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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Could new quarry operations threaten PG&E gas line?

Geotechnical engineer Frank Berlogar has built a well-deserved reputation as a conservative, thoughtful professional over his more than 50-year career here in the East Bay.

A Pleasanton resident since the 1970s, he has worked on many development projects over the years, including consulting recently on a well-known tilting building. In short, he's respected in his profession.

That's why PG&E and government agencies should be taking seriously his concerns about the mining permit that Alameda County is processing for a gravel quarry next to Isabel Avenue (Highway 84) in Livermore. Frank's trained eye already had detected some soils movement on the new highway last spring. He wrote that the movements could suggest "active deep seated slope instability."

His overriding concern is there is a 24-inch PG&E high-pressure natural gas pipeline that runs on the Isabel corridor and is right next to the lake where CEMEX is seeking to expand and deepen its mining operations. The Alameda County Community Development Agency is processing the application and drafting the initial environmental study.

Berlogar has first-hand experience with gravel mining in the area. He was the consulting engineer on the gravel quarry across Isabel after properties along Lakeside Circle began experiencing moving soils. To solve the problem, quarrying was stopped and literally tons of heavy rock were backfilled into the pit to stabilize the land and the subdivision.

In an email, Bruce Jensen from Alameda County, wrote, "The immediate Lakeside Circle neighborhood is also the only place where the offending clay layer, known as a "slickensided" clay later, has been discovered AND where proximate mining has occurred.

"Following the Lakeside Circle events, other prior drill holes and new drill holes have been examined — by not only CEMEX but also other quarry operators — to see whether a similar problem could happen anywhere else as a result of underground geology.

"In no other place has (a) a slickensided clay layer been found, or (b) other geology that would promote an inadequate factor of safety for surrounding land uses, public or private, at existing and proposed

setbacks from quarry excavations."

Berlogar became aware of the issue nearly 2-1/2 years ago, he notified both PG&E and Caltrans officials of his concerns. He exchanged several emails with Bob McManus, of the PG&E geosciences group. After they met, McManus wrote, "... there appears to be a valid ground movement concern here."

Reaching out to Caltrans and PG&E after Frank brought this to my attention, both responded.

Caltrans engineer Bill Bornham wrote, "Briefly, we investigated this location a couple years ago by installing slope inclinometers and monitoring them for a few months. At that time we did not detect any movement that would indicate an active slide.

"Since then we have completed the paving and recently noticed a slight undulation in the new pavement surface. Our geotechnical engineering staff investigated again recently and did not detect movement related to a slide. We will continue monitoring the site and repair the pavement if it becomes necessary."

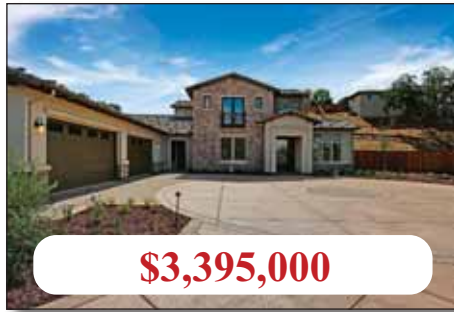
PG&E spokeswoman Tamar Sarkissian wrote, "The safety of our customers and the communities we serve is our most important responsibility. PG&E has evaluated the pipe and determined that it is safe to operate at this time.

PG&E is aware of land movement, and is working closely with Caltrans to monitor the situation. We will continue to monitor the pipe for any signs of ground movement using patrols and high tech laser testing, and will take any appropriate steps, if needed."

Joseph Sun, a PG&E engineer, responded to Berlogar during the series of emails. His email indicated that PG&E was confident that the pipeline would remain intact based on its experiences elsewhere with ground movement.

Berlogar remains concerned, particularly about the potential for deeper quarrying in the gravel pit next to the gas pipeline.

As Jensen wrote, a similar clay layer to what caused the Lake B issues has not been found so that's positive news. Of course, that's no guarantee that there isn't one. As the county moves ahead with the environmental report, given the PG&E gas line, continuous monitoring would be prudent. ■



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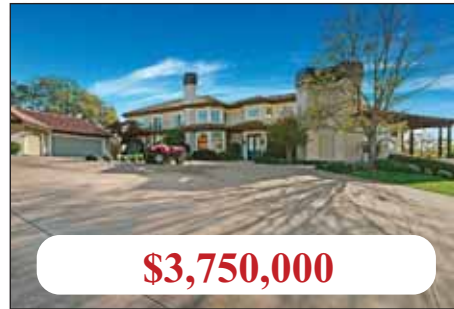
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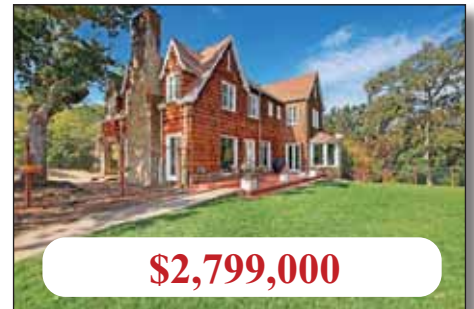
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How has the recent spate of cold, rainy weather impacted your mood?



Roberta Joy
Realtor

I know we need the rain so badly because of the risk of wildfires, but honestly, all this really dreary and bone-chilling weather has put me in a real funk. I will be so happy when we get our normally beautiful weather back.



Umberto Maldonado *Retired*

I know I shouldn't allow the weather to dictate my mood or activities, but the rain makes me feel mentally exhausted because every time I get behind the wheel, I have to worry about skidding out of control on wet leaves. When I walk outdoors to collect the mail, I have to worry about slipping and falling. At my age, a fall often results in a broken hip. And I certainly don't have time for that.



Vicki Hubbard
Busy mom/grandma

I embrace the rain, the cold and the wetness and feel blessed that we finally have it. Even if there is a torrential downpour, so long as it is not life-threatening, my mood and spirits will remain up and positive.



Michael Hubbard
High school student

The rain and the cold have made me feel more tired than usual, which makes it difficult to wake up and get going in the morning. In fact just this morning, I slept through four alarms.



Jane Ford
Lawyer

It makes me miserable. I can't help it. I know we need this rain and that I should be grateful it has come. But until it goes away, I will likely remain in a pretty foul mood. Sorry.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

2020 fair dates

Alameda County Fair officials announced this week that they've set the dates for the 2020 fair in Pleasanton. The summer showcase will run for 18 days between June 19 and July 12.

With a theme of "Road to Summer 2020," the fair will feature many favorites such as carnival rides, fair food, the Big O Tires Concert Series, shopping, live horse racing, action sports, exhibitions, animal displays, Kids Park, children's STEAM activities, and numerous special events and cultural festivals.

"This year's theme celebrates all the classic elements that lead people back to the fair year after year," fairgrounds CEO Jerome Hoban said. "Whether it is the mouth-watering food, star-studded entertainment or the thrilling rides, the Alameda County Fair is your destination for summer fun."

Follow updates on the 2020 fair at alamedacountyfair.com.

Sweater Stroll

The Spirit & Sweater Stroll is returning to downtown Pleasanton for this holiday season, set for 5-8 p.m. next Saturday (Dec. 14).

"Bust out your ugliest of sweaters and join the fun as we celebrate the holiday season in downtown Pleasanton," Pleasanton Downtown Association officials said.

The event encourages attendees to wear their favorite ugly holiday sweaters while sampling drinks and food at more than 15 downtown shops. The PDA will also host an ugly sweater contest.

Tickets cost \$45 if purchased now through next Friday (Dec. 13). If still available, remaining tickets will be sold for \$50 outside the Museum on Main on event night (cash or check only). Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

Vineyard holidays

Livermore Valley Wine Country is hosting Holidays in the Vineyards at various local wineries this weekend, 12-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"Wineries showcase their decorated tasting rooms with special wines, arts, crafts, holiday music, activities and more," organizers said in previewing the event.

They have also partnered with Pacific States Petroleum for the Toys for Tots drive, with the company matching each donation toy for toy (up to \$100,000) for items contributed by attendees during the event.

To secure tickets or learn more information, visit www.lvwine.org. ■

Corrections

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City Council postpones debate on East Pleasanton Specific Plan

Councilwoman Narum's absence Tuesday night leads to delay into January

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council delayed further discussion about the project approach and scope of work for the new East Pleasanton Specific Plan process until next month after a council member was out sick Tuesday.

Council members had been scheduled to consider confirming the staff-recommended concept initially endorsed by the council majority two weeks ago, but with Councilwoman Kathy Narum — as well as City Manager Nelson Fialho — absent, they

opted to continue the item without discussion until their first regular meeting in January.

Mayor Jerry Thorne at first suggested setting the new hearing date for Dec. 17, but Vice Mayor Karla Brown urged her colleagues to wait until January to avoid any conflict for interested residents who might be too busy to attend the week before Christmas.

The council majority agreed, voting 3-1 to reschedule the hearing for Jan. 21. Councilman Jerry Pentin dissented; he was in favor of keeping

the Dec. 17 hearing date.

The city typically holds only one council meeting in January because of the New Year's Day holiday week, so the next regular meeting is Jan. 21 — although the way the calendar falls in 2020, the first Tuesday of the month would be the week after the holiday, Jan. 7.

Though they postponed the public hearing without discussing the topic themselves, council members did allow residents who turned out for the scheduled debate Tuesday to share their

thoughts about the east side.

Four speakers went to the lectern, three of whom expressed general concerns about significant new residential development in East Pleasanton and a lack of necessary infrastructure such as roads, clean water and schools, while the other urged the council to prioritize more affordable housing.

"It is my concern that this public process is not going forward quite as transparently as we would like," said

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Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne presents his 2019 Mayor's Award to Christina Gray during ceremony last month.

Gray wins Mayor's Award

Honored for commitment to volunteerism in Pleasanton

By JEREMY WALSH

Christina Gray, a photographer, business owner and author who volunteers her time and skills to a variety of causes throughout the year, has received the 2019 Pleasanton Mayor's Award.

A longtime Pleasanton resident and owner of Bella Luna Studios, Gray was lauded for her dedication to local nonprofits such as Kids Against Hunger, Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen and CASA — in addition to her volunteerism with school and youth organizations

as a parent.

"Receiving the Mayor's Award has renewed my dedication to service," Gray told the Weekly in an interview after accepting the award last month.

"I spread my time over many organizations, volunteering an hour here and an hour there. I have always hoped that time would amount to something meaningful for the people and places I support," she added. "What an honor to be recognized in this way."

In presenting the award, Mayor Jerry Thorne commended

Gray as someone who "embodies selfless service and captures the true essence of community volunteerism."

"Tonight we recognize an individual who exemplifies volunteerism in its truest form," Thorne added. "Her commitment and dedication to her family and her community has helped make Pleasanton the very best version of itself."

Some 250 city officials, current and former elected representatives, community leaders,

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Amazon set to expand in Livermore

Company expected to add 100s of jobs in new warehouse

By JULIA BAUM

E-commerce giant Amazon is expanding its footprint and moving into the former Circuit City warehouse in Livermore off I-580 near Vasco Road some time next year, the company announced last week.

The 610,000-square-foot building located at 400 Longfellow St. — better known as the Longfellow Logistics Center — will serve as Amazon's California Delivery Station, and is nearly double the size of another recently leased space in Milpitas. Several other Amazon warehouse and distribution centers are also located in East Bay cities like Hayward, Dublin and Pleasanton.

The Livermore facility has been mostly unoccupied since the former tenant, Circuit City, went bankrupt a decade ago, and was purchased by Landlord Orchard Partners for \$66 million in 2017, according to an online property database.

"It's been used for some warehousing and shipping users in the interim. We assume it will be a continuation of the previous use but under a different name," Adam Van der Water, director of innovation and economic development for Livermore, told the Weekly.

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LVPAC appoints Chris Carter as new executive director

Pleasanton man set to take reins in February

By JULIA BAUM

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center announced this week that Chris Carter, currently the nonprofit's director of development and communications, will take over as the organization's executive director in February, when current leader Scott Kenison is slated to step down.

"It has been a privilege for me to be a part of this wonderful organization for the last five years, and I'm honored to be chosen as the next executive director," Carter said in a statement.

With an enthusiasm for creative

endeavors and half a decade at LVPAC presiding over some major moments, including recording numbers in fundraising, member recruitment and event attendance, Carter said he hopes to take the organization even further under his leadership.

"As a musician, my passion for the arts is personal too," he added. "I've had an opportunity to be



Chris Carter

involved in all aspects of the organization, working with the great team we have here. I'm really looking forward to the challenges and rewards ahead in this job."

After an evaluation and interview process, the LVPAC Board of Directors unanimously approved Carter for the executive director position late last month.

In a statement, board chair Jean King said that Carter "creatively expanded our programming, bringing greater diversity in music, dance, drama, film, lectures and education to both the Bankhead Theater

and the Bothwell Arts Center, while overseeing five years of growth and financial stability."

"His contributions have significantly expanded our fundraising capacity and we feel confident that he will keep us on the path we're on and bring his expertise to new areas," King added.

Overseeing the financial and artistic growth of LVPAC has been "satisfying," said Kenison, who added that when he departs in February, the organization will be "in good shape and in great hands" with Carter.

A longtime guitarist with five albums under his belt, Carter has more than 16 years of nonprofit experience and is an active volunteer in the community with the St. Mary's College of California Science Advisory Board and Boy Scouts of America, among others. Carter and his wife have lived in Pleasanton with their three children for many years.

Kenison will stay on with LVPAC "to ensure a smooth leadership transition" until Carter assumes his new role in February. ■

LAVTA, employees receive several industry awards

By JULIA BAUM

Still celebrating four wins from earlier this year, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) scored several more honors this fall, including Executive Director Michael Tree being named the California Transit Association's Transit Professional of the Year.

"An outstanding individual who has provided strong leadership and vision to a small transit system or made a notable contribution that benefits public transit in general" receives the award every year, according

to a statement from LAVTA, which operates the Wheels and Rapid buses and Dial-a-Ride paratransit service throughout the Tri-Valley.

Tree's involvement in steadily increasing ridership over the past several years, issuing unlimited access transit passes to all Las Positas College students, improving connectivity to BART and other



Michael Tree

transit agencies, and launching both the rideshare partnership program Go Dublin and a Shared Autonomous Vehicle project were a few of the reasons that the public transit veteran with more than 25 years of experience was chosen for the honor.

Several more LAVTA staff members recently received national recognition for serving in the public transit industry.

LAVTA was presented with an AdWheel Grand Award by the American Public Transportation Association at the annual TRANSform Conference

in New York City in October. The annual competition honors the best marketing and communications outreach practices by North American transit systems.

Earlier this year, LAVTA received four AdWheel awards in the small operator category for Electronic Media, Special Event, Funding Partnership and Educational Partnership.

The agency's partnership with Las Positas College to promote student ridership and the passage of a student mobility initiative to give the program a sustainable revenue source were what cinched the Educational Partnership AdWheel Grand Award for the LAVTA marketing team, which consists of Tony McCaulay, director of planning and marketing, and Christy Navarro, marketing and communications specialist.

The duo joined LAVTA in 2017 and oversees all creative, design, copywriting and public outreach at the agency.

Another LAVTA employee was also honored last month; customer service and contract compliance manager Jonathan Steketee was named one of the country's top "40 Under 40" by Mass Transit magazine. Each year, the publication recognizes young employees making a splash in public transit work.

Steketee started with LAVTA in 2018 and is responsible for their fixed route and paratransit services, as well as directing a staff of five who oversee customer service, fleet management and IT. He also presides over LAVTA's shared autonomous vehicle demonstration project and the Go Dublin! Program. ■



\$1.4M in grant funding available for local nonprofits

Nonprofits and public groups benefiting the Pleasanton and Livermore communities are encouraged to apply for more than \$1.4 million in grant funding that will be available in the upcoming 2020-21 fiscal year.

Most of the grants are focused on projects benefiting low-income residents, according to the city of Pleasanton, such as health care for the uninsured, domestic violence and homeless shelters, senior meals, substance abuse counseling, and rental assistance for job training participants, as well as community cultural events.

Livermore and Pleasanton grants for \$550,473 and \$820,819, respectively, will be awarded to organizations that serve Tri-Valley residents in the areas of housing and human services, and \$95,000 in community grants for Pleasanton youth programs and civic

arts projects are also available. Past grant recipients include CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven, Axis Community Health, Sunflower Hill, Hively and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Attendance at one of the upcoming workshops is required to apply for funding from either city and to receive an application packet. Both workshops are identical in format and content, and applicants only need to attend one of them.

To RSVP for one of the workshops, contact Judy Xavier at 960-4589 or jlxavier@cityoflivermore.net. The workshop dates are as follows:

- Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Pleasanton City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.
- Dec. 17, from 2-4 p.m., at the Livermore City Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. ■

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Kelly Cousins, president of the slow-growth citizen group PleasantonVoters.com.

“What’s the rush?” Cousins added, a day after her group sent a mass email to supporters in a call for an advisory vote from the public on the east side before the plan is drafted. “Let us residents have a time to vote ... This is a very important issue; we’d like to work with you to help plan this area.”

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

Narum’s vote could ultimately prove key as she joined Thorne and Pentin in voicing support for city’s staff recommendation for the planning process when the council first discussed the concept on Nov. 19. Brown and Councilwoman Julie Testa were more hesitant, though no formal vote was cast that week.

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

side planning several years ago.

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

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

Before restarting the process this time around, city staff is looking to the council for direction on the project approach and scope of work.

City staff expects to begin the estimated 18- to 24-month planning process later this winter or in early spring, depending on when the council gives its final direction. The process would be paid for by Pleasanton-based developer Ponderosa Homes, which has secured agreements with the major private property owners on the east side, but all consultant contracts would be retained and managed independently by the city, staff said.

If the Jan. 21 date holds for the east side debate, it could be a busy meeting night.

City staff said Tuesday night that the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone — the city’s policy effort to provide the framework for a Costco store and other new redevelopment on land near the freeways’

interchange — is currently scheduled to return to the council on Jan. 21 for new deliberations after additional environmental work spurred by a lawsuit over the council’s previous JDEDZ approval.

In other business

- The council’s main discussion topic Tuesday was a presentation with an update on state legislation and a review of the city’s position on certain housing and non-housing bills out of Sacramento.

City staff walked the council through outcomes of key bills during the 2019 legislative year, including their probable impacts on Pleasanton, as well as a look ahead at what to expect in the 2020 legislative cycle.

Local Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) was onhand for the discussion and spoke to the council about her legislative accomplishments in 2019, goals for 2020 and her own expectations for housing bills moving forward. The council also heard from Tri-Valley cities’ lobbying firm, Townsend Public Affairs.

- Council members presented a proclamation declaring Dec. 4 as Josh Burger and Awareness of Atelosteogenesis Syndrome Type III Day in honor of the Amador Valley High alum and motivational speaker who has faced the extremely rare genetic condition since birth. Wednesday was Burger’s 29th birthday.

Friends and family are also

working on Josh’s Drive for Independence Fundraiser to help generate funds to purchase a van fitted with special equipment so he can drive on his own. To learn more, visit www.32auctions.com/JoshBurger.

- The council pulled two items off Tuesday’s consent calendar, continuing them to a yet-undetermined future meeting for unspecified reasons.

The first was a proposed \$732,548 loan agreement with the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association to renovate landscaped areas in Hacienda. The second was a new ordinance that would give voting authority to youth members

on the city’s Human Services, Civic Arts, Library, and Parks and Recreation commissions.

The other seven items on the consent calendar were unanimously approved without discussion.

The list included confirming the council’s 2020 meeting schedule, a maximum \$334,695 contract with Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc. for the Centennial Park bocce ball court renovation project, and a resolution creating new fees for processing small cell wireless facility applications — \$3,779 per site for facilities in a public right-of-way and \$3,552 per site for private land. ■



SARAH HUGHES

Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Pleasanton’s Sunol Creek Memory Care was well-represented at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s East Bay earlier this fall. Friends, family, staff and residents all participated in raising awareness and ongoing fundraisers.

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Traveling artists opening exhibit

Works are from fall trip to Mendocino coast

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The “Tri-Valley Traveling Artists,” led by longtime Pleasanton art instructor Charlotte Severin, are hosting an exhibit of their works painted while on location on the Mendocino coast now through Dec. 30 at the Livermore Civic Center Library.

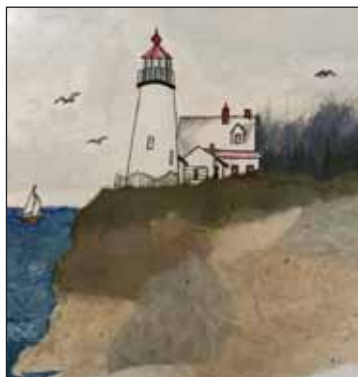
The public is invited to the opening reception from 2-4 p.m. this Saturday (Dec. 7).

The artists visited Mendocino from Sept. 8-14, where they were invited to tour and paint the historic Chinese Temple of Kwan Tai by Denise Lee, the great-granddaughter

of the temple founder. They also enjoyed the Noyo Harbor and the Fort Bragg Botanical Garden.

Other trip events were a beach party that included roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, a pizza and movie night, and a potluck supper, all planned by Bev Patterson who coordinated the trip.

The exhibit will include plein air paintings in watercolor, oil and mixed media as well as photographs. Participating artists are Severin, Patterson and Simone Archer, Steve Barkkarie, Bonnie Bartlett, June Ferreri, Mary Jane Hassman, Carole Hilton, Robin Leimar,



Dorothy Maestas, Helene Roylance and Lorraine Wells.

The Livermore Civic Center is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. ■

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Clockwise from top left: “Mendocino Coast,” Steve Barkkarie; “Chinese Temple,” Charlotte Severin; “Heather and Heath,” Charlotte Severin; and “Lighthouse,” Mary Jane Hassman.

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previous Mayor's Award recipients and other residents were on hand in the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard for the evening dinner and award presentation organized by the city of Pleasanton on Nov. 14.

With a theme of "Pleasanton Means Home," the 48th annual Mayor's Award Celebration event also served as an opportunity for the Pleasanton community to recognize and highlight the work done during the past year by city commissions, committees and leaders — many of whom were in attendance.

"Every one of you here this evening has contributed in some way to making Pleasanton the greatest place to live, and what other communities wish to be," Thorne told the audience.

And like many of the winners before her, Gray said she was shocked to hear the mayor soon spotlight her as the night's main honoree — the winner's name is kept a secret until the ceremony.

"I went to the Mayor's Dinner as a guest of my friend (Councilwoman) Kathy Narum who said her husband was out of town and she wanted me to join her. Turns out it was all just a ruse to get me there," Gray said.

"It was the surprise of a lifetime when I heard Mayor Thorne announce my name," she added. "The event organizers had even arranged to have my family attend. That was so incredible because everything I do is possible because of their support. The shock and thrill of it all still hasn't passed."

Gray is an accomplished professional photographer whose Bella

Luna Studios, based in Pleasanton, is a favorite among residents in the area, including as 10-time winner of the annual Pleasanton Weekly Readers' Choice competition and a Readers' Choice Hall of Fame recipient. She is also a published author; her allergen-conscious cookbook, "Be Free Cooking: The Allergen-Aware Cook," was released in 2015.

Gray often pairs her photography skills with her commitment to volunteerism, taking pictures for free for nonprofit organizations such as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, First Tee of the Tri-Valley, Axis Community Health, the Ed Kinney Foundation, Make a Difference for Pleasanton, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Kids Against Hunger.

Thorne also commended Gray for other volunteer work, such as supporting Open Heart Kitchen's Feed the Need bag lunch program, helping to send food to victims of hurricanes, judging the photography category for the Reflections program, leading a classroom workshop at Mohr Elementary School and launching a Rising Start Program to inspire students to write and publish original books for their library.

As a working mother, Gray is also actively involved her daughter's Girl Scouts troop, serves on the Pleasanton Unified School District's Public Safety Committee, and coaches sixth-grade volleyball at Harvest Park Middle School and Phantom League under-13 softball teams.

"Time and time again, (she) has demonstrated how limitless a person's compassion to serve others above self can be," the mayor added. ■

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Patelco HQ move

Patelco Credit Union is moving its headquarters from Pleasanton to Dublin in the days ahead to house its expanding workforce.

The credit union's new home — located at 3 Park Place, near the Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center — has undergone an extensive remodel since its purchase last year for \$55 million, and will accommodate more than 340 employees once open for business.

The new space is 210,000 square feet, more than three times larger than the 62,000 square feet at the company's present location on Hopyard Road. It is closer to public transit, including the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, and a number of restaurants and retail shopping options. It also has a gym and outdoor facilities, and plenty of room for the company to grow in the future.

An open house event will be hosted for the community in January, after the move is finished.

\$775M sale

Livermore Software Technology Corp. (LSTC) was sold to ANSYS, Inc. for \$775 million, with 60% paid in cash and 40% through the issuance of ANSYS restricted stock to shareholders of LSTC, in a transaction that closed last month.

Founded in 1987 and headquartered in Livermore, LSTC provides explicit dynamics and other advanced finite element analysis technology. Its widely adopted solution, LS-DYNA, is a highly scalable multiphysics technology which accurately predicts and simulates complex, real-world problems for the automotive, aerospace, civil engineering, defense, manufacturing and biomedical industries, according to its attorneys from Pleasanton-based Hoge Fenton.

The acquisition enables ANSYS to deliver a powerful solution for autonomous and electric vehicles to global automotive manufacturers and their suppliers. Customers will be provided seamless access to an even wider range of advanced simulation technology in the areas of structures, fluids, electromagnetics, optics, safety and machine learning, the attorneys said.

Blaze Pizza

Fast-casual pizza chain Blaze Pizza opened a new restaurant in Pleasanton's Rose Pavilion Shopping Center last month, celebrating the occasion with a well-attended free pizza day on Nov. 15.

Blaze Pizza focuses on build-your-own artisanal pizzas, in the 11-inch individual size or new 14-inch shareable pizza, in a quick-serve concept for dine-in, carryout or delivery customers.

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Northernmost point: Pleasanton residents Jeff and Louise Green took a "King Crab Safari" in Honningsvåg, Norway during their 40-day cruise of Northern Europe earlier this year. Later that night, the couple sailed around the North Cape, the northernmost point in continental Europe.

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

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Margaret Mary 'McCutcheon' Maas

February 15, 1937 – November 22, 2019

Margaret's journey began when she was born in Oakland, California February 15, 1937. She grew up in Oakland and graduated from Oakland High School in 1955. She met her husband of twenty years, Richard Norman Maas (1940-2015), with whom she raised their three beloved sons: Kurt, Kevin, and Kraig. Margaret and Richard parted ways in 1981, but they remained loving parents to their three boys and their families until the end of their lives. She eventually settled in Pleasanton where she lived in the same home for the last 49 years, and it is there where she drew her last breath on November 22, 2019, exactly how she wanted it.



Margaret was a dedicated mother who's greatest joy came from spending time with her sons, daughters in law, and all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had the gift of always having a smile on her face, and only seeing the good in every one and every situation. She cherished the time she spent surrounded by loved ones telling - and retelling - stories.

She spent twenty years working at JC Penney where she lived to brighten the day of all she met. In her spare time she had a passion for cooking, baking, sewing, volunteering, and caring for the elderly. All of those passions she continued to enjoy until her final months. Margaret loved to love on people, and recognized that LOVE is a verb. She showed her love by serving the community in any way she could. She volunteered at the Antique store in Sunol for many years, and the last five years found immense happiness making blankets with her group 'Blankets for Kids' creating treasures for ill children. Margaret was famous for her delicious baked goods she'd whip up (without measuring). Her lemon bars were a particular specialty, often being proclaimed as "the best anyone had ever had". She was never one to show up anywhere empty handed; and would always have bags full of her lemon bars, tins of baked goods, or deviled eggs with her at the ready.

To her family and friends she was the epitome of unconditional love and selflessness. Her home was warm, inviting, and open to everyone... always. Margaret was the loving "mother" to those who needed her, and a caring friend to all who knew her. She was kind, hard working, loyal, extremely strong, and a true role model. She always had a heart for connecting with others. She was a special person who helped and cared for all that were lucky to know her.

Margaret will be remembered for her humility, beautiful smile, joyful heart, limitless strength, and selfless Spirit. She will live on through those she loved and all who loved her. The one thing I believe she would want all of you to know is ...

'A hundred years from now it won't matter what your bank account was, the car you drove, the type of house you lived in...But the world will be different because you made a difference in the life of someone else.'

Margaret is survived by her partner of 29 years, Bill Maas, her three sons and their families; Kurt (Denise), Kevin (Gina), Kraig (Sherry), her ten Grandchildren 'Karl 31(Grace), Jessica 31 (Stuart) Grady, Kyle 31, Tristan 24, Konner 24, Kollin 22, Madison 21, Kennedy 20, Braeden 19, Kaden 19, her four Great Grandchildren Koa 8, Kolby 5, Kayliann 6, and 3 month old Channel.

A celebration of life will be held December 15, 2019 1-4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

PAID OBITUARY

Zone 7 applies for \$500,000 grant from state

Could help ratepayers see 'sizable savings'

By JULIA BAUM

In order to better plan for safeguarding and preserving the Livermore-Amador Valley water supply, Zone 7 Water Agency is turning to the state and applying for a \$500,000 grant that would help achieve its goals.

Zone 7 is the sole groundwater sustainability agency for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin, which it has overseen for more than 45 years.

The California Department of Water Resources signed off on Zone 7's Alternative Groundwater

Sustainability Plan (GSP) earlier this year — "a significant recognition of the agency's proactive policies of managing groundwater," according to Zone 7. The agency is only one of nine in the state with alternative plans accepted under criteria established by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

To continue maintaining and managing the Alternative GSP, Zone 7 must issue an update on their five-year plan by January 2022, which is estimated to cost around \$625,000.

Funding assistance from the

state for agencies with approved alternative GSPs was recently announced, and Zone 7 staff immediately jumped on the opportunity. The grant provides \$200,000 to \$500,000, with a mandatory 25% in-kind match from the chosen agencies. Zone 7 has sought the entire \$500,000, and is contributing about \$125,000 on their end.

Ratepayers could see "sizable savings" if Zone 7 is awarded the grant, the agency said. The draft list of grant awardees is expected to be posted in January and be finalized by March. ■

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Up to 600 jobs could be added at the warehouse including positions in finance, administration, shipping, logistics and truck driving, according to Van der Water.

"Just from looking at market analysis, a distribution center tends to have one employee for every 1,000 to 1,300 square feet," Van der Water said. "Every case

is different and every building is different, but that's a reasonable estimate."

It's unknown at the moment exactly how many jobs the distribution center will bring to the area for operations, and how much tax revenue will be generated.

"We don't know yet because we haven't seen any permits yet from them," Van der Water said. "It would depend on whether they're selling directly from that location or redistributing from that

location, and with what intensity. We'll have to see once we have an application received."

With the warehouse being ideally located between the Bay Area and Central Valley, and near the freeway, Van der Water added that the extra delivery truck traffic is "not a concern of going through our downtown retail areas or ... any areas that residents would be primarily concerned about."

Amazon representatives did not respond to request for comment. ■

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Parade magic

Annual holiday celebration returning to downtown Saturday night — if weather holds

STORY BY JEREMY WALSH

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Pleasanton residents are ready to light up downtown with holiday spirit Saturday evening — if the weather obliges.

The city's annual Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony is set to run from 5-8 p.m., featuring the marquee procession along Main Street and the illumination of the new holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main. But rain could halt some or all of the festivities.

The forecast for this weekend is up and down after steadily wet weather over the past week or so. For now though, Pleasanton's holiday kickoff event is scheduled to go on — though the city will have a hotline available Saturday to keep the community updated on the event's status.

The festive procession is set to start at 5 p.m. with dozens of community organizations, youth groups and local dignitaries walking down Main Street or riding in decorative floats, with participants usually donning their favorite (and warm) holiday attire.

Parade entrants typically include recognizable performers like Pleasanton's Balloon Platoon, Santa Claus and Amador Valley and Foothill high schools' marching bands, as well as local elected officials, children's groups like Scout troops and youth clubs, Pleasanton businesses, nonprofit organizations and more.

The celebration will then shift to the main stage at the Museum



Children's groups were some of the most festive entrants in the 2018 Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, as shown above and below. This year's event will take place from 5-8 p.m. Saturday in downtown Pleasanton, if the weather cooperates.

on Main, where Mayor Jerry Thorne will light Pleasanton's new holiday tree, expected to occur around 6:45 p.m.

The December People will provide musical entertainment, performing familiar holiday songs in the styles of some of the most recognizable rock bands, and Santa Claus will make a special appearance to visit with families there.

Many downtown shops and

restaurants will be in the holiday spirit throughout the evening as well.

The Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony is presented by the city of Pleasanton each year thanks to the efforts of a core group of resident volunteers and city officials, who begin their efforts with a debriefing soon after the prior year's event and then dive into planning during the summer.

Downtown will begin to set up for the 2019 celebration at 3:30 p.m. Saturday when Main Street closes to vehicular traffic.

With rain possibly in the forecast, city officials have a plan in place to update residents about the parade's status in case of inclement weather, via a hotline at 931-5352 and online with hourly updates starting at 2:30 p.m.

The parade would be canceled (and not rescheduled) with any

steady drizzle or harder rainfall as of 3:15 p.m. or later Saturday, while the tree lighting would go on as scheduled unless the rain becomes severe.

Visit the city's holiday parade webpage at www.hometownholiday.com for all the latest details, including information for entrants and volunteers, drop-off instructions, traffic restrictions, event schedule and rain-out protocol. ■



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Clockwise from top left: The Pleasanton Weekly car travels down the parade route last year. Local businesses, youth groups and nonprofits are among the common parade participants. The Pleasanton Unified School District team displayed its holiday cheer. And of course, Santa Claus made an appearance for the kids.



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Stay green this holiday season with these eco-friendly tips

Sustainable traditions can make a big difference for the environment

By JULIA BAUM

New year's resolutions are a month away but getting a jump start on making a healthier planet is never a bad idea.

Whether traveling far or staying close to home, Tri-Valley residents can have a fun, festive and environmentally friendly season by using these sustainable holiday tips from the Pleasanton-based nonprofit Go Green Initiative:

Waste

- To cut down on landfill waste, consider prioritizing quality over quantity and buy more personal and useful gifts that are made to last. Secondhand and homemade gifts are a great option, as well as gift certificates

for movie passes, cooking classes or zoo memberships, or a charitable donation in someone's name.

- Gift wrapping items like bags that can be reused or recyclable wrapping paper are creative options for sustainably and attractively wrapped presents. The Japanese art of furoshiki has also caught on in the West as another earth-friendly gift-wrapping option over the past few years.

- Cutting out sending Christmas cards in the mail is also another great way to reduce holiday waste. Websites like Hallmarkcards.com and Punchbowl.com have a variety of digital seasonal card templates that can be customized and emailed to loved ones.

- Online shopping is also another way to minimize your carbon footprint. A number of major retailers like Amazon and eBay offer free or reduced shipping, but consider buying from a site like etsy, where many unique and sustainable handmade gifts are sold.

- Consider buying a "living tree" that can be replanted after Christmas; pesticide-free trees are also becoming more commonly available. To find an organic Christmas tree in your area, visit www.beyondpesticides.org.

Energy

- Plummeting temperatures mean that heaters will be used more often, but try reducing energy intake by wearing warm clothes and slippers inside the home while also setting the thermostat to a lower temperature. Using a programmable thermostat or turning it down when sleeping at night or not at home will help, too.

- Ceiling fans should turn clockwise during the winter (and counterclockwise in summer); by setting the ceiling fan on a low speed and clockwise, cool air is pulled upward while warm air is gently pushed down.

- Insulating the attic is the best way to cut down on a heating (and air conditioning) bill; depending,



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Furoshiki is a traditional Japanese ecological gift wrapping technique.

you should have 12 to 15 inches of insulation, or more.

- Gathering around the fire with family and friends is a beloved seasonal tradition but that fireplace may actually draw more heat from your home than it generates, in addition to pollution from the smoke. Consider limiting how much your fireplace is used this year, and always close the damper once the fire is entirely out.

- The holiday season wouldn't be the same without festive light displays, and modern upgrades make it possible to illuminate the home while saving energy — and money.

One U.S. Department of Energy

study found that at least 2 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity — enough to power 200,000 homes for an entire year — could be saved in a month, if everyone swapped out their old holiday lights for LEDs.

LED lights, which release minimal heat, use 90% less energy than conventional holiday lights and last for about 200,000 hours (another bonus is the rest of the lights stay lit, should one burn out). Replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents (CFLs) will also significantly reduce lighting bills.

See **GREEN** on Page 15

It's never too late to learn



Five tips for a merry holiday home

Sights, smells and sounds combine for seasonal magic

A merry holiday season starts at home. Here are some nice ways to add cheer to the rooms and spaces where people gather.

Light a fire: It may be the most primitive technology in existence but lighting a fire is still one of the best ways to create a rich holiday atmosphere. Bonus: use aromatic firewood such as pine, fir or cedar.

Project a movie: Decorating for the holiday season can be as easy as setting up a projector and playing seasonal movies on a loop. From classics like "Miracle on 34th Street" to contemporary favorites like "Elf," these films provide the perfect backdrop to the holiday season. With the ability to run all day, the LampFree Projectors in Casio's Slim Series are ideal for this purpose.

Bake cookies: Make the whole house smell amazing (and become everyone's favorite person) by popping cookies and other desserts in the oven that include spices evocative of the season, like nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon and vanilla. For a lighter option, you can get the same effect by brewing tea with these same ingredients.

Host a sing-along: Securing yourself a digital piano with an



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Holiday music is an important part of the season and many options are available to fill your home with sound.

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Add flora: Spruce up your living

spaces — literally. Holly, Christmas cactus, poinsettias and spruce add color and vibrancy to mantels, staircases, coffee tables and other nooks and crannies. What's more, many of these plants will continue to thrive long after the lights and tinsel come down.

The holidays come but once a year. Make the most of the season by turning your home into a winter wonderland. ■

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Family show: 'Christmas in Oz'

Children's Theater presenting new musical about old friends

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A splashy musical for the entire family — "Christmas in Oz" — is being presented by the East Bay Children's Theater in conjunction with the Douglas Morrison Theatre in Hayward.

Dorothy, lonely for her friends back in Oz, builds herself a magical wish machine and returns to the Emerald City just in time for the big holiday celebration. But a sassy sorceress crashes the party and kidnaps Santa — Dorothy must recruit the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion to help her rescue him.

The script and score, by Ron Lytle, overflow with unforgettable songs, exciting dance numbers, classic comedy and magical special effects.

"EBCT would love to see the show do well, of course, as the proceeds go directly to our spring show, touring free of charge to under-resourced elementary schools," said Lytle, the troupe's resident musical playwright and composer.

The East Bay Children's Theater joins with Pleasanton Civic Arts for its children's productions, which also benefit its mission.

Cast members for "Christmas in Oz" come from throughout the Bay Area and include Jordyn Foley as Dorothy, Zachary Marshall as Scarecrow, Danny Martin as Tin Man, Michael Mendelsohn as Lion, Scott Phillips as Santa Claus, Shawna Darling as Nefariosa, Pam Ballin as Glinda and Gregory Lynch as Brigadier

Bloop. Rounding out the cast are Heidi Amstrup, Jeff August, Georgie August, Karen Barbera, Fiona Bonilla-Duncan, Mary Bishop, Joel Butler, Calista Caguyong, Julia Christy, Ariella DeStefano, Natasha Hacking, Bruce Kaplan, Isabella Lau, Bekki Leber, Samantha Leber, Lila Muise, Brenda Ng, Alexandra Nicola, Allegra Nicola, Reggie Reynolds, Autumn Rodriguez, Sarah Schori, Kenny Silberberg, Audrey Tu and Charlene Yoshino.

"Christmas in Oz" will have three matinees and five evening performances, Dec. 13-22, at the Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Tickets are \$15-\$29; visit www.ebctOnline.org or call (510) 881-6777. ■

GREEN

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Water

• It may seem unnecessary but water conservation during the rainy season is still important.

Visiting relatives means more water will be used for bathing and laundry, so consider asking people to shower instead of taking baths, and to only wash full loads of laundry. Low-flow plumbing fixtures can also help save those precious drops.

• Piles of dishes by the kitchen sink is always the end result of those great holiday meals. Using the dishwasher will save more water instead of handwashing those dishes, so let technology handle them instead — a major win for anyone hosting this year. ■



Dorothy (Jordyn Foley) meets a mysterious new friend in the family musical, "Christmas in Oz." EBCT

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'Life and Times of Cole Porter'

Las Positas College show brings musical legend to life

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Meet Cole Porter — the brilliant composer and lyricist who left an indelible impression on musical theater — at Las Positas College next weekend.

The Department of Theater Arts is presenting "Let's Face It — The Life and Times of Cole Porter," at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, in its Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box theater, 3000 Campus Hill Drive.

Musical Theater Workshop students wrote scripts, chose music, choreographed and staged numbers, and then combined everything for a show that discusses Porter's life and legacy. Piano collaboration is by Jeremiah Trujillo.

"I felt it was important for Las

Positas students to learn about Cole Porter so they would be able to simultaneously work on their musicianship and their ability to recognize a clever or sophisticated lyric," said Professor Dyan McBride, director. "Cole Porter challenges our students. He uses a great deal of range and styles in his compositions, including large intervallic jumps, chromatic scales, swing rhythms and long notes."

Cole Porter created many works in the American musical theater, and hundreds are now canonized in what is termed the "Great American Songbook." Among his best-known shows are "Anything Goes" (1934), "Kiss Me, Kate" (1948), "Can-Can" (1953), "Silk Stockings" (1954), and

"High Society" (1955). He is treasured for his verbal sophistication, ribaldry and complexity as much as for his exceptional musical gifts.

"His writing style is a who's who of American life in the 20th century, so it requires a certain amount of scholarship to understand what and who you are actually singing about," McBride said. "I believe Las Positas students have developed a real appreciation for Cole and for the influence he has had on the contemporary musical theatre."

Student performers include Caitlyn Acha, Sofia Barrera, Nicolas Bihler, Zoey Bothwell-Mitlitsky, Sierra Bolar, Raymond Border, Alex Borja, Madalyn Burgess, Carter Creamer, Charlotte Crespín, Harrison Dunn, Esamaa Elgarguri, Mathew Glenn, Jasmine Guerrero, Gretchen Klees, Liva Langer, Hannah Manual, Elijah Maycon, Claudia Melo Crespo, Osvaldo Mora, Kieran Nicholas Fernandez, Jack Petrin, Holly Simoskevitz, Erin Thrush, Veronica Valenti, Paige Vales, Jenna Van Ommeren, Theloniuss Walters and Jonathan Weiss.

The performance is free, with a suggested donation of \$5. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Woman killed after walking onto street after car crash

A Livermore woman died after being struck by a vehicle on First Street when she walked back into the roadway moments after crashing her car into the median late last month, according to a department spokesman.

The woman was identified as 78-year-old Sydney Bettencourt, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

The situation unfolded around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 22 along First Street near the new intersection at Larch Lane, according to Livermore police Sgt. Steve Goard.

Bettencourt was driving southbound on First Street toward downtown when she crashed into the center median, according to Goard.

The woman initially got out of her vehicle and walked to a place of safety on the sidewalk, but a short time later, for unknown reasons, she stepped off the sidewalk to walk back toward her crashed car outside of the crosswalk, according to Goard.

At that point, she was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound on First Street, causing injuries that

were ultimately fatal, according to Goard.

The man who was driving the other vehicle, whose identity was not released, cooperated with police, and investigators have ruled out speed, drugs and alcohol as factors in the fatal collision, the sergeant said.

In other news

- A Texas-based company operating a chain of auto body repair shops in California has agreed to pay \$2.35 million settlement with 11 California counties for improper disposal of hazardous waste and other violations, including at its shop in Dublin.

The case originated in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in 2016.

Investigators with the district attorney's environmental protection unit conducted an undercover inspection of trash bins at Service King Paint & Body. They found that employees had been illegally disposing of sanding dust, sanding pads, automotive paints, clear coats, solvents, non-empty aerosols and other hazardous substances, prosecutors said.

Then district attorney's offices in other counties conducted their own inspections and found similar violations.

Investigators also found evidence that the company had failed to redact or shred documents with

confidential customer information before throwing it in the trash.

In addition to Alameda County, district attorneys' offices in Santa Clara, San Bernardino, San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yolo counties together filed a civil environmental prosecution against the company.

As part of the settlement announced earlier this fall, Service King will pay \$1.35 million in civil penalties, \$350,000 to cover the costs of the investigation and \$150,000 toward supplemental environmental projects.

The company must also pay \$500,000 on equipment to limit the release of hazardous auto body waste in the environment and hire an employee responsible for environmental compliance and training, prosecutors said.

According to the Alameda County DA's Office, Service King was cooperative with the investigation and took steps to improve its compliance with environmental protection laws throughout the process.

District attorney's offices have reached similar settlements with other auto service and repair companies recently, including a \$3.3 million settlement with AutoNation and a \$1.5 million settlement with Cooks Collision last year. ■

—Jeremy Walsh
and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Dec. 1

Theft

- 11:45 a.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 6:50 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 4:02 p.m., 1300 block of Railroad Avenue; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

- 12:47 a.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

Nov. 30

Drug violation

- 9:38 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 10:34 p.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 12:28 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 3:50 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 4:17 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:58 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Nov. 29

Vandalism

- 7:34 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 7:04 p.m. on the 1500 block of Germano Way

Theft

- 8:36 a.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto
- 10:33 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft from auto
- 3:36 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

DUI

- 1:43 a.m. at Crestline Road and Hummingbird Road

Nov. 28

Domestic battery

- 9:01 a.m. on Rose Avenue

Theft from auto

- 7:44 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

DUI

- 1:53 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Quarry Lane

Alcohol violation

- 7 a.m. on the 1900 block of Harvest Road

Nov. 27

Theft

- 7:36 a.m., 3300 block of Dunsmuir Court; theft from auto
- 8:18 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft
- 8:23 a.m. on the 2600 block of Lotus Street
- 6:32 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Robbery

- 5:50 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Nov. 26

Burglary

- 6:01 a.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way

- 8:51 a.m. on the 3900 block of Mt. Rainier Court

- 8:57 p.m. on the 2400 block of Via De Los Milagros

Theft

- 7:33 a.m., 8000 block of Canyon Creek Circle; theft from auto
- 8:08 a.m., 5900 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 12:48 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 2:55 p.m., 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive; bicycle theft
- 3:58 p.m., 7400 block of Hillsdale Drive; theft from auto

- 7:27 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

DUI

- 7:18 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Valley Trails Drive

Fraud

- 4:12 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

Trespass/prowling

- 10:33 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Francisco Street

Drug violation

- 12:36 a.m. at Pimlico Drive and Kirkcaldy Street

Nov. 25

Theft

- 11:47 a.m., 5400 block of Sunol Blvd.; auto theft
- 1:07 p.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 6:54 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 7:38 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway
- 9:59 p.m., 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
- 10:07 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

Nov. 24

Weapons violation

- 11:01 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Burglary

- 6:01 p.m. on the 900 block of Gray Fox Circle

Shoplifting

- 4:48 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall
- 5:46 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 5:04 p.m. on the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road



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Cristine Mary Annen

July 31, 1950 - November 28, 2019

Cristine Mary Annen passed away with family by her side on November 28, 2019 at the age of 69. She was a strong, independent, generous, and well-loved woman. Cris touched the lives of many students in the community through her work as a teacher. She was passionate about teaching, gardening, music, walking around Pleasanton, hiking the ridge with friends, keeping up with her sports teams, "her boys," and being the best mom, sister, aunt, Nana, and friend around. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.



Cris was born in Brainerd, Minnesota on July 31, 1950. Cris received her undergraduate and teaching credential from Chico State University and master's degrees in Special Education from San Francisco State and Cal State East Bay. While attending Chico State, Cris met Steve Annen, whom she was married to for 42 years. They settled in Pleasanton in 1976 where they raised their two children and Cris taught for almost 33 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Vernon. She is survived by her mother Esther (Alan), daughter Heidi (Matt), son Grant, grandsons Blake and Evan, sisters Sonja and Annette, brother John, nieces Sarah (Akim) and Natalie, and nephew Daniel.

A celebration of life will be held at Crosswinds Church in Livermore on Saturday December 14th at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the National Aphasia Association.

PAID OBITUARY

Did a bunny book really lead to superintendent's ouster?

There was so much mystery around the abrupt departure of Dublin Unified School District superintendent Leslie Boozer in March that our staff immediately started seeking answers. It was truly suspect after the abrupt resignation March 1 of school board trustee Dan Cunningham, who campaigned for and won the seat only months earlier.

Unable to get answers, we filed a California Public Records Act request April 5, days after the "mutual separation" between Boozer and DUSD, for documents including Boozer's separation agreement and Cunningham's resignation letter and any correspondence between district staff and representatives, the Dublin Teachers Association and board trustees in reference to complaints filed formally, and anything that referenced Boozer's employment status between Sept. 1, 2018, and April 5, 2019.

Pieces started to trickle in slowly. We received Cunningham's letter and Boozer's employment contract and separation agreement on April 15. Then, on Oct. 2, we received a list of district administrators and the superintendent's cabinet members from 2014-2019.

The last piece — complaints and responses in particular — was what we thought would finally shed light on what had happened.

On Oct. 31, almost 10 months after our initial request, we received three documents from the district's outside law firm, Lozano Smith.

It's difficult to believe that it took that long to find three documents. It's easier to believe it took that long to figure out how to hide a multitude of other documents via one of the plethora of exceptions to disclosure, such as attorney-client privilege or "confidential student information."

Otherwise, if what we were given is truly the reason Boozer and the district abruptly parted ways, leaving the district leaderless and her with almost a half a million taxpayer dollars, it is because of a book donation.

"A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo," an LGBTQ-themed parody of a book by Vice President Mike Pence's family about their real-life pet, was donated as a library book by Roberta Kreitz, then-president of the Dublin Teachers Association. The book details the same-sex romance between Marlon Bundo and another rabbit named Wesley, written to mock the vice president's anti-LGBTQ views.

Apparently Kreitz was miffed that the bunny book wasn't automatically placed on the library shelves, citing the students' rights under the California FAIR Act and a nondiscrimination policy. She submitted a formal complaint Feb. 11.

The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act compels the inclusion of the political, economic and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people into educational textbooks and the

social studies curricula in California public schools.

Boozer responded to Kreitz's complaint Feb. 21, by citing another board policy that addresses the appropriateness of instructional materials. When a parent, guardian, staff member or district resident makes a complaint about instructional material, the superintendent and/or a committee will review the material and make a decision.

These documents leave us with the impression that the teachers' union president was trying to antagonize Boozer by donating books that she had to have known some parents — particularly elementary school parents — would object to having available, then filing a formal complaint with the board when they weren't made available.

Is the timing of the formal complaint — amid tense labor negotiations, and weeks before Boozer's resignation — just a coincidence?

Equally as coincidental is the timing of the termination of Lisa Gonzales, assistant superintendent of educational services, who later filed a lawsuit against the district, Boozer and others, claiming retaliation, discrimination and defamation among the reasons she is demanding a jury trial.

Nothing about this lawsuit or the many "whistleblower" complaints filed with Boozer by Gonzales were included in the documents we received. And, because organizations no longer have to list documents they are withholding and the reason when responding to a records request, we don't even know if they were found and withheld, let alone why.

Some of the myriad of whistleblower complaints fell outside our request timeframe; but the actual termination on Oct. 18, 2018 and the filing of the claim for damages March 5 did.

Another interesting coincidence was that Cunningham is mentioned in the civil complaint. Gonzales had emailed Cunningham several times about concerns she had about the performance of a colleague, assistant superintendent of human resources Mark McCoy, and Boozer's lack of holding McCoy accountable. She requested a special investigation of McCoy by the board.

Our records request left us with no answers; our discovery of Gonzales' complaint leaves us with more questions. We will report on the lawsuit, which was amended Nov. 15 to remove Boozer as a defendant.

And we will file another public records request. ■

LETTERS

Victory for animals, kids

Dear Editor,

Some good news on the rodeo front. On Oct. 29, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors added "mutton busting" to the prohibited list in the county's 1993 rodeo ordinance, which already bans "horse tripping" and "steer tailing."

In the "mutton busting" event, young children — often in tears — are coerced into riding terrified sheep, dangerous for all concerned. Other counties should follow suit.

This nonsense was banned in New Zealand by the NZ Veterinary Assn., which deemed the sheep "not built to carry the weight."

The Alameda County proposal was supported by the Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association, the East Bay SPCA, Hayward Friends of Animals, Ohlone & Berkeley Humane Societies, Coalition for a More Humane Alameda County, Action for Animals and a host of others. An online petition garnered more than 180,000 signatures.

What we need now is 2020 legislation to stop this cruelty statewide, along with the even more problematic "wild cow milking contest" and

all animal "scrambles." Write your state legislators today.

—Eric Mills, *Action for Animals*

On Glazer's proposal

Power outages are usually experiences people face every once in a while, but with PG&E telling the public to expect frequent power outages, that puts Californians in a place of uncertainty given electricity plays such a large part in our lives.

One population especially at risk during power outages are those who rely on medical equipment to survive. In August 2003 New York, data was collected after an 18-hour power outage had occurred, and tracked the number of EMS dispatches. The amount of dispatches had increased two hundred and fifty percent during the first 10 hours. Fifty-two percent of callers called due to the failure of their at home respirators.

As a global public health undergraduate who has discussed the effects of at home medical devices during power outages with professionals in the field, I highly recommend backup generators to help maintain survival. During this time of uncertainty for California it is important to plan ahead for the future, especially if you have at home medical equipment necessary for survival.

—Connor Keighran

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Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road, Conference Room
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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

NCS football needs to use logic

Also: Amador boys break cross-country records

Well, another North Coast Section football championship has come and gone, and it's another where De La Salle cruised to a title.

How many section championships in a row? The De La Salle streak of NCS titles is now at 28.

That's right — 28 straight years that no team entered in the same division as De La Salle has had a chance to win the title.

And it's not close. This year, the Spartans outscored their three playoff opponents 167-34 after beating Pittsburg 49-7 in the finals. Last year, it was two games and the final margin was 80-7, the year before two games with a total margin of 70-7. In 2015 was three games and a 152-14 gap, and in 2014 the margin was 145-33 over three games.

Over the last five years that's a 614-95 total over 13 games, or a 47-7 average score in NCS play.

Each season it's the goal for high school football teams to try to make the NCS playoffs. As each team enters the postseason, there's the hope of advancing in the playoffs, and if your team catches lightning in a bottle, perhaps winning an NCS title.

It's what makes high school football great — the chance to win an NCS title. Then again, that is unless you are in the same division as De La Salle. Imagine you work your way through the season and earn that spot in the playoffs only to be in the same division as the Spartans.

Flat out that stinks.

I have a tremendous amount of respect for De La Salle and all the Spartans have accomplished. It's not the team's fault for the lopsided nature of all the games, as they can only play who is put on the field across

from them.

If you look at the big picture, the success of De La Salle makes football in Northern California look stronger. When the Spartans win a state title, the East Bay Athletic League gets credit as well.

But in the end, it's not a level playing field — and that makes it wrong in my eyes. So, what needs to be done to level the playing field?

NCS needs to learn from the example of the EBAL. De La Salle is part of the EBAL but is not eligible to win an EBAL banner. Their players are eligible for all-EBAL honors, which seems fair to me, as well.

NCS should bring back the "Open division" and put the Spartans into the classification. The difference this time is not to force any other teams into the "Open" tournament.

If no one else enters, De La Salle still gets their NCS title and the top seed for NorCal playoffs in the Open division and ultimately the berth in the Open state final.

Face it, kids don't play for De La Salle to win section titles in football, but rather state titles and possible national titles.

What would be left is every other playoff team in NCS can chase the dream of winning an NCS title. It seems like a solution where everyone wins, and at the end of the day, shouldn't that be the goal when it comes to high school sports?

Somehow logic seems to escape at times when it comes to prep sports, but we can always hope!

Amador cross-country

This year's Amador Valley boys cross-country team is officially the fastest in school history, as they reset



KEVIN GRAY

Amador seniors Aidan McCarthy (No. 52) and Jack Gray (No. 47) run the state meet.

every team and individual course record.

At the State Championships on Nov. 30, three Amador boys broke the school's Woodward Park 5K course record of 15:40 that was set by Chris Maier in 1993.

Aidan McCarthy (15:25), Jack Gray (15:34) and Euan Houston (15:39) were the three runners that got it done. The combined team time, which also included John Lester, Jacob Lawrence, Mason Romant and Ryken Mak, set a new school time record of 79:27.

This fast time propelled the team to its first-ever Top 10 finish at the State Championships by finishing eighth.

Amador's girls team also had a successful day competing in its second straight Division I State Championship.

Despite battling through injuries, they came within one second of matching last year's school-best time of 95:58, resulting in a solid 13th-place finish. The team, as listed in order of their finish, consisted of Hope Bergmark, Ella McCarthy, Deric Su, Taya Small, Lois Hong, Erica Haley and Dahlia Versteeg. ■

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



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Softball champs

The Phantom 12U Softball Team finished their fall season this past weekend by winning the Keilani Ricketts USA Softball Tournament hosted in San Jose. The Pleasanton team amassed a 19-4 tournament record during the fall season, playing in open tournaments and winning two of the four tournaments they played in. Team members included (back row, from left) Madison Notari, Brooke Felbinger, Amanda Bilter, Sasha Gorrepati, Lily Charlton, Sophia Legaspi, Sophia Burdick Sarah Bull, Kaycie Burdick and Mary Taylor, and (front, from left) Lauren Tran, Kensington Abrew, Ellie Novitske and Emily Bull.

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL A special performance of Charles Dickens' story "A Christmas Carol" will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton at 7 p.m. Historical performance actor Duffy Hudson will lead the reading performance. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, free for active duty military and family. Call Doug Miller at 998-9905.

Pearl Harbor Day

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY Dublin Mayor David Haubert and the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation will be hosting a special tribute at the Livermore Municipal Airport from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 7 in honor of the American airmen who fought the Japanese over the skies of China during World War II. The day will feature veteran Flying Tiger pilots accompanied by other WWII veterans, plus legendary aircrafts on display and a special air show. Search for event on www.eventbrite.com.

Music

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.

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Dance

DANCEscape AT THE DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER The CoolTones Big Band will provide the music for the Dublin Senior Center's Annual Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Comedy

HOLIDAY SHORTS 2019 - CREATURES OF IMPULSE TEEN IMPROV Creatures of Impulse, is celebrating its 12th season with their 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. Visit firehousearts.org.

COMEDY MAGIC SHOWCASE The Comedy Magic showcase is to take

place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, at InKling Coffee and Teas, 530 Main St. This event is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOMETOWN PARADE The City of Pleasanton salutes the season with its annual Holiday Hometown Parade and tree lighting at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 along Main Street.

Health & Wellness

MEDI-CAL AND COVERED CALIFORNIA INFORMATIONAL TABLE Axis Community Health is at the library from 1 to 4 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, to give answers on Medicare questions.

FAMILY CAREGIVER CLASS - NUTRITION FOR THE ELDERLY Hope Hospice will offer a free presentation for family caregivers Healthful Meal Planning for the Elderly and Chronically Ill from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 14, at 6377 Clark Ave., 2nd floor, in Dublin. Registration is required. 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 and 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 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.

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 A representative from Connect Hearing is available from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. for hearing aid cleaning and repair. Call 931-5365.

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.

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Jolly Jasper

Jasper is a young male Husky looking for his forever home. He is so stunning and has the most beautiful coat. He is affectionate and tries to play with dogs in adjoining yards so appears to be dog friendly. He is now starting to enjoy playing with dog toys and loves his walks. He will gladly sit in your lap for cuddling. Jasper will be neutered and is up-to-date on all of his shots. Sponsored by Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, he is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Call 803-7040.

TVAR

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES The Sole Mates meet 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 is held 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.

BOOKS AND COFFEE There is a book discussion group with the staff from the Pleasanton Library that meets from 10:15 to 11:15 on the second Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

MONTHLY TEA TIME SOCIAL AT THE SENIOR CENTER The monthly Tea Time Social is held at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. There is no cost and no reservation is necessary.

MIND YOUR MEMORY An interactive class for exercising the brain with activities and puzzles dedicated to improving brain health function is held at 10 a.m. on the first and third Friday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Food & Drink

SPIRIT & SWEATER STROLL IN DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON The Pleasanton Downtown Association announces the Spirit & Sweater Stroll taking place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 14. Event guests will enjoy spirits and craft cocktails at over 20 downtown locations throughout Main Street.

Home & Garden

LIVERMORE- AMADOR GARDEN CLUB MEETING Sharon Howard, Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's own salvia expert, will share her vast knowledge with members and guests at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Visitors are welcome. lavgc.org.

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. We meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 3311 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. The program is free. Visit foodaddicts.org.

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

RESOURCE WORKSHOP FOR ATOMIC WORKERS This EEOICPA Resource Workshop is free to all former atomic workers and will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Nuclear Care Partners Office at 60 Fenton St., Suite 3, Livermore. Former workers can call 453-3803 to RSVP.

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. There is no cost.

GRIEF WORKSHOPS The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26 at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor at 846-8708.

Volunteers

CITY OF DUBLIN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE City of Dublin will host a Community Blood Drive, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Dec. 13 at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. While reservations are encouraged to donate, drop-ins are welcome. To make a reservation, redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code, DublinCommunity, or call 1-800-733-2767.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Keller Williams Tri-Valley Partners
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565191

The following person doing business as: Keller Williams Tri-Valley Partners, 3825 Hopyard Rd., #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Foundation Realty Group, 3825 Hopyard Rd. #106, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Foundation Realty Group, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Robert Cain, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2019).

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Jims Country Style Restaurant
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565161

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565352

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File No.: 565509

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Building your own house

Tips for creating a gingerbread house that looks beautiful, won't collapse

BY GINA CHANNELL

Building a house can be a frustrating endeavor, particularly if the house is made of gingerbread. But a well-decorated gingerbread house is a perfect holiday touch sitting on a table or counter. And it can be fun.

No, really.

Here are a few tips:

Use royal icing

There is no shame in using a kit, but the icing that comes with most kits doesn't cut it for building a gingerbread house that doesn't collapse. The first key to a house that won't fall down is having royal icing because it dries quickly and hard.

Royal icing recipe

- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons meringue powder
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1/2 teaspoon clear vanilla or almond extract.

In the bowl of an electric mixer

combine powdered sugar and meringue powder.

Add the water and extract slowly. Beat at medium-high speed until stiff peaks form, which is roughly 6 minutes.

This makes about 4 cups of icing. Adding the vanilla or almond extract might thin it a bit, so mix in some powdered sugar. Keep it covered when not in use.

You can replace the meringue with 3 large egg whites and skip the water, but eating raw eggs is not a good practice.

Or skip everything, type in "royal icing" on Amazon and hit "buy now."

Decorate the pieces first

Decorate the separate pieces of the house and let them dry before putting the house together. This is easier than doing it while on the house. (Picture gumdrops dropping off the slanted roof, for example.)



GETTY IMAGES

A well-decorated gingerbread house is a perfect holiday touch sitting on a table or counter.

Be patient

The second, and most important, key to creating a beautiful, stable gingerbread house is patience. Each wall and roof piece

needs at least a couple of hours to dry before being handled. After the individual pieces dry, put the walls together and let them dry for a couple of hours. If you really want to be careful, build an "L"

and let it dry a bit and add the other two walls.

Finally add the roof pieces and don't move, touch or breathe on the masterpiece for a few more hours. ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

DUBLIN

4763 Perugia St \$669,000
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2023 Alexander Ct \$735,000
Sun 1-4 2 BD/2.5 BA
Debby Johnson-Abarta 989.6844

1534 Chatham Pl \$1,399,000
Sun 1-4 2 BD/2.5 BA
Carolynn Machi 872.7761

53 Golf Rd \$1,998,000
Sat 1-4 5 BD/3.5 BA
Gina Piper 200.0202

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 14-24.

Pleasanton

356 Adams Way Honett Family Trust to Abboud Family Trust for \$1,200,000
781 East Angela Street P. & R. Earle to E. & B. Cotton for \$998,000
5608 Belleza Drive Sudeepuri Family Trust to M. & R. Balanadu for \$910,000
2867 Calle Reynoso Franklin Family Trust to A. & J. Jeganathan for \$1,165,000
8044 Canyon Creek Circle T. & C. Sauber to S. & V. Bajpai for \$1,035,000
7875 Canyon Meadow Circle #F Ullrich Trust to D. Paslin for \$546,000
1004 Deer Creek Court Eng Trust to Madugundi Family Trust for \$1,672,500
1121 Donahue Drive G. Liu to Shelatkar Trust for \$1,232,000
3955 Empire Court M. & D. Rogers to A. & B. Reddy for \$932,000
7974 Fair Oaks Court Bieleck Family Trust to A. & B. Varghese for \$1,066,000
4169 Georgis Place S. Schott to L. & T. Deng for \$740,000
3398 Hadsell Court Dees Family Trust to C. & L. Nilsen for \$1,245,000
1823 Harms Drive Robison Family Trust to D. & N. Katakam for \$888,000

6555 Herrin Way C. Mullins to P. & J. Smith for \$890,000
848 Independence Court S. & P. Goodman to A. & J. Dahal for \$1,520,000
4974 Monaco Drive M. & M. Guttmann to S. & S. Bhattarai for \$1,490,000
3219 Royalton Court Pruette Trust to V. & S. Sankar for \$1,200,000
7241 Valley View Court S. & P. Smith to B. & A. Sareen for \$871,000
4743 Amanda Place I. & D. Brownen to K. & S. Kamble for \$1,575,000
4472 Bowen Street S. & D. Rastogi to Y. & J. Zang for \$835,000
649 Concord Place A. Dilaura to B. & J. Aafedt for \$557,000
6814 Corte Nuevo Hanson Family Trust to J. & R. Mahatma for \$1,375,000
906 Crellin Road M. & E. Su to C. & D. Patel for \$1,135,000
1964 Fiorio Circle Aerni Properties LLC to 27736 Industrial LLC for \$1,120,000
1459 Irongate Court X. Liu to P. & A. Dawar for \$1,795,000
1781 Orchard Way Wadsworth Family Trust to J. Walker for \$1,505,000
3372 Smoketree Commons Drive #118 Gesner Living Trust to M. & P. Cheng for \$510,000

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7299 Tulipwood Circle J. & W. Clark to M. & J. Pulikheel for \$870,000.00

Dublin

8531 Briarwood Lane Mccuaig Family Trust to G. & R. Gupta for \$720,000

5852 Cadence Avenue Brookfield Wilshire LLC to T. & S. Tung for \$835,500

11425 Dillon Way C. & G. Scoles to K. & S. Rao for \$1,085,000

8380 Locust Place J. Situ to H. & R. Lam for \$799,500

2137 Montese Court H. Li to A. & M. Bhatia for \$1,554,000

7374 Mount Veeder Road Homes Meritage to G. & C. Clarke-Reid for \$1,110,000

5063 Round Hill Drive L. & S. Yousufzai to R. & R. Shankar for \$1,550,000

9752 Sara Ann Court Wong Trust to P. & L. Pham for \$1,524,500

6242 Sussex Drive C. & C. Moreno to Cheung Trust for \$720,000

6736 Tory Way D. Phan to S. & N. Jothimahalingam for \$816,000

3245 Dublin Boulevard #412 Silangil Family Trust to B. Stelle for \$590,000

3290 Maguire Way #201 A. Liu to M. & P. Desale for \$665,000

7007 North Mariposa Lane B. & G. Pintor to S. & R. Sai for \$840,000

7400 Oxford Circle L. Lazo to K. Nagaoka for \$665,000

6798 Pearl Place M. & S. Morgan to P. & M. Guhe for \$1,025,000

4550 Pisano Terrace Z. Ahmad to S. & R. Misra for \$1,150,000

3627 Whitworth Drive C. Tran to S. & M. Muralidharan for \$720,000

3956 Windsor Way B. Niemi to E. & J. Kim for \$840,000

11704 Zapata Court Holthe Family Trust to N. & P. Newman for \$1,120,000

Livermore

1682 4th Street I. Caywood to A. & J. Nelson for \$645,000

1717 6th Street B. Armstrong to J. & M. Wiest for \$680,000

1666 Alvarado Court Lopez Family Trust to L. & J. Hernandez for \$670,000

2665 Briarwood Drive Stoneham Trust to Jensen Living Trust for \$810,000

5403 Carnegie Loop G. & B. Williams to M. & N. Munoz for \$1,175,000

5344 Celeste Avenue A. & W. Lynch to R. Dimas for \$635,000

1921 Depot Drive #113 L. City to S. & K. Kosuri for \$660,000

4445 East Avenue Nmt Financial LLC to S. & A. Sinha for \$855,000

274 Helen Way J. & L. Bartos to D. & M. Coelho for \$794,000

164 Heligan Lane #3 T. & T. Ryan to D. Rodriguez for \$590,000

617 Hemlock Court Mosset Family Trust to T. & D. Mcneil for \$865,000

5206 Kathy Way Holloway Trust to C. Medeiros for \$855,000

1049 Lucille Street C. & W. Walker to L. & A. Orth for \$782,000

2908 Lusitana Court A. & P. Colestock to A. & N. Raymer for \$1,550,000

338 Mcleod Street Mihoevich Trust to L. & K. Cummings for \$725,000

1742 Mira Loma Street K. Ng to K. & A. Uhihorn for \$515,000

702 Moraga Drive Posner Trust to J. Mitchell for \$720,000

205 Northwood Commons W. Burke to E. Kavanagh for \$635,000

2765 Patcham Common B. Nadkarni to L. & A. Bravo for \$799,000

2267 Robinson Circle R. & V. Lakamsani to C. & R. Techaira for \$1,230,000

566 Sonoma Avenue S. & D. Sixsmith to Cornerstone Cap L Invs LLC for \$605,000

3812 Stanford Way S. & A. Orth to E. Kastner for \$662,000

2275 Stonebridge Road Johnston Trust to L. Huerta for \$760,000

5290 Theresa Way Alford Trust to P. & M. Kshatriya for \$875,000

3928 Yale Way M. & S. Reid to C. Stahl for \$665,000

868 Arbor Court James Living Trust to J. & J. Reed for \$687,000

523 Bernal Avenue J. Xue to T. & S. Olsen for \$648,000

1434 Calais Court Chow Trust to N. & A. Kuo for \$995,000

896 Camelia Drive J. Diaz to D. Cowgill for \$700,000

1576 Carnelian Lane L. & A. Lindsay to S. & R. Jamison for \$1,190,000

2331 Chateau Way Eneidi Trust to N. Lang for \$715,000

1569 De Soto Way Showers Trust to T. & K. Oneil for \$970,000

5846 Elder Circle Heer Family Trust to K. & S. Vajapey for \$1,151,000

4018 Fordham Way C. & R. Chavira to K. & A. Olson for \$725,000

153 Gillette Place #106 L. City to L. & M. Dapuzzo for \$675,000

4671 Laurie Common #106 Tirupathi Properties LLC to D. & D. Couch for \$419,000

2602 Lucca Court L. & M. Kuhr to A. Gamble for \$1,440,000

1148 Madrone Way R. Jamison to S. & K. Farris for \$750,000

1279 Marigold Road Frost Trust to T. & R. Gollott for \$600,000

1524 Murdell Lane D. Rocheleau to S. & A. Ashok for \$835,000

1885 Paseo Laguna Seco #46 A. Lauer to S. & D. Maluendes for \$500,000

2238 Rapallo Common Doidge Trust to V. Lakamsani for \$897,000

2131 Rhone Drive David Trust to B. & S. Bhandari for \$1,300,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Oct. 14-24)

Total sales reported: 30

Lowest sale reported: \$510,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,795,000

Average sales reported: \$1,053,500

Dublin (Oct. 14-24)

Total sales reported: 19

Lowest sale reported: \$590,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,554,000

Average sales reported: \$903,289

Livermore (Oct. 14-24)

Total sales reported: 50

Lowest sale reported: \$515,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000

Average sales reported: \$737,250

San Ramon (Oct. 14-24)

Total sales reported: 29

Lowest sale reported: \$419,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,599,000

Average sales reported: \$1,038,534

Source: California REsource

2143 Shetland Road M. Fritz to M. Akacsos for \$650,000

1458 Spring Valley Common Pascall Trust to R. & T. Ward for \$505,000

2334 Stonebridge Road Bogener 1992 Family Trust to Taylor Trust for \$825,000

126 Tourmaline Avenue Moffat Living Trust to J. & E. Facha for \$1,150,000

865 Tranquility Circle #6 H. Shea to D. & R. Mekala for \$749,500

276 Wildrose Common #1 Correia Trust to R. Montana for \$570,000

2908 Worthing Common D. & J. Holbak to Y. & C. Tam for \$778,000

Source: California REsource



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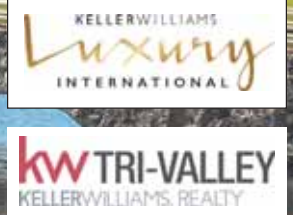
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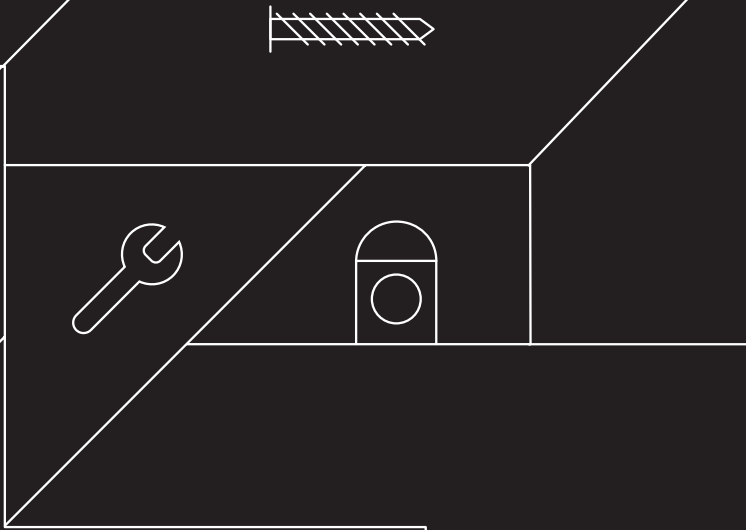
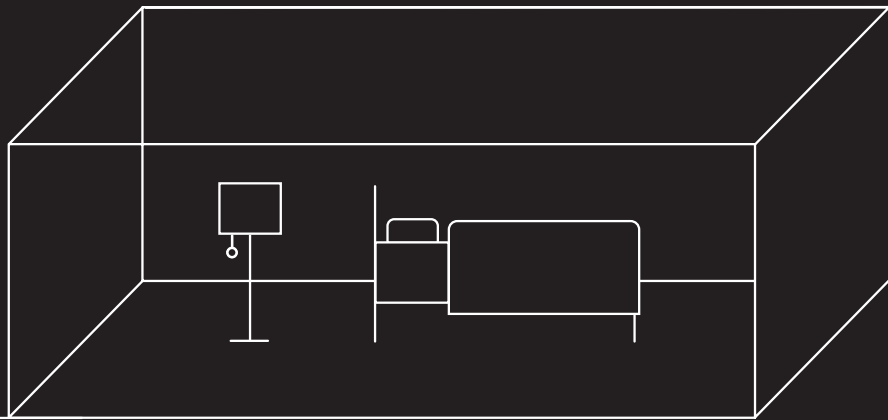
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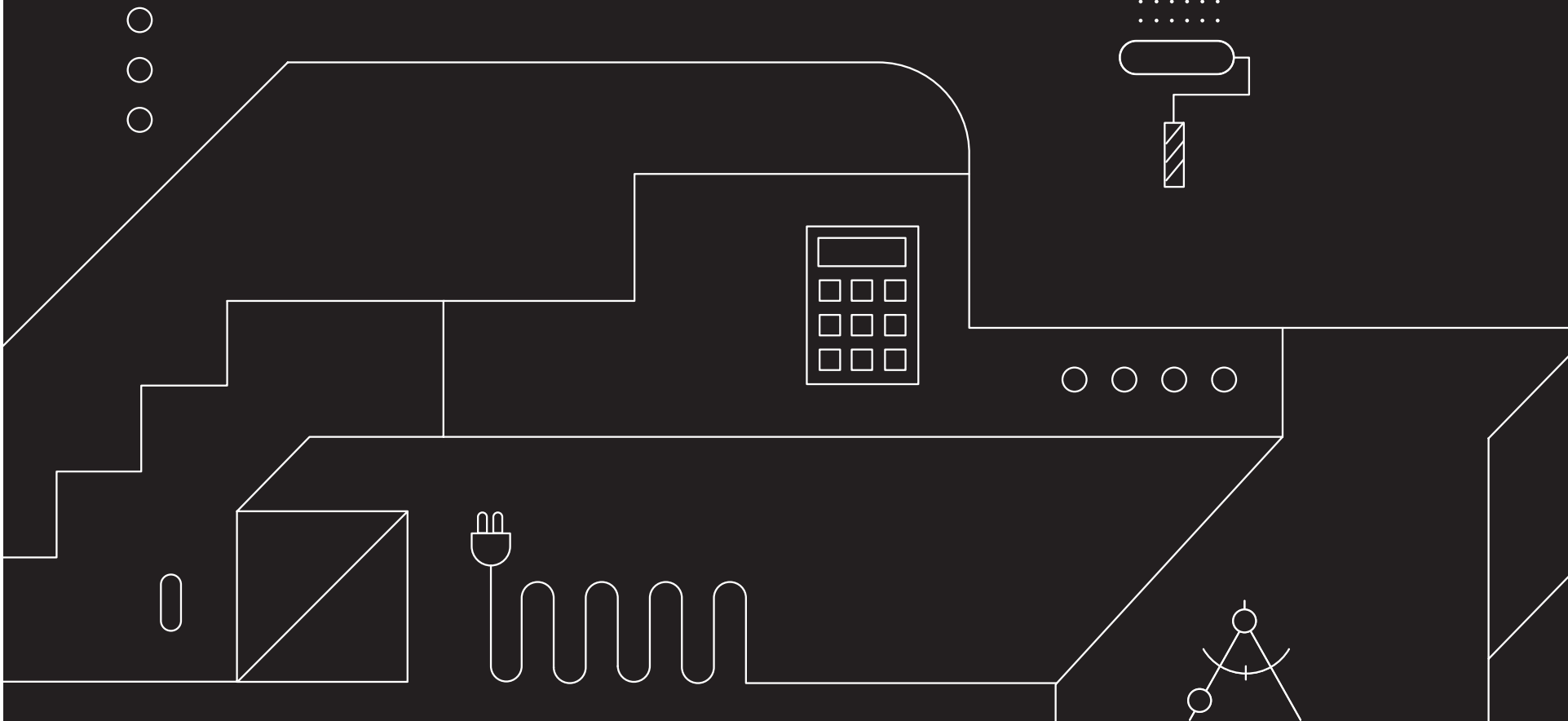
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