
- 3:36 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:36 p.m., 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure

### Nov. 14

#### Burglary

- 3:27 p.m. on the 9900 block of Longview Lane
- 8:50 p.m. on the 4000 block of Payne Road

#### Theft

- 10:44 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 12:58 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 7:12 p.m., 4700 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

#### Fraud

- 5:04 p.m. on the 3200 block of Cheryl Circle

#### Assault/battery

- 8:38 a.m. on the 600 block of Main Street
- 2:02 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Vandalism

- 11:21 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

#### DUI

- 12:46 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Nov. 13

#### Vandalism

- 4:23 p.m. on the 4200 block of Diavila Avenue

#### Alcohol violation

- 3:45 p.m. at Main Street and Vervais Avenue

#### Sex offense

- 1:28 p.m. on Foothill Road

## Elizabeth Ann Peterson

December 24, 1934 – October 25, 2019

Elizabeth Ann Peterson was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 24, 1934 to Ferne Johnson Pearce Larson and James S. Pearce. During her first year at college Liz joined the Phi Mu sorority. In the spring of 1954, Liz had a blind date with a fraternity man who "needed to meet a nice girl!". The couple met at the Illini Union restaurant and Liz and Ron were married September 1st, 1956 in Chicago!



Liz graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana campus in 1957 with a BS in Chemistry. In January of 1957, Liz and Ron left the University and started off life in Chicago as a mother and a new working man, respectively. Four more children were born, and Liz was busy raising their kids, supportive of her husband, and active in church and in the children's schools.

In 1967, they moved to Pennsylvania where their sixth child was born. Liz served as a den leader in Cub Scouts, brownie and Girl Scout leader, and continued volunteering in the church and school.

In 1979, Liz, Ron, and their younger 3 children moved to Pleasanton, California while the three oldest remained to work or attend college in Pennsylvania. Lynnewood became their church home. Up until the last few years, Liz has been an avid member of Prayers and Squares and enjoyed her interactions with the other women at retreats, dinners, and social activities.

When her youngest child was in high school, Liz renewed her passion for chemistry and worked for Shasta Beverages in Hayward. She retired from the chemistry lab in the Dublin-San Ramon Services District at the Sewage Treatment Plant in Pleasanton. Travelling, cruises, and their purchase of a condo on the island of Kauai filled their days of retirement.

Liz passed away at the Creekview Health Facility on Stoneridge Drive on October 25, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ronald Peterson, her children David Peterson, Karen Peterson (spouse John Silva), Robert Peterson, Paul Peterson (spouse Tina Peterson), Ken Peterson (spouse Stacy Peterson), Christine Sayre, and grandchildren Michael Peterson, Erica Lewis (spouse Nick), Dereck Peterson, Ashley Sayre, Cooper Sayre, and step-grandchild Jordan Dotson.

PAID OBITUARY

## GUEST OPINION

BY DR. THOMAS LEW

### Get your flu shot

The coming of winter conjures up fond images of hot chocolate by the fireplace, ski trips and snow days, holidays and family.

As a hospital-based internal medicine physician, however, I have a unique perspective: winter brings to mind medical wards filled with patients struggling to breathe, suffering from low oxygen levels and respiratory failure.

Every winter we see a return of that dreaded illness, influenza (the flu). Indeed, the flu leads to many hospitalizations and even deaths annually; last year alone, the death toll exceeded 79,400, according to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention. I cannot stress this enough — please get your flu vaccination.

The flu is frequently thought of as a minor illness and is often considered to be synonymous with the common cold. This is actually not the case.

Rather than a minor annoyance of a runny nose, the flu will knock you off your feet. Affected people can experience high fevers, muscle soreness throughout their body



Dr. Thomas Lew

(known as myalgias), sore throats, and difficulty breathing.

It can hit you all of a sudden, like a ton of bricks. It is highly contagious, spread through droplets in the air. It affects people of all ages indiscriminately but can be much more serious and life-threatening for those who are very young and very old.

While there is a medication that can shorten the duration and morbidity of the flu, the best treatment is to not get it in the first place. The flu vaccine is the best prevention of this virus.

The flu shot is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months. It is safe, effective, and widely available. There are even versions that are made without eggs for those who have an allergy.

As an added benefit, if you protect yourself, you are also protecting others from exposure. And no, it does not cause autism. And no, it does not cause the flu (although some people can experience muscle soreness afterward).

Influenza is a class of viruses that is always mutating. The flu vaccine is reformulated each year to combat these mutations and is based on virology data from around the world. This means that it is not always 100% effective in preventing contraction of influenza; however, those who are already vaccinated and still get the flu tend to have a much milder course.

I may seem like an overbearing, nagging doctor, but this advice

comes from experience. A few years ago, I took care of a 65-year-old woman who was having significant wheezing and shortness of breath. We quickly diagnosed her with influenza and started her on treatment.

She was a vibrant, funny woman, a mother of two and grandmother of four who enjoyed life traveling and hiking. But despite our best efforts, her breathing deteriorated, her oxygen levels dropped, and she ended up on life-support machines.

The flu eventually took her life. She had not received her yearly flu shot.

It continues to stick with me that something so preventable still causes so much pain. A few weeks ago, I diagnosed my first hospitalized patient with influenza in 2019. Not only did the patient have difficulty breathing, but it also worsened her chronic heart condition.

The season is again upon us. Get your flu shot. It'll protect not only yourself, but the loved ones around you, so that your winter can be more about hot chocolate and snow, rather than hospitals and sickness. ■

*Editor's note: Dr. Thomas Lew is a hospitalist at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare and a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Stanford University. For more information, contact Lew at tlew@stanford.edu or the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at 373-4560.*

## LETTERS

### Seniors in our community

Dear Editor,

The holidays are a difficult and lonely time for many seniors in our community. I have had the privilege to be professionally and personally involved with the amazing staff at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, an organization that does so much for the seniors in our community.

The SOAR acronym stands for "Stepping Out and Reconnecting." This program organizes a lovely lunch once a month at the SSPTV offices on Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton, and it connects seniors that are otherwise homebound, lonely, may have no family, even arranges transportation for the seniors that are unable to drive to attend the lunch.

For many, it's their only contact with other people on a regular basis.

When the staff at SSPTV told me funding for the program has run out and the last lunch would be Dec. 13, I asked what it costs to fund the program. \$25,000 a year

funds the program for a year and that includes a once a month lunch and social. We live in a wealthy community and it's unacceptable that 12 days before Christmas, the staff may have to tell their seniors that the program will end. We can't let this happen.

Working in conjunction as a volunteer with SSPTV staff Jennifer Nelson and Jeanie Slater, we came up with a goal to raise \$100,000, which would fund the program for two years and increase the SOAR meetings to twice a month.

I was taught that a community is only as good as it treats its most vulnerable citizens. Let's not allow Dec. 13 be the last meeting for these lonely and vulnerable seniors. Call 931-5379 or visit [www.ssptv.org](http://www.ssptv.org) to learn more.

—Jeff Katz

### Olde Towne Antiques

I shop here all the time! Why do greedy landlords have to push small mom-and-pop businesses out? I don't want more cookie-cutter stores. I am very upset by this.

—Victoria Benetti

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THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**City Council**  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Adopt a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule to establish a fee for processing Small Wireless Facility applications, in the amount of \$3,779 per site for facilities within the public right of way, and \$3,552 per site for facilities on private property applications
- Review and provide direction on key planning considerations, project approach and scope of work for completion of East Pleasanton Specific Plan
- Update on State legislation session and review City positions on housing and non-housing related bills

**Civic Arts Commission**  
Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov)

**Human Services Commission**  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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**Library Commission**  
Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
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**2020 Tri-Valley Grant Application Workshops**  
Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Pleasanton City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Tuesday, December 17, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Livermore City Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave.

For non-profit and public organizations that serve Tri-Valley residents. Application processes and packets will be discussed. Attendance at one of the workshops is mandatory in order to apply for funding. RSVP required: Judy Xavier (925) 960-4589 or [jxavier@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:jxavier@cityoflivermore.net)

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Former Amador Valley standout Molly Murphy is a key player for Sonoma State.

## Tri-Valley soccer alumni starring at Sonoma State

Also: Amador girls repeat as cross-country champs; Tough loss for Foothill football

The Sonoma State women's soccer team, led by several players from the Tri-Valley, earned the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Division II Tournament but dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 final to Cal State-Los Angeles in the first round.

The Sonoma State team went undefeated in the powerful CCAA, winning the conference title. The dream season included defeating the reigning champion UCSD in league play to capture the conference banner.

Sonoma State's team is led by a quartet of local Tri-Valley soccer stars from Livermore and Pleasanton.

Ashley Morton from Livermore High and Lamorinda Soccer Club is the goalkeeper and led the conference in shutouts. Alyssa Silva, forward, is also from Livermore and played club soccer for Livermore Fusion. Defender Krissy Kelly is from Granada and West Coast Soccer Club. Molly Murphy, midfielder, is from Amador Valley and played soccer for Pleasanton RAGE.

### Amador Basketball Classic

The 59th annual Amador Basketball Classic is set for Dec. 6-7 at Amador.

This year's tournament features a four-team field with the games taking place on Friday and Saturday. The first game of the tournament on Dec. 6 is Freedom taking on Newark Memorial at 5:30 p.m., followed by the host Amador taking on Deer Valley.

The winners of the two games will meet in the finals on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., with the other two teams meeting in the consolation game at 4:30 p.m.

### Cross-country

For the first time in eight years, Amador's boys and girls cross-country teams both qualified for the CIF State Championships at the North Coast Section races last Saturday.

The girls team captured first place at NCS for the second year in a row. The varsity team consists of Derica Su, Hope Bergmark, Ella McCarthy, Taya Small, Lois Hong, Erica Haley and Dahlia Versteeg.

The boys team took second place

and came within four points of upsetting Dublin, one of the fastest teams in the state. The varsity team features Aidan McCarthy, Jack Gray, John Lester, Euan Houston, Jacob Lawrence, Mason Romant and Ryken Mak.

Crosstown Foothill also competed at the NCS cross-country meet last weekend.

The shining star was Arjun Subramanian, who finished 11th (15:31) and will be competing at the state meet this coming weekend. Arjun is the sixth Falcon in school history to be going to the state meet.

Following Arjun were Prithu Kachare, Pablo Angel, Seth Tang, Chris Loo, Chad Linke and Joshua Joseph.

On the girls varsity team, Hailee Gorham finished 31st (19:08), followed by Karen Wan, Claire Van Horn, Sydney Cohen, Isabel Garcia-Flores, Haven Decker and Katherine Pesochinskiy. The team bettered last year's performance (13th place; their previous best) by taking eighth this year.

Before the NCS meet, the Falcons competed in the East Bay Athletic League meet. The boys varsity was led by Subramanian (15:51), followed by Kachare. The girls' varsity front-runner was Gorham (19:30), followed by Pesochinskiy and Karen Wan.

### Foothill football

The Falcons' season came to an end in the second round of the playoffs, falling 49-7 to Clayton Valley. The Eagles will now face Campolindo for the Division II title game on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Pittsburg High.

The Division I title game is tonight at 7 p.m. at Dublin where De La Salle will face Pittsburg.

### Winter sports underway

After a strong season of results being turned in for the fall sports teams at Amador and Foothill, let's see if we can keep the ball rolling for the winter season!

All it takes is one parent volunteer to take the pressure off the hard-working coaches. What's involved?

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Sumo summer:** Weekly reporter Ryan J. Degan took a two-week tour of Japan in July, where he attended the summer Grand Sumo Tournament in Nagoya. While there, he saw previously undefeated Mongolian Sumo Grand champion Kakuryu receive his first and only defeat of the tournament. Despite the loss, Kakuryu would go on to win the tournament and his sixth top-division title.

Not much actually. By noon on Sunday of each week — it can certainly be sooner — just send the results and highlights for your team for that week to me at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).

It doesn't have to be written story-style, that is unless you want to take a shot at writing an article. I will put together the results into a story and get both online in the Weekly and in

each week's print edition.

It takes all of 10-15 minutes a week to get the efforts of our athletes covered. We are always looking for pictures as well, with nothing more than an identification of the athletes in the picture and credit to who took the picture.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you all each week! ■

# Employment

### Engineer II, Software

Engineer II, Software sought by Ellie Mae Inc. in Pleasanton, CA. Build new APIs and migration of existing services to new platform. Perform full life-cycle management, including requirements analysis, technical design, implementation, testing documentation, deployment to production, and postproduction ownership. Apply @ [www.jobpostingtoday.com](http://www.jobpostingtoday.com) (ref# 41690)

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## Concerts

### HOLIDAY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Holiday Youth Music Festival will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. [firehousearts.org/events](http://firehousearts.org/events).

### TRINITY CONCERT SERIES

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

### THE GLORIOUS - HANDEL'S

'MESSIAH' At 3 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, the Pacific Chamber Orchestra, will present a production of Handel's "Messiah." Tickets may be purchased online at [pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://pacificchamberorchestra.org) or the Bankhead box office.

## Music

### DRUM AND FLUTE (FIFE),

### PLEASANTON KIDS COLONIAL

MARCHING BAND Children from 8 to 16 learn to play drums or fife (like a

flute) in a small group setting. Music lessons are \$14 per week. We meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Friday at Band Headquarters on Dennis Drive. [YoungAmericanPatriots.com](http://YoungAmericanPatriots.com).

### LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH AND SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

MUSICAL Lighthouse Baptist Church presents "Hark, the Herald Angel" a children's musical, at 6 p.m. on Dec. 15, at 118 Neal St. The event is free and the public is invited.

## Festivals

### PLEASANTON HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING The City of Pleasanton salutes the season with its Annual Holiday Hometown Parade and Tree Lighting at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 at 603 Main St.

## Fundraisers

### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE MEDIA POP-UP

SALE The Holiday Boutique will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. For sale will be gently used media and also new Christmas items. Proceeds benefit the Pleasanton Public Library.

## Comedy

### HOLIDAY SHORTS - CREATURES OF

### IMPULSE TEEN IMPROV

Creatures of Impulse presents Holiday Shorts, A Long Winter's Tale at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6 at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. There will also be a preview performance at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at a cost of \$2.00 cash at the door. [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

## Food & Drink

### SPIRIT & SWEATER STROLL IN

### DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's Spirit & Sweater Stroll will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at over 20 downtown locations throughout Main Street. [visitrivalley.com/event](http://visitrivalley.com/event).

## Health & Wellness

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A grief support group facilitated by a bereavement specialist will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at Kindred Hospice, 4120 Dublin Blvd.

### MEDI-CAL AND COVERED

### CALIFORNIA INFORMATIONAL TABLE

Axis Community Health gives answers on Medicare questions from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

### FAMILY CAREGIVER CLASS -

### NUTRITION FOR THE ELDERLY

Hope Hospice will offer a free presentation for family caregivers on Healthful Meal Planning for the Elderly and Chronically Ill from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 14 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Registration is

required at [hopehospice.com/family](http://hopehospice.com/family) or call 829-8770.

## Seniors

### LINE DANCING

The Pleasanton Senior Center has beginner's line dancing groups from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. on Fridays. Also, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at the Center, there is an intermediate line dancing group. Pre-register for these classes.

### DROP-IN WOODSHOP AT THE

### SENIOR CENTER

Discover the joy of wood working, wood carving or wood turning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Mondays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. State-of-the-art equipment is available. Cost is \$5.50 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents.

### FALL PREVENTION EXERCISE

An exercise class focusing on strength and flexibility is held from 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

### PLEASANTON SOLE MATES

This walking group meets up for a 2.5 to 3 mile walk at a moderate pace at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING FOR

### SENIORS

A watercolor painting class meets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Bring your own supplies and a project or paint a monthly theme. The fee is \$2.25 for residents and \$2.75 for non-residents.

### GAME TIME AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Playing games is a great way to keep your mind sharp. At 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., game time is available free to all seniors.

### MIND YOUR MEMORY

The Senior Center provides an interactive class for exercising the brain with activities and puzzles dedicated to improving brain health function. This class meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Friday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

### EYEGLASS ADJUSTMENT FOR

### SENIORS

Eyeglasses are adjusted by a representative from Sears Optical at 10:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

### HEARING AID CLEANING AND

### REPAIR FOR SENIORS

Hearing aids are cleaned and repaired by a representative from Connect Hearing from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365.

### PHOTO CLUB

The Photo Club is open to seniors who enjoy the hobby of photography at any level. Meetings are at 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. and will offer occasional speakers, field trips and themes.

### BOOKS AND COFFEE

There is a book discussion group and coffee with the staff from the Pleasanton Library at 10:15 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

### MONTHLY TEA TIME SOCIAL AT THE

SENIOR CENTER The Pleasanton Senior Center's monthly Tea Time Social is at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. There is no cost and no reservation is necessary.

## Community Groups

### HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS

### CLUB: GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME Improve public speaking, confidence and leadership skills. Meetings are at 12 p.m., on the first, third and fifth Thursday of the month, and the second and fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 100-200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Contact 398-3257. [HaciendaTM@gmail.com](mailto:HaciendaTM@gmail.com).

### 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. [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). Contact Lion's President Renee Huber at 789-0804.

## Support Groups

### 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. The program is free. Visit [foodaddicts.org](http://foodaddicts.org).

### 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 Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Call 829-8770 or email [griefsupport@hopehospice.com](mailto:griefsupport@hopehospice.com).

### HOPE HOSPICE: COPING WITH A

### LOSS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Hope Hospice offers a free workshop to help those who are experiencing grief during the holiday season. The workshop is offered at no cost to anyone in the community. Hope's Handling the Holidays workshop will be offered from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Call to register at 829-8770.

### 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.

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## 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).

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Keller Williams Tri-Valley Partners  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 565191  
The following person doing business as:  
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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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