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TIM TALK



By Tim Hunt

Now is time to plan East Pleasanton

Four years after halting work on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan during the drought, the City Council is considering the next step with a new lead developer, Pleasanton-based Ponderosa Homes.

Back in March 2019 when the council established its priorities for the ensuing two fiscal years, four members selected restarting the East Pleasanton Specific Plan as the top priority. The council heard a staff report and held a public hearing at its first November meeting and was scheduled to vote in late November before it was pulled from the agenda. It is expected to be heard on Feb. 18.

Ponderosa has an option on the 50-acre Kiewit property at the corner of Busch Road and Valley Avenue and has an agreement with USL, the other major private landowner, to work on the overall plan. Ponderosa has developed many homes in Pleasanton, but the east side plan likely will be the most challenging and complicated to date.

Developing the 1,100 acres at the eastern gateway to Pleasanton will require major infrastructure improvements as well as relocating the Pleasanton Garbage Service transfer station to east of El Charro Road. So, at the minimum, Busch Road will be extended to the new site.

In addition, El Charro, which currently is a private road, will need to become a public road and connect to Stanley Boulevard with an undercrossing for the Union Pacific railroad tracks.

The El Charro connection is key for regional traffic as well as traffic through Pleasanton on Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue. Once it's completed, then eastbound traffic headed for Livermore will have a better option to get to Stanley.

There are two key reasons for moving ahead with planning that will take at least two years:

1. The pressure from the State Legislature to build more housing, particularly affordable housing, will only increase. State lawmakers and Gov. Gavin Newsom have recognized the huge statewide shortfall in housing and are pushing various solutions that would reduce local control.

2. About 100 acres of the land currently are zoned for heavy industrial uses and landowners could submit an application that the city would have little flexibility to deny. With online shopping exploding, there's lots of

interest in industrial facilities located close to consumers for the "last mile delivery."

I sat down with Jeff Schroeder, Ponderosa's vice president and point man on this project, and Mark Sweeney, a one-time partner in Hacienda Business Park, who has partnered with Ponderosa on a few key projects.

Simply put, they believe planning for East Pleasanton and developing a solid plan suitable to Pleasanton is critical, because there's not a viable no-development option. If the overall plan doesn't move forward, then the city will likely end up with a 200-acre industrial project plus another 50 acres at Kiewit.

Ponderosa envisions about 1,900 homes, including about 500 that will be affordable by design. They are working on plans to build some specifically for special needs adults such as those served by Sunflower Hill as well as apartments for veterans and affordable units for seniors. They also are planning for about 400 homes with a variety of floor plans for an active adult community.

Although they don't believe their project, with all of the empty-nester homes, will create demand for a school, they are planning for a K-8 school site. It will be a much better location than the school district's existing unused site on Vineyard Avenue. Their proforma also includes paying school fees.

In contrast to the 2015 draft plan, Ponderosa's current thinking calls for 26% affordable housing. As a homebuilder with a project of this scale, Ponderosa is thinking about a range of floor plans with some single-family detached at about 1,500 square feet. New detached homes of that size are rarely built nowadays.

City staff recommend that the Planning Commission serve as the review body during the process that will build off work done in the earlier draft. Schroeder believes that Ponderosa is ideally suited to lead the project. They've enlisted a consultant from one of the firms known for its master planning skill and will pay for a city planning staff member to work almost full-time on the plan.

For the City Council, which now is expected to consider the process and the staff recommendation Feb. 18, it should amount to a no-brainer. There are many reasons to proceed and solid reasons why further delay could result in outcomes citizens will not like. ■

About the Cover

Vote-by-mail ballots started going out to Pleasanton residents this week. After earlier profiles of Measure M and Zone 7 elections, we're highlighting other races and measures on Pleasanton ballots for the March 3 primary, inside on Pages 12-14. Cover design by Doug Young.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What ritual, whether it is on a daily, weekly, monthly or annual basis, do you always look forward to?



Liz Venema *Realtor*

I have a nightly ritual that I always look forward to. I thank God for my life, my health, my family, my friends and career, generally. I then move on to thinking about gratitude, what I'm specifically grateful for every particular day. Doing that helps me to fall asleep, so that when I wake up the next morning, I smile to the heavens and start each new day with happiness and gratitude.



Alexis Venema *Realtor*

I look forward to having dinner with my family every evening. It's the time we can all relax and hear how everyone's day went. I just moved back home from college and appreciate a home-cooked meal and family time so much more than I used to. I'm so grateful to be back in Pleasanton with my family.



Jesse Plautz *Entrepreneur*

I really look forward to my weekly Bikram Yoga class. It is a great cardiovascular activity and also an excellent mental challenge. I feel as though it is one of the best things a person can do for his/her health and well-being, with their feet never even leaving the ground.



Valerie Ahanonu *Clinical programs operations manager*

My nightly ritual of preparing myself to get a good night's sleep. I focus a lot on skin care and cleansing — our skin is such a critical organ of the body. I then breathe in lavender oil and do some sleep meditations that help keep me grounded and positive so that when I wake up in the morning, I am looking forward to embracing a new day.



Jordan Ezzell *Consulting*

Once a month or so, I enjoy sitting outdoors in the sun and smoking my pipe. I find it very meditative and contemplative.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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DIGEST

Bubbles & Bacon

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is set for its second annual Bubbles & Bacon event on and around Main Street later this month.

The event will feature bacon-inspired food paired with a sparkling adult beverage at 15 downtown shops and restaurants. Tickets will include the tastings and commemorative champagne flute.

Set to occur rain or shine, Bubbles & Bacon will run from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 22. Tickets cost \$45 and are available for purchase on the PDA website, www.pleasantondowntown.net. If not sold out, remaining tickets will be offered for \$50 cash on event day at the check-in point, the Museum on Main.

Bubbles & Bacon ticket proceeds will benefit the PDA, a nonprofit focused on promoting the economic vitality and hometown character of downtown Pleasanton.

Mental health panel

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley is holding a panel discussion in Pleasanton next Thursday (Feb. 13) designed to shine a spotlight on mental health services available in the Tri-Valley and the current state of those services in the public and private sectors.

Scheduled to appear are representatives from Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Axis Community Health, John Muir Health, Pleasanton Unified School District, Stanford-Valley-Care, Sutter Health and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley branch.

The formal presentation and panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A session with attendees. Miley's community meeting is scheduled to run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Vaping awareness

The Livermore Public Library is hosting a presentation later this month focused on youth vaping entitled, "Vaping and E-Cigarettes, A Teen Epidemic: What Parents and Teens Need to Know."

Representatives from Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore will present information to teens and their parents about the risks involved with e-cigarette use. A Q&A session will follow the presentation, and informational materials will be handed out.

No registration required for this free event, which is set for Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. For more information, visit the "Teen Space" page on the Livermore Library website via www.cityoflivermore.net or contact teen programming librarian Caitlyn Lung at 373-5576. ■

City Council endorses revised JDEDZ, advances new Costco toward approval

Retail giant remains 'committed' to Pleasanton; project opponent vows 'fight is not over'

BY JEREMY WALSH

The years-long effort to bring a Costco Wholesale store to Pleasanton cleared another hurdle on Tuesday night when the City Council unanimously supported the latest version of policy and environmental review documents central to rezoning the project site.

Council members are set to confirm their decision in two weeks to formally sign off — again — on the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, a city regulatory

endeavor that would lay the foundation for allowing the Costco, plus two new hotels and other businesses, to come to a swath of land southeast of the I-680/I-580 interchange.

"Many of us have been through this entire process. If there's been a vetted project in this city, this is it," Councilman Jerry Pentin said. "I'm satisfied the work has been done. I'm satisfied that the residents of Pleasanton have spoke that they want this project."

Vice Mayor Kathy Narum also

pointed to citizen support for the proposed Costco, including an email she received urging the city to "remove the 'Pyramids of Pleasanton'" — referring to the mounds of post-demolition debris sitting for years on a prominent Johnson Drive parcel.

She said she thinks that resident support has actually grown amid the extra public review and city hearings, "based on comments the past couple of years about 'why haven't you started', 'don't you know how to dig', 'do we need to buy you a shovel'

and on and on and on."

"It was a difficult decision for me because there's many good things and there's some challenges," Councilwoman Karla Brown added. "But I think we came to a place that I can support."

The JDEDZ project was first initiated by the city in 2014 as a concept to spur commercial development on under-utilized land on Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle. It details rules

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The future of 3D printing

Advanced manufacturing facility opens at LLNL

BY JULIA BAUM

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory recently opened a new \$10 million state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing facility in the heart of the recently expanded Livermore Valley Open Campus, which houses emerging technology being developed on-site.

Located next door to the weapons lab, the 14,000-square-foot Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory (AML) holds cutting-edge technology inside its walls like next-generation 3D printers that create solid objects inside vials of liquid resin, and attempt to convert greenhouse gases into viable fuels.

The AML's opening was commemorated at a Jan. 23 dedication ceremony, where U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell and other public officials gave opening remarks before a guided media tour of the site.

Eight industry partners, including General Electric and AeroTech, Inc. are currently hosted at the site, which contains two 5,000-square-foot labs bisected by a viewing corridor — a wet lab for new process development, 3D printing, materials research and chemical work, and an instrument lab with industrial-sized manufacturing machines and nanomanufacturing capabilities.

There is also a conference room and shared work areas to encourage collaboration.

With access to uncommon materials, lasers and optics, advanced and additive manufacturing equipment, and high-performance computing and simulation capabilities, LLNL officials said in a statement that the facility will "merge LLNL's science and engineering expertise with academia and industry,



JULIA BAUM

This small-scale rabbit model was printed at the new LLNL Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory.

creating public-private partnerships that address manufacturing challenges" by accelerating production and reducing production costs and time.

The AML is dedicated to developing technology that can be manufactured on a massive industry scale, like the trusses supporting the Bay Bridge. During the tour, researcher Bryan Moran showed off several tiny bunnies made of octet trusses that were created with an advanced 3D printer.

The minuscule scale of the trusses betray their true strength, and are very strong for their small size, Moran said.

"It's all done at once so it's stronger," according to Moran, who added that it took about six

hours to print one of the bunnies, which measured no more than about an inch tall and less than an inch wide. The advanced printing process allows materials to be strength-tested by creating a miniature replica without the cost of building a full-sized model, significantly cutting costs for businesses.

3D-printing techniques using liquid resin are also brimming with production potential; research engineers said the process builds sturdier products that better withstand heavier weight loads and extreme temperatures.

Another project at the lab aims to harness harmful greenhouse gases and "convert what is a

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Monitoring students' online activity

Board considers new program to track PUSD-issued accounts

BY JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District is considering the adoption of an online monitoring program intended for student safety after the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed last week to dive deeper into the matter.

The public hearing did not generate any comment from audience members, while the board's discussion after a staff presentation lasted about 10 minutes before voting on Jan. 28.

With online learning becoming more common, administrators said they "have a need to ensure that students are safe in these spaces" and will consider "24/7 real-time computer-based and human monitoring" as a potential solution.

"Students engage in a variety of online activities that can provide indicators of thoughts or intentions to participate in behaviors that are unsafe to themselves or other students," district staff wrote in a report. "There are now solutions available that can routinely monitor student activity in district-provided learning spaces to identify these types of online behaviors and interactions."

A committee of PUSD staff and community members will explore using two services called Gaggle and Securly for monitoring district-issued Google accounts to "identify

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PPIE hosts inaugural State of the School District event

Luncheon includes Haglund address, recognition of major supporters of local schools

By JULIA BAUM

Multiple local businesses and individuals were recognized for their contributions to Pleasanton's public schools during the first-ever State of the School District luncheon at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton last month.

Several hundred attendees attended the Jan. 22 inaugural event hosted by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, which included a catered lunch, awards presentation and keynote speech from Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund.

"We are here to celebrate our A-plus schools," said PPIE executive director Steve McCoy-Thompson, who also called the luncheon "an opportunity to celebrate things going on in the district" and to recognize "some real stalwarts of the community that we are very grateful to (have)."

The inaugural district report was also formally introduced by Haglund, which mainly comprised of Measure 11 updates, results from the School Quality Stakeholder Survey, and the district's recently improved credit ratings and chart-topping Niche.com rankings.

Various state and national awards

from the past year for student accomplishments, including two Golden Bell Awards from the California School Boards Association, were also highlighted in the report.

"We have great students, students that when they are given an opportunity to challenge us, they push us and ask us to do more. But not just us — they challenge each other and push each other to be better," Haglund said.

At one point, Haglund asked every table to pause and discuss among themselves "how do we demonstrate the traits listed in our vision," which the district outlines on its website as a "resourceful, resilient, responsible and engaged world citizen."

In addition to Haglund, guests included the entire Board of Trustees and cabinet members Julio Hernandez, Janelle Woodward and Ahmad Sheikholeslami. Many PUSD leaders were also present such as principals Mike O'Brien (Vintage Hills Elementary), Josh Butterfield (Amador Valley High), Joe Nguyen (Pleasanton Middle) and Julie Berglin (Mohr Elementary).

Notable also attendees included Pleasanton City Council members Kathy Narum, Jerry Pentin and Karla Brown; Assemblywoman

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) was originally slated to appear as well but was called to a last-minute meeting in Sacramento. Instead, Bauer-Kahan shared a video recorded message with the audience, in which she praised PUSD for their "incredible education value" and for working year-round "finding extra funding to fill the gaps."

"I am happy to recognize our business leaders going above and beyond," Bauer-Kahan said.

A four-minute video with various PUSD staff during the event's program illustrated the support that PPIE has given during its 33-year history to close funding gaps in Pleasanton schools for — among other programs and resources

— support counselors, intervention specialists, librarians, and STEAM grants.

McCoy-Thompson said that "by all accounts, the lunch was a success," and that he fully intends to bring the event back next year.

Nearly a dozen Pillars of Pleasanton awards were given that day to local businesses that have contributed to PUSD schools; the categories are divided by industries such as retail, medical and real estate.

This year's winners, and their categories, included:

- PJMB Commercial and Metcon (Marc Barkdull), Building & Construction
- Huntington Learning Center (Mona Sethi), Education &

Childcare

- Fremont Bank (Brian Gentry), Financial & Professional
- BayClub Pleasanton (Thomas Avellone), Health & Leisure
- Clorox (Nichelle Rachel), Home & Personal
- SideTrack (Todd Utikal), Hospitality, Restaurant & Food
- Schlicher Orthodontics (Will Schlicher), Medical
- Delores Gragg, Real Estate & Property Management
- Made to Order (Rex Shoemake), Retail
- Workday (Diana Fisher), Software & Technology
- Black Tie Transportation (Bill Wheeler), Transportation & Energy. ■



RYAN J. DEGAN

Firefighters work to knock down flames that broke out inside the vacant restaurant building on Owens Drive near Hopyard Road on Tuesday morning.

Fire breaks out in old Denny's building

Cause of blaze unknown; LPFD says structure likely a total loss

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The long-vacant restaurant building once home to Denny's on Owens Drive in Pleasanton is believed to be a total loss after a fire broke out and consumed the building's interior on Tuesday morning.

Responding to the fire at approximately 9:23 a.m. at 6455 Owens Drive, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department officials — who were supported by Alameda County Fire Department personnel — say the cause of the blaze remains unknown. Thus far, fire officials have not received any reports of injured civilians or firefighters.

"We don't know of any injuries (but) we were able to speak with the building owner and he believes that the building was unoccupied this morning. On our arrival, it was well-involved in fire so we initiated what we call a defensive fire attack so we fought the fire from the outside," deputy chief Joe Testa told the Weekly at the scene.

According to Testa, after arriving on the scene LPFD personnel began fighting the flames from the interior of the building but were forced out as the blaze intensified and spread.

Using water from hoses and ladders, firefighters

were able to bring the fire under control at about 10 a.m.

Testa added that at some point structural engineers will examine the building — which has been unoccupied since 2015 — and work with investigators to determine the cause of the fire and examine the structural integrity of the building.

"My guess at this point would be that the building is going to be a total loss," Testa said. "It was fully involved in fire; even at our arrival the fire reached up through the ceiling. The owner reports that there weren't a whole lot of contents inside and the building wasn't being actively used, but I don't expect the structure of the building will survive this much fire."

The building was due to be torn down soon under plans to bring a small shopping center to the site. The Pleasanton City Council had just confirmed approval of the redevelopment proposal during its Jan. 21 meeting.

Building owner Abbas Mash had planned to construct a single rectangular building at 10,980 square feet with five commercial tenant suites on the site, with one intended to be a restaurant and the others some form of retail or commercial business. ■

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Foothill DECA sets new record

Team earns 69 awards at NorCal competition

By JULIA BAUM

Foothill High students took home a record-breaking 69 awards at the DECA Northern California Career Development Conference in San Ramon last month.

In total, 27 students placed in the top three spots, cinching multiple glass trophies for their team in the categories of business services marketing, entrepreneurship innovation plan, and human resource management.

DECA is a global career technical organization that helps students prepare for marketing, finance and hospitality careers, while also imparting them with new communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills.

Last spring, Foothill finished the competition season by moving onto finals or placing in several categories at the DECA International

Career Development Conference in Orlando, Fla., and are aiming to do even better this year.

The Jan. 17-19 conference tested students' knowledge with meticulous cluster exams, written presentations and role playing. Prior to the event, the team joined more than 1,500 students from other schools in the region to test their practical and theoretical skills in a variety of real-life business scenarios.

"Having the opportunity to train our DECA competitors was extremely rewarding. Our members are not only hard-working and passionate about DECA, but have so much potential; NorCal CDC was only the start of it all," said Angela Chen, Foothill DECA's director of training.

Foothill DECA team co-president Trinity Chang said the event

"has always been such an amazing special experience for me."

"Being a senior this year really has put things into perspective," Chang said. "I have learned the importance of research in the field of marketing and innovation, and also the importance of teamwork. I will forever be grateful for the memories and people I've met."

Foothill DECA's other co-president, Jacob Bolano, also added that NorCal "has given (him) an opportunity to network and meet new individuals who share the same interests."

The team is currently seeking volunteers and donations to attend the State Career Development Conference, which takes place from Feb. 28 to March 2. Those interested can email foothilldeca@gmail.com. ■



TV30

New co-host for 'Mayors Report'

Tri-Valley Community Television recently announced local real estate attorney Sblend Sblendorio (right) as the new co-host of its long-running program "Mayors Report," which centers on regular interviews with the local mayors, including Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne (left). Sblendorio, who will share host duties with former assemblywoman Catharine Baker, has lived in the Tri-Valley for more than 30 years, owns a vineyard that produces Chardonnay and Zinfandel winegrapes and has held leadership posts such as chair of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Bad weather delays construction of new DHS science building

Work on \$31.5M project 'complicated' by recent rain

By JULIA BAUM

Inclement weather over the past few weeks has brought construction on the new engineering and science building at Dublin High School to a momentary halt, according to Dublin Unified School District.

"Due to unforeseen issues with underground utilities on the Engineering & Science Building site, complicated by recent rains, the opening of the building has been pushed back to the middle of the 2020-2021 school year," officials said in a statement last month.

The new 47,000-square-foot

structure is being built adjacent to the DHS sports complex on the west side, and will replace the current maintenance shop and weight room. Three temporary science classrooms and six portable classrooms are currently housing students onsite during construction.

A total of 15 new engineering and science classrooms, shop space, HUB/academic support space and break-out areas will be built. A new parking lot addition with approximately 200 parking spaces will also be added at the former Dublin Swim Center site as part of the project.

Things are getting back on track, though; the building pad "has been lime-treated and certified for the building foundation, and the winterized footings are being excavated," DUSD stated. The footings will be poured some time this month and the first floor concrete slab will "immediately follow with steel erection starting at the end of March."

The new building was originally set to open later this year; instead, it will now open for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. Revenue from Measures C and E is funding the \$31.5 million project. ■

MONITORING

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activity patterns that could indicate that a student is considering harm to self or others."

The systems have limits, however, so flagged activity would be reviewed by a person to help determine the appropriate response based on a risk assessment.

"Our reviews are only done after a situation occurs. We do not currently have systems in place that can preventatively monitor student Google accounts for activity that might suggest a student is hurting and is considering harming themselves or other students or adults in our community," said Amy Nichols, PUSD senior director of procurement and technology. "Another way of saying this is that we have reactive monitoring

capability but not proactive monitoring capability."

The district report did not provide any specifics about what type of language or content could be flagged.

When asked by Trustee Steve Maher whether any confidentiality or privacy issues are anticipated, Nichols replied, "That's really the big question about this."

"Students don't have or shouldn't have an expectation of privacy in the nature of the communication that they engage in when they're using their Google accounts," Nichols said. "But there is still, I think, a psychological difference about what a student is going to say in the classroom, in front of a bunch of adults that they can see, and what a student is going to say in their own bedroom."

"That's really the crux of the importance of this question for the board and the community to think through, is how could we weigh our duty, obligation, just protective need to make sure that our students are safe with our need to ensure that our families and students are also afforded privacy," she added.

Money for the pilot program has been allocated from the Sycamore tech fund. Depending on the vendor selected, the program would cost between an estimated \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually for district-wide 24/7 monitoring of all student Google accounts, including the "human component to actually interact with the content."

The committee will start meeting this month and is expected to give its recommendation to the board in March. ■

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BART launching schedule, service changes Monday

LAVTA updating Wheels and Rapid bus services accordingly

Changes to BART train schedules intended to improve service will begin on Monday, and will coincide with changes being made to Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Wheels and Rapid bus routes.

BART transit district officials said that most changes involve “small tweaks,” while others are more significant and that changes will involve all lines, particularly the first and last runs each day.

“Major improvements include the return of two-line service into San Francisco on Sunday, the addition of Fleet of the Future trains on Saturday, earlier weekday train service for many riders, increased peak service for Concord riders in the morning and evening, and later evening direct service from San Francisco into Warm Springs,” BART said in a news release.

Weekday BART trains at the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton stations will be departing two minutes earlier than the current schedule. As a result, Wheels and Rapid buses that serve the Dublin-Pleasanton Station will be adjusted accordingly in order to ensure optimal transfer timing, LAVTA officials said.

Wheels and Rapid buses on Routes 501, 502 and 504 to Dublin High School and Route 602 to Foothill High School will also be adjusted with earlier morning departure times.

The 5 a.m. northbound train from South Hayward will be on the Warm Springs-Richmond line instead of the Warm Springs-Daly City line, meaning San Francisco-bound passengers will need to use trains on the Dublin-Pleasanton to Daly City or Antioch-SFO lines for the first San Francisco arrivals, arriving in San Francisco eight minutes later.

BART says its evening schedule is being adjusted to better accommodate single-tracking in the Transbay Tube.

On Saturdays more Fleet of the Future trains are being added, with two each on the Antioch-SFO, Dublin-Pleasanton, and Richmond-Millbrae lines, and four on the Warm Springs-Daly City line.

The first Saturday train westbound Dublin-Pleasanton to Daly City train will be at 5:58 a.m. at Bay Fair instead of 6 a.m. at the Coliseum.

Sundays will see the return of two-line service to San Francisco.

Dublin-Pleasanton line trains will terminate at Montgomery or Daly City depending on the time of day and whether there is single tracking. Riders on that line will transfer to an Antioch-SFO train at Montgomery Street.

Headways on Sundays will be every 24 minutes on all lines, four minutes longer than the current schedule, which BART believes “will provide greater predictability and resilience in the event of a service delay.”

The first northbound train on Sunday is Dublin-Pleasanton, which will leave the 24th Street-Mission station at 7:50 a.m., and Civic Center at 7:54 a.m., 10 minutes earlier than before.

BART says the updated schedule will be available on its online Trip Planner before the changes start.

New LAVTA timetables, marked “New Schedule February 10, 2020” are available on all Wheels and Rapid buses and are available on the LAVTA website at www.wheelsbus.com. Residents can learn more by calling the LAVTA Customer Service Center at 455-7500. ■

Story by Bay City News Service, with Weekly reporter Ryan J. Degan contributing.

TAKE US ALONG



Giant's Causeway: Pleasanton residents Sharon and Larry Lindsey, and Ken and Barbara McDonald visited Giant's Causeway while on vacation in Ireland (and Scotland) last year.

3D PRINTING

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deleterious, harmful waste product into something of value” using bio-reactors that are printed on-site.

“We’re going to put engineered bacteria, microbes that were invented by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado, and these bugs are very special,” research engineer Eric Duoss said. “They eat methane and then they convert that, they spit out methanol, and methanol is a valuable

resource” that can be used as fuel.

“The idea here is we’re going to in the future take cheap and readily abundant electrons from renewable energy sources and we’re going to feed these into these kinds of cells, and it’ll react and be converted into these valuable products,” Duoss said. “This is about helping our country’s security when it comes to climate security, energy security, resource security and economic security. It’s looking into a future when oil and gas sources won’t be as readily abundant.” ■

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Sycamore Grove bridge now open to public

Residents can explore 44-mile trail from Livermore to Fremont

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley residents can now walk, bike and hike along a 44-mile trail winding from Livermore to Fremont, following the recent completion of a new footbridge at Sycamore Grove Park that provides the final connection to 25,000 acres of open space.

"This is truly something monumental in the Tri-Valley with benefits that ripple across a much greater area and into future generations," Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty said in a recent social media post.

He also thanked supporters and added that he looks "forward to seeing you on the trails."

Located on the Arroyo del Valle Trail near the Arroyo Road entrance leading to Sycamore Grove, the bridge was built as part of the ambitious "Valley Trail Connections" project, which started in 2014 with



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Supervisor Scott Haggerty cuts ceremonial ribbon to open the new footbridge at Sycamore Grove Park named for late former supervisor Ed Campbell, whose family joins Haggerty here.

the purchase of the 74 acres of land where the trail connects. The Arroyo Road entrance had been closed since mid-July until recently for its construction.

The new trail connection links five parks from the Tri-Valley to Fremont (Sycamore Grove Park,

Del Valle Regional Park, Ohlone Regional Wilderness, Sunol Regional Wilderness and Mission Peak Regional Preserve) and supplements the 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which is one of 30 trails in the National Trails System and runs

from Mexico to San Francisco.

Haggerty said the bridge is "fittingly" named after former county supervisor Ed Campbell, his "treasured mentor" and friend who died in 2002.

"May this footbridge inspire all of us to build bridges, connect paths and preserve the beauty of the Tri-Valley — just as Supervisor Campbell did during his time in office from 1984-1996," Haggerty said.

The new bridge will be open year-round for visitors on foot, bike and horseback, and is also accessible to strollers and wheelchairs.

Among the project partners were also Tri-Valley Conservancy, Bay Area Barns and Trails, Chevron, the city of Livermore, Coastal Conservancy, East Bay Regional Park District, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, Sierra Club and Zone 7 Water Agency. ■

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Valentine's Day 'I do!'

Couples interested in tying the knot on Valentine's Day may do so at the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's satellite office in Dublin, where reservations for marriage ceremonies next Friday (Feb. 14) are now being accepted.

Valentine's Day ceremony reservations are available that day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the main office in Oakland (1106 Madison St.) and the Dublin satellite office (7600 Dublin Blvd.)

Couples who wish to make reservations for a Valentine's Day wedding ceremony should obtain a marriage license by Feb. 11. Marriage licenses are sold at both offices and cost \$75; appointments can be made when obtaining the license or by calling the Clerk-Recorder's Office at 510-272-6362.

State of the City

Registration is underway for Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne's final State of the City address, being presented by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel on Feb. 25.

The event opens with networking at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the State of the City address from noon to 1:30 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$45. Sponsorships are also available. To learn more, visit www.pleasanton.org.

SB 50 fails

A last-gasp attempt to resurrect Senate Bill 50, a divisive housing bill that would have relaxed zoning standards for residential developments, fizzled on the State Senate floor last week.

The bill failed to advance out of the State Senate with consecutive 18-15 votes on Jan. 29 and 30, leaving it three votes shy of the 21 votes it needed. Tri-Valley State Sen. Steve Glazer was among the No votes. See Glazer's comments as part of the full story online at PleasantonWeekly.com.

Commission moves

The Pleasanton Planning Commission went against city staff recommendations on two proposed projects discussed during its Jan. 22 regular meeting.

Commissioners indicated support for modifying a condition for the Rose Pavilion that prohibits a drive-thru on "Pad B" in Phase III of the site — to accommodate a planned Taco Bell drive-thru in the place of the Oil Changers building.

The commission also endorsed a landowner's request to modify the North Sycamore Specific Plan to subdivide 990 Sycamore Road into five lots (the specific plan only allows a three-lot subdivision).

Both items are due to return to the commission for final consideration at future meetings. Read the full story online. ■

Program preps Dublin inmates for a new life

By JULIA BAUM

Las Positas College is offering a path from prison to the professional world this spring for inmates at the Women's Federal Correctional Institute in Dublin.

Incarcerated women who take seven, nine-hour non-credit courses through the "Inmate Education Project" for a 16-week period will become eligible to receive career certificates in customer service and small

business management later this year, according to LPC.

The pilot program came to fruition when LPC and FCI staff began exploring courses that could benefit inmates and faculty were interested in teaching.

"These courses complement and expand their existing educational program, since many of the inmates/students will leave FCI and work in the service industry," LPC

vice president of academic services Kristina Whalen said in a statement. "Through our partnership they will also leave with important skills and a credential that will increase employability."

According to Whalen, nearly half of those released from federal prison are rearrested shortly after being freed but "the recidivism rate for those employed is significantly less." Whalen said the partnership

with FCI "further the objective of getting career opportunities to those already facing a serious hurdle to employment."

After touring FCI, business professor Drew Patterson agreed the program will give inmates "marketable skills and certifications that will help with their transitions back to civilian life," and that "if given an opportunity, this segment of our society will be a productive part of the workforce." ■

COSTCO

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for how redevelopment could occur on the 40 acres near the freeways' interchange, including rezoning a nearly 20-acre site left vacant when Clorox closed its research center there.

The updates to the JDEDZ documents center on the results of more than a year's worth of additional environmental review, mainly around air quality, ordered by the council as part of rescinding its original JDEDZ approvals from 2017 in favor of supplemental analysis to address concerns raised in a lawsuit challenging the project.

Most other key elements of the JDEDZ package remain the same as they were two years ago, although cost estimates for traffic improvements in the area have now risen to between \$23.1 million and \$25.3 million — above the original pricetag estimate of \$21.47 million.

Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth, the group that sued the city over its original JDEDZ approvals, is "very disappointed" by the council's actions Tuesday night, according to the group's spokesman, Matt Sullivan.

"The city continues to conceal the

true environmental, public health, and traffic impacts of the project and refuses to provide the details of public subsidies to Costco, a \$135 billion corporation. We are weighing the alternatives to respond to this action, but suffice to say, this fight is not over," Sullivan, a former City Council member, told the Weekly on Wednesday morning.

Sullivan did not speak during the hearing Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center, but the council did hear from a handful of speakers on both sides of the JDEDZ proposal.

Jenifer Murillo, director of real estate development for Costco, said the company remains committed to opening its first-ever store in Pleasanton — on land it now owns along Johnson Drive.

"We believe that this Costco will add over 275 well-paying jobs with great benefits," Murillo said. "It will generate millions in sales tax revenue. We believe it will redevelop and repurpose an under-utilized property in a key economic corridor along I-680."

"We are committed to Pleasanton. We are committed to this project. And we look forward to continuing our involvement in this community," she added.

Randy Brown, board chair for the

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, said he supports the JDEDZ, in part, because of "the transformation of an under-utilized area of the city that, let's face it, is a real eyesore."

"This is a thriving commercial corridor that capitalizes on its location and will create many opportunities for new uses and services for our community," he added.

Resident Don Maday was less supportive, saying the new higher roadwork costs represent "a substantial escalation from the original number ... And really, it begs the question: How much more do we expect it to go up before construction is completed?"

"I ask that you re-examine the economics on this deal," Maday added. "We heard from the Costco people this is a really desirable place for that, for them ... I think you could get more, and I would ask you to reconsider it and renegotiate."

"The issue is not wanting Costco. The issue is where our tax money is going," Kathy Hemmen told the council. "We need to be concerned about our money. I get the feeling we're not sure about the dollars and cents."

City staff also reported receiving more than 350 comment letters and emails during the new environmental process and up through this week,



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PRIMARY ELECTION 2020

*State Senate,
county supervisor,
child care tax measure
among local issues*



Nate Miley



Esther Goolsby



Steve Glazer



Marisol Rubio

By JEREMY WALSH

The 2020 primary election is upon us, with Alameda County election officials sending out vote-by-mail ballots starting this past Monday to mark the start of early voting ahead of Election Day on March 3.

While the presidential primaries will dominate headlines statewide in the weeks ahead, there are plenty of local representative seats and ballot measures for Pleasanton voters to decide in next month's election.

In addition to Pleasanton Unified School District's \$323 million bond Measure M and the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors (previewed by the Weekly on Jan. 16 and Jan. 31, respectively), Pleasanton residents will help determine races for U.S. House of

Representatives, State Senate, State Assembly, Alameda County Board of Supervisors and superior court judge.

There's also a fire safety bond measure for unincorporated Alameda County, a proposed new half-cent sales tax countywide for childcare and early pediatric health care, county central committee members for Republican and Democratic parties and a \$15 billion public education facilities bond measure statewide.

Oh yeah, and those presidential candidates too.

For those still needing to sign up, there is time to register to vote in the March 3 primary election as well as to request a vote-by-mail ballot. To learn more, visit www.acvote.org.

Here's a look at those other elected officials and ballot issues on tap for Pleasanton voters:

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Pleasanton voters will join the rest of their peers in Supervisorial District 4 in casting ballots in a two-candidate election for their representative on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors: incumbent Supervisor Nate Miley and challenger Esther Goolsby.

Miley, who is running for a sixth consecutive term, points to a deep passion for public service and a strong record in elected office in his candidate statement in the voter information guide.

"I have a track record of successfully pushing for safe livable communities, living wage jobs, worker protections, healthy aging for elders, local emerging business opportunities, the cannabis industry, an end to illegal dumping, street and road improvements and environmental protections," Miley wrote, in part.

In a subsequent interview with the Weekly, Miley also highlighted some Pleasanton priorities for the term ahead if re-elected, including tracking the Alameda County Fairgrounds Strategic Plan, traffic improvements on the freeways, Highway 84 and Foothill Road and public safety in Castlewood, among others.

Goolsby, an environmental community organizer from Oakland, did not submit a candidate statement for

the ballot and did not respond to the Weekly's request for comment. Goolsby's campaign website and Facebook page do not list specific priorities, but do list a slogan of "No to pollution. Yes to change."

In addition to Pleasanton, District 4 includes East Oakland, Montclair, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview and El Portal Ridge.

As the Weekly covered in-depth last week, voters in Livermore and Dublin will be among those in Supervisorial District 1 voting from among four candidates to succeed retiring Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

The candidates are Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon, Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Dublin City Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez and State Sen. Bob Wieckowski, a Fremont resident who is being termed out at the state level.

Any candidate could win the District 1 position outright in the primary election if they earn more than 50% of the vote. If no one wins a majority in March, then the top two finishers would advance to a runoff to be held during the general election on Nov. 3.

A third Board of Supervisors seat is on the ballot as well, but out of the area. Incumbent Supervisor Keith Carson is facing off against Albany City Councilman Nick Pilch for District 5, which represents Berkeley, parts of Oakland and other areas.

ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Three litigators are competing for the Alameda County Superior Court Department 2 seat opening up with the retirement of longtime Judge Carol Brosnahan — trial attorney Elena Condes, civil rights attorney Mark Fickes and administrative law judge Lilla Szelenyi.

In her candidate statement, Condes pointed to her professional experience and diverse perspective as a "Latina, lesbian, mother, defender and small business owner" among the reasons she would be the best candidate to succeed Judge Brosnahan.

"My decades-long experience in Alameda County has provided firsthand knowledge of the struggles many face in our community and the people who come into court to resolve disputes. Everyone deserves respect, a level playing field and equal access to justice," she wrote, in part.

Fickes also touted his legal experience and diverse perspective in his candidate statement, saying he would become just the second openly gay male judge to serve currently on the superior court, as well as referencing that his grandparents immigrated to the U.S. to escape Nazi persecution.

"My life experience taught me to always stand up for the underdog and ensure that justice isn't reserved for the rich and powerful," he wrote, in part.

"You have my solemn promise that I'll respect the rights and dignity of everyone who enters the courtroom."

Szelenyi, who did not submit a candidate statement for the voter guide, would also represent personal and professional diversity, according to her campaign website. A Hungary native who attended high school in Australia, Szelenyi moved to Alameda County in 1992 and has served as a workers' compensation administrative law judge in Oakland since 2005.

"I truly believe that 'justice delayed is justice denied.' (William E. Gladstone). If elected as Judge for Alameda County Superior Court, it will be my mission to manage my courtroom efficiently. Litigants have a right to an expeditious hearing and decision," she wrote on her site.

Like District 1 supervisor, the judge position could be won outright in March if one candidate earns over 50% of the vote; otherwise the top two finishers would advance to November runoff.

The other 30 Alameda County Superior Court judgeships due for re-election saw only the incumbents file, which is common. Those positions will not appear on the ballot.

STATE LEGISLATURE

State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) faces two candidates in his bid for re-election to a second full four-year term representing District 7 — and his fiercest competition may well be from within his own party.

While Glazer boasts strong support from local elected officials throughout his district (endorsed by nearly every single council member), Democrat Marisol Rubio, a scientific research and health care provider from San Ramon, has been backed by many local and regional labor unions and progressive Democratic Party groups.

The other challenger, Republican Julie Mobley, is listed on the ballot as a community volunteer, but she did not submit a candidate statement and has no apparent campaign website.



Eric Swalwell



Tuan Phan



Samantha Campbell



Austin Intal



Peter Liu

In his ballot statement, Glazer points to his record on air quality, climate change, gun violence prevention, bank regulation, anti-vaping, education, PG&E accountability, minimum wage, equality and standing up to pressure from special interest groups.

Rubio, in her ballot statement, said she would focus on access to health care, public education, local and regional transportation, BART improvements, climate change and gun violence prevention if elected.

The top two finishers in the primary, regardless of party, will advance to a runoff in November.

State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) is opposed by Republican, Alamo resident Joseph Rubay, in her bid for a second consecutive two-year term for District 16.

Neither candidate submitted ballot statements for the county's voter information guide.

On her campaign site, Bauer-Kahan calls attention to legislative accomplishments and priorities from her first term, including women's reproductive rights, securing state funding for local projects, public education, human trafficking prevention, a new law on food allergens, climate change and gun violence prevention.

Rubay, who lost a bid to unseat Glazer in the State Senate in 2016, is now running as the lone challenger against Bauer-Kahan.

His campaign Facebook page includes this statement, "Working everyday for our community, our children, our future. An established business owner and leader in the community with a diverse range of experience on issues that greatly impact our district. Proven success in unifying and problem solving."

Because Bauer-Kahan and Rubay are the only two candidates in the race, they will see each other again on the November ballot regardless of how many votes each receives in March.

CONGRESS

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) is on the ballot with six challengers in his bid for a fifth straight term in the U.S. House of Representatives for District 15.

The list of other candidates include Democrats Samantha Campbell, a Union City native who works for New Haven Unified School District; Austin E. Intal, a sales and real estate

professional from Hayward; and Tuan Phan, a biochemist from Castro Valley; Republicans Peter Yuan Liu, an Oakland resident who works in San Lorenzo; and Alison Hayden, a special education teacher whose city of residence is not listed; and challenger Don J. Grundmann, a chiropractor from San Jose running without a party preference.

None of Swalwell's challengers appear to have previous elected experience.

Swalwell is coming off a whirlwind 2019 that saw him cast into the national spotlight with a four-month-long presidential campaign and a prominent role in impeachment inquiry hearings.

In addition to national priorities, Swalwell said his goals for the next term include "to keep doing all I can to improve CA15 residents' quality of life — that means helping them spend less time stuck in traffic, helping them earn and save more, and helping ensure they have the health care, education, and federal services they deserve," he told the Weekly. "You all inspire me, and it's an honor to represent you."

Phan told the Weekly he is running for Congress with four top goals: "Making unionizing easier, breaking up monopolies, Medicare for All and the Green New Deal."

Liu, who previously campaigned as a long-shot candidate for governor and Oakland mayor, described priorities of his "Liu's community empowered safety plan," legislation to allow women to auction off newborns to avoid abortions and revamping dwelling building codes nationwide, among others.

Grundmann talked about three top priorities to "nationalize the private banking cartel known as the Federal Reserve System and issue debt free currency," "save the children of the nation ... from the social engineering attack of 'transgenderism'" and "stop the race science/eugenics attack of Planned Parenthood upon the black community."

Campbell, Hayden and Intal did not respond with statements for the Weekly.

The top two finishers in the March primary will face each other in a runoff election in November.

MEASURE C

Childcare advocates in Alameda

County are back again with a proposed new half-cent sales tax countywide nearly two years after a similar measure fell just short at the ballot box.



This time around, proponents have added an early-age health care component to the tax measure in addition to childcare funding.

Measure C proposes to raise \$150 million per year via a new half-cent sales tax across Alameda County for the next 20 years, with 80% of the funds supporting childcare, preschool and early education programs and 20% supporting pediatric health care.

"Your Yes vote on Measure C will help to provide all Alameda County children with high-quality health care and early childhood education programs during the most critical period of their development," according to the ballot argument in favor of Measure C.

There was no opposition argument filed.

It is similar in concept to Measure A that failed in June 2018, a proposed half-cent sales tax countywide for 30 years to fund childcare and preschool for low- and middle-income families that garnered 66.20% voter support — just short of the 66.67% required for passage.

Now, the passage threshold for

Measure C appears a little less clear.

In their ballot submittal form, Measure C proponents said the tax measure would need only a simple majority to pass, even though special taxes in California have typically required a two-thirds supermajority.

The Measure C documents in the county's voter information guide don't clearly address that threshold question, and an Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office representative said they could not specify on Monday.

First 5 Alameda County, which would be the administrator of the Measure C childcare program, provides some additional context on its website, saying the threshold for approving a voter-qualified special tax is unclear (simple majority or two-thirds supermajority) in light of multiple court cases pending appeal in California. "Consequently, the threshold will be determined in future court decisions."

MEASURE D

Voters in unincorporated areas in Alameda County, including parts of Pleasanton that are outside of the city limits, will decide a \$90 million fire safety bond measure proposed by the Alameda County Fire Department.

The Measure D bond, and its associated new property tax of \$16 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, will fund projects "to repair/replace outdated stations, thereby maintaining services in unincorporated communities (including medical emergency lifesaving services, fast 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response)," according to the ballot question.

The bond proceeds could not be used on salaries, benefits or pensions, and would be subject to citizen oversight and audits. As a fire safety bond, Measure D would need approval from more than two-thirds of voters in order to pass.

Measure D is only on the ballots of residents in unincorporated Alameda County, except for the Fairview area.

As a result, only projects for ACFD



Rebecca Bauer Kahan



Joseph Rubay

facilities within the unincorporated county could be funded through Measure D, including the potential new ACFD fire station in the Greenville area of Livermore — but not projects in incorporated cities served by ACFD by contract, such as Dublin.

CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Pleasanton residents registered members of the Democratic or Republican parties will have their chance to vote on their representatives on the Alameda County Central Committee for the 16th Assembly District.

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Elena Condes

ELECTION

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And there are some familiar names among the locals on both sides.

The Republican committee features 11 candidates for six available positions: Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Zone 7 board candidate Hugh Bussell, Doug Miller, Leslie Jones, Chung Bothwell, Karan Healy, Debra Del Conte, Frederick B. Volking Jr., Sara Volking, Harry Briley and Suzanne Tringali.

The Democratic committee includes six candidates for four positions: former Pleasanton city councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Dublin teachers union president Roberta Kretitz, Judy Tomic, Jeffrey Nibert, Brittini Kiick and Jacqueline Tarin-Rankl.

PROPOSITION 13

One statewide measure appears on the March ballot, Proposition 13, a proposal from the State Legislature seeking voter authorization to issue \$15 billion in state general obligation bonds to fund construction and modernization projects at public education facilities across California.

The proposal calls for \$9 billion dedicated to support projects at local preschools and K-12 campuses and \$6 billion for public universities and community colleges. State officials estimate the costs to repay the bonds (principal and interest) at \$740 million per year for 35 years.

The “quick reference” argument in favor of Prop 13 in the state voter information guide contends, “Yes on Prop 13 funds essential repairs to make California public schools safer and healthier. Removal of toxic mold and asbestos from aging classrooms. More school nurse facilities. Cleaner drinking water. Fire and earthquake safety upgrades. Strong taxpayer controls. Endorsed by firefighters, doctors, nurses and teachers. For California’s children. YesonProp13.com.”

The “quick reference” argument against Prop 13 states, “This measure authorizes \$15 billion in borrowing, costing taxpayers \$27 billion including interest, to build and repair schools. Borrowing is nearly twice as expensive as paying for school



Lilla Szelenyi

construction from the regular budget, which has a huge \$21 billion surplus. This is just more government waste. Vote no.”

Prop 13 needs a simple majority statewide to pass this March. The full arguments for and against Prop 13, as well as the entire text of the measure and other relevant details, can be found in the printed voter information guide or online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

Note: This Proposition 13 has nothing to do with the well-known 1978 California initiative measure by the same ballot designation number on property tax rate limitations.

U.S. PRESIDENT

With the state’s primary election moved to earlier in the year,

California voters are expected to have more of a say in who their party’s presidential nominee will be — compared to when the primary was in June and many other states had already voted.

Registered members of six political parties can vote on which candidate from their party should advance to the general election: Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, Green and American Independent.

California voters registered under “no party preference” can cast a ballot in the presidential primary for either the Democratic, American Independent or Libertarian parties, which are allowing non-party voters to participate in their primary. To vote for the Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican parties’ presidential candidate in the primary, voters must be registered to that specific party.

President Donald Trump will appear on the Republican primary ballot with six challengers from within his party, including former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld and former Illinois congressman Joe Walsh.

The Democratic Party primary ballot is a crowded list that includes marquee candidates such as former vice president Joe Biden, sitting U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota), Bernie Sanders (Vermont) and Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts), former South Bend (Indiana) mayor Pete



Mark Fickes

Buttigieg, New York City entrepreneur Andrew Yang, and billionaire political figures Mike Bloomberg and Tom Steyer.

The list of 20 candidates also features less-heralded candidates like U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet (Colorado) and U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii) as well as some candidates who have already suspended their campaigns but remain on the ballot, such as U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (New Jersey).

To learn more about presidential candidates across all six parties, as well as other details about the presidential primary, visit HowToVoteForPresident.sos.ca.gov. For more information about all issues on the ballot, contact the Alameda County Registrar of Voters’ Office at 510-272-6973 or visit www.acgov.org. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Jury convicts woman of murder for fatal DUI on Highway 84

A Pleasanton woman with a history of drunk driving was found guilty of second-degree murder last week at the end of a jury trial over a 2017 DUI crash in which she struck a pedestrian who was standing off the road alongside Highway 84/Isabel Avenue, according to Livermore police.



Jennifer Barbero

Jennifer Barbero, 44, is scheduled to be sentenced on March 20 following her conviction, police said.

Barbero was behind the wheel of an SUV around 10:20 a.m. on May 26, 2017, traveling southbound on Highway 84 just south of Interstate 580 when her SUV hit Livermore resident David Nemeroff, who was standing next to his vehicle that was stopped on the side of the road, police said at the time.

Nemeroff, 73, sustained critical injuries in the collision, which occurred on the Friday morning of

Memorial Day weekend in 2017. He died from his injuries at a local hospital that Sunday — May 28, 2017.

Police reported at the time that Barbero, who remained at the scene with her SUV seriously damaged, exhibited signs of impairment including poor balance and red, watery eyes. A blood test would confirm alcohol intoxication.

Further investigation also revealed she had a 2008 misdemeanor DUI conviction in Alameda County and a 2014 conviction for reckless driving involving alcohol in Contra Costa County, as well as a separate DUI case pending at the time of the fatal crash stemming from a 2015 incident in Alameda County, according to court records at the time.

Barbero was charged with second-degree murder in connection with Nemeroff's death.

Her case went to trial in recent weeks, and an Alameda County jury found her guilty on Jan. 30 of second-degree "Watson murder" — which refers to a serious type of fatal DUI under California law that typically arises when a driver has prior DUI cases or convictions, leading to the implied malice needed to prove murder.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office did not respond to a request for comment on Barbero's murder conviction. Contact

information for her defense counsel was not immediately available.

In other news

- Pleasanton police are reminding residents to keep an eye on their belongings and to lock their car after reporting a significant uptick in thefts from unlocked vehicles last week.

According to the Pleasanton Police Department, in 2019, officers took "282 reports of theft from unlocked vehicles, which is a 28% increase from 2018 — and 100% preventable." Thieves mostly went after valuables including backpacks, laptops and credit cards "which in most cases, were left in plain sight."

Last September officers arrested three teenagers from Richmond and Hercules on suspicion of breaking the windows of at least a dozen cars near downtown Pleasanton and stealing from them. The smash-and-grab thefts generated a good deal of community discussion about local crime and overall safety.

A number of other Bay Area communities including San Jose, Sunnyvale and Palo Alto have recently reported an increase of similar thefts from cars.

- Two former Alameda County sheriff's deputies have pleaded no contest to a single count of assault under the color of authority for allowing an inmate to throw feces and

urine at another inmate in a maximum security unit at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in 2016.

The plea agreement for Sarah Krause and Stephen Sarcos allows them to avoid having to serve time in prison for their actions.

Krause, who pleaded no contest to a felony assault charge, will be placed on five years' felony probation and have to serve 240 hours of community service and pay \$1,800 in fines when she is formally sentenced by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Kevin Murphy this month.

And if she successfully completes her probation she can petition the court to reduce the charge to a misdemeanor.

Sarcos, who pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor assault count, will be placed on three years' probation, pay \$1,240 in fines and perform 180 hours of community service.

At a preliminary hearing for Krause and Sarcos in 2018 their attorneys admitted that the two former deputies engaged in misconduct during the incident in September 2016 but said their actions weren't felonies.

But Alameda County prosecutor Tim Wagstaffe objected to treating the case as a misdemeanor, saying, "This crime violates the trust of inmates and the community."

Wagstaffe said, "It is absolutely disgusting to participate in the gassing of another person," using the term to describe throwing feces and urine at someone.

Sheriff's Det. Patrick Smyth testified that the incident involved an inmate who had an ongoing feud with fellow inmate Johnny Bowie.

Smyth said Bowie had been "very disrespectful" to Krause and the other inmate told her that he wanted to get back at Bowie and gas him. The detective said Krause agreed to the inmate's plan and opened his cell door and the inmate then walked upstairs with her to Bowie's cell.

Krause then opened the door to Bowie's cell and the other inmate threw a cup of feces and a cup of urine at him, although it missed Bowie, Smyth testified.

Two other former deputies, Justin Linn and Erik McDermott, are charged in the same case but are being prosecuted separately because they face more serious charges, including a count of dissuading a witness for allegedly trying to intimidate an inmate who blew the whistle on them.

Linn and McDermott are scheduled to stand trial in June. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 1

DUI

- 1:47 a.m. on the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Theft

- 1:25 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:38 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 4:59 p.m. on the 7500 block of Ivy Court
- 7:43 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:56 p.m. on the 3400 block Cornerstone Court

Jan. 31

Theft

- 10:38 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 11:44 a.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:28 p.m., 400 block of Adams Way; theft from auto
- 4:23 p.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive
- 6:35 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 7:49 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:52 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- 9:59 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Sex offense

- 6:00 p.m. on Pickens Lane

Burglary

- 11:40 a.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 10:03 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 10:39 p.m. on the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 11:24 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 30

Assault/battery

- 11:55 a.m. at Peters Avenue and St. John Street

Theft

- 10:35 a.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 6:00 p.m., 5200 block of Riverdale Court; theft from auto
- 7:08 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 9:35 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Warrant arrest

- 8:44 p.m. at Isabel Avenue and Discovery Drive

Jan. 29

Warrant arrest

- 12:27 a.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

Shoplifting

- 4:25 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 5:46 p.m. on the 440 block of Willow Road

Vandalism

- 7:54 p.m. on the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

Jan. 28

Drug violation

- 3:45 p.m. 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 9:16 p.m. on the 7300 block of Huntswood Court

Theft

- 4:29 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting



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Howard W. Neely

May 8, 1932 – December 5, 2019

After 87 years of well-lived and well-fought life, Howard W. Neely passed away on December 5, 2019 in his Arroyo Grande residence with family at his side. Howard was a 53 year resident of his beloved city of Pleasanton. He was actively involved in his community, dedicating countless hours to committees, his church & his family.

Howard was the son of Captain Neely of the US Navy & Howard honorably served in the army in his younger years, stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Colorado. His mother was Helen Adams & he loved his Adams heritage. He was a skilled draftsman and dedicated industrial arts & history teacher in Fremont, impacting many youth in our community. He was a long-time member of Pleasanton Presbyterian Church & enjoyed marching with the Balloon Platoon for many years. While serving on the Park & Recreation Commission for the City of Pleasanton, he was instrumental in establishing several parks for the City. He was also a part of the Affordable Housing Authority, working to ensure housing opportunities for those in challenging financial situations. Along with a few other community members, Howard was a catalyst for securing the securing the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery by the City of Pleasanton to honor loved ones in the community for generations to come.

He loved woodworking and using every one of his collection of tools. He loved the outdoors, and spending hour after hour tending his property that he built with his own hands. He fiercely fought for what he believed in and he will be dearly missed by friends and family.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen of 48 years who resides in Arroyo Grande, CA. His family legacy includes five daughters, thirteen grandchildren & twelve great-grandchildren.

Please join us in honoring his life on Sunday, Feb. 16th at 2pm at the Veterans Memorial on 301 Main Street in Pleasanton.

In honor of his favorite event, Easter Sunrise Service & his love of the outdoors, there will be a tree dedication at 7:30 am on Feb. 16th at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. There is a \$6- park entry fee.

He will be buried at Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery with family present for the burial.

PAID OBITUARY



Blackhawk Museum unveils 'Into China'

New exhibit inspired by Ken Behring's passion for Chinese culture

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Most people remember late Blackhawk developer Ken Behring for his philanthropic efforts and business acumen, but what residents may not know was that he was also a dragon — according to the Chinese Zodiac.

Born in the year of the Earth Dragon in 1928, Behring developed a great love for Chinese culture and way of life, visiting the country and collecting rare and beautiful artworks on numerous occasions over his lifetime.

In a desire to share Behring's passion for Chinese life and culture, the Blackhawk Museum in Danville has officially opened its newest exhibit "Into China," where Tri-Valley residents are welcome to view displays that feature ancient artifacts and intricate art displays.

"He was always touched with China because he felt this connection that he lived one of his previous lives," said Ken's son David Behring, who was heavily involved in bringing the new exhibit to fruition at the museum his father founded.

"When he went to China, he would say there's nowhere in the world where you get this craftsmanship," David Behring added. "People will dedicate their lives to

an art project and he would say you don't see that in the United States anymore ... so that was his big motivation to start collecting and then he just wanted to put them on display for the public."

Officially opened on Jan. 25, the exhibit features a large gallery populated with replicas of famous pieces that for the most part could never be seen outside of China, such as the First Emperor of China's Terracotta Warriors and Chariots in the "Eternal World" section.

"So far all these experts have examined them and they haven't found any two that are identical, so they don't know if they picked 8,000 soldiers and modeled the faces after them," David Behring said of the statues. "It would take a team of about 30 to 40 men to build one of these."

David Behring added that the Terracotta Warrior gallery was one of the last to be included in the exhibit, and took about a year to acquire — original statues are no longer permitted outside of China.

Another headline of the exhibit, museum staff say, sure to be a fan favorite is a complete set of bells from the Tomb of Marquis Yi, which they believe to be dated 433 BC.

These bells, some of which are very small others are enormous in size, are one of only three sets permitted to be reproduced, and is believed to be the only set in the United States.

Attendees are also sure to be wowed by the 24-foot-long red Imperial Dragon statue — just one of the many dragon images found throughout the exhibit — carved from one massive single piece of wood.

Complimenting the statue is an accurately scaled model of the Forbidden City, a 19-foot-wide and 23-foot-long replica that was painstakingly crafted from wood. Called the Forbidden City because visitors were forbidden from entering its halls, this replica gives Blackhawk visitors a unique perspective into the lives of the Emperors of China.

Other items found in the exhibit include the spectacular Imperial family Dragon Throne, a Chinese-made Hongqi "Red Flag" limousine, carved statues, paintings, displays on Chinese history and religion, and high end replicas of Chinese ceramics — David Behring says original ceramics can cost hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars.

"Into China" opened seven months after Ken Behring's death



RYAN J. DEGAN

David Behring says his late father, Ken, was inspired to share Chinese artwork with the people of the Tri-Valley. That dream has come to fruition with the "Into China" exhibit.

in June; David Behring said that great efforts were made to open the new exhibit before his father passed away, but the timing just wasn't there — adding that while his father was alive he kept pushing back the projected opening date because every time he went to China he found a new piece of art or a display he wanted included in the exhibit.

"We never knew what he was going to come back with," David Behring laughed. "This was his passion, he really loved this."

Created to compliment Blackhawk's theme of "Many Worlds, One Museum," visitors are also

encouraged to visit the museum's existing exhibits "Art of Africa" and "Spirit of the Old West," as well as its world famous automobile collection. Plus, the museum will soon open a new natural history exhibit, which visitors can get a sneak peak of when visiting Into China.

The Blackhawk Museum is located at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, in Danville and open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, veterans and seniors. Admission is free for museum members, active military personnel and children 6 and under. ■

'Tails at Twilight' benefits Valley Humane Society

Paradise beckons as gala serves up a tropical island affair

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Valley Humane Society invites everyone to enjoy a taste of paradise with friends, ohana and animal lovers at its sixth annual "Tails at Twilight" gala from 6-11 p.m. March 6.

The exotic island affair, being held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., celebrates the bond with beloved companion animals while raising funds for animal rescue, humane education and community service efforts.

The escape begins with a champagne reception, followed by hors d'oeuvres, a full no-host bar, and an

elegant seated dinner. Live and silent auctions and dancing complete the evening.

Tickets are available at valleyhumane.org for \$150 per person, and guests will dress in their tropical best to impress. For tickets, visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.

Auction items will include a case of Hall Winery wines with tasting passes, a five-night stay in Kauai, Warriors tickets, and a five-course seasonal harvest dinner with wine pairings and bocce.

Last year's popular Ambassador package will make a reappearance,

offering one lucky Pleasanton resident the exclusive opportunity to have his or her canine named the city's official Ambassador for 2020.

Proceeds from the gala benefit Valley Humane Society's lifesaving animal welfare programs and life-enriching community services, such as Canine Comfort pet therapy, which offers therapeutic pet visitations to children with cancer, Alzheimer's patients, veterans and others.

"Tails at Twilight" is presented by Jeff and Doris Hank. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; call 426-8656 for information. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Last year's auction at the Valley Humane Society gala raises laughter and funds for its animal welfare programs and community services.

Dance show fun for entire family

'World of Imagination' to include popular Disney songs

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company will present two performances of "World of Imagination," a magical dance revue directed by Liz Roberts next Saturday (Feb. 15) at the Bankhead Theater.

The show, an entertaining and fun family performance, will incorporate Disney-themed dances. Genres include jazz, tap, hip hop, modern, contemporary lyrical and musical theater.

The music will include popular Disney classical and contemporary songs, and bright and fun costumes will light up the stage along with beautiful imagery, lights, props and scenery.

Immediately following the performance, there will be a meet and greet reception — a chance for guests to say hello to the performers and take photos with Disney Princesses.

Show times are 2:30 p.m. and



JOHN BUYER

The lively, colorful show by Livermore School of Dance at the Bankhead Theater includes the number, "We Go Together."

7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22-\$30. Call 373-6800, visit lypac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Livermore School of Dance opened in 2004 under the

ownership of Liz Roberts and Shelly Schoendienst. The main goal of the studio is to promote self-confidence and a love of dance in a nurturing, professional environment. To learn more, visit livermoredance.com. ■



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Ray Charles for Valentine's Day

A stellar cast of award-winning performers will come together at 8 p.m. next Friday (Feb. 14) at the Bankhead Theater for a special Valentine's Day concert, "Georgia on my Mind," celebrating the music of Ray Charles and his gift for blending gospel, blues, jazz and country. Songs such as "I Can't Stop Loving You," "Rainy Night in Georgia," "Hallelujah I Love Her So," and the iconic "Georgia on my Mind" set Ray Charles apart as a master of his craft as he received every major award in the industry. Tickets are \$20-\$115; \$20 for students and military. Call 373-6800, visit lypac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Parker Quartet at Bankhead

Program includes Haydn, Beethoven, Polish composer Szymanowski



LUKE RATRAY

The Parker Quartet, aiming to make string quartet music relevant for all ages, is performing at schools today and at the Bankhead Theater this Saturday evening.

The Parker Quartet, artists in residence at Harvard University, is appearing at the Bankhead Theater this Saturday night (Feb. 8).

The Grammy Award-winning quartet has appeared at the world's most important venues since its founding in 2002.

The concert will include Haydn's Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 33 No. 2, nicknamed "The Joke" because the composer plays with the audience's expectations; Beethoven's emotionally intense Quartet in A minor, Op. 132; and Polish composer Karol Szymanowski's Quartet No. 2, Op. 56, with motifs of the Tatra Mountains.

The Parker Quartet reaches out

to audiences of all ages and will perform at local schools the day before the concert, supported by Del Valle Fine Arts and the Wente Arts Education Fund. Young people also are encouraged to attend the Saturday evening concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Del Valle Fine Arts concerts are always free for students in high school and younger, and those accompanying a youth can purchase a ticket for \$20 at the box office.

Regular ticket prices are \$32-\$52. Visit lypac.org; go to the Bankhead Theater box office at 2400 First St., Livermore; or call 373-6800. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Western harmonies, homespun humor

Known as "America's Favorite Cowboys," the popular Riders in the Sky return to the Bankhead Theater at 3 p.m. next Sunday (Feb. 16) in a fun show for the whole family. More than 40 years after their first gig at a small bar in Nashville, the original members are still together, revitalizing classic cowboy music while amusing audiences, and each other, with their wacky sense of humor. Among their many honors, they received the Best Musical Album for Children Grammy Award in 2001 for "Woody's Round-Up" featuring music from the Pixar Studios movie "Toy Story 2." Tickets are \$20-\$75. Call 373-6800, visit lypac.org.

Ramirez Holmes, Figuers, Quigley for Zone 7 board

Pleasanton voters will join their peers in Dublin and Livermore in casting ballots for three regular seats on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors, key elected positions for a local governmental agency whose decisions affect water supply, water rates and flood protection in our area.

The Zone 7 election features three incumbents (Sandy Figuers, Dick Quigley and Angela Ramirez Holmes) and two challengers (Hugh Bussell and Laurene Green) competing for a trio of available four-year terms in the March 3 primary.

After sitting down with each candidate and reviewing their campaigns, we recommend re-election of incumbent directors Ramirez Holmes, Figuers and Quigley.

A Pleasanton resident and political consultant seeking her third term in office, Ramirez Holmes has demonstrated herself as a standout leader on the seven-member board who prioritizes informed decision-making to ensure a safe and reliable water supply for the region.

An advocate for expanding Zone 7 water supply options, exploring new water storage opportunities and prudent budgeting, Ramirez Holmes has also championed important strides for Zone 7 in the

areas of public transparency and accountability. Televising Zone 7 meetings, for example, might well have never happened without her strong voice.

Ramirez Holmes understands the issues, engages the stakeholders, listens to the citizens and knows how to lead on the dais.

Count Figuers in the same camp. Seeking his seventh term overall (four in a row since 2008, preceded by 12 years on the board in the '80s and '90s), Figuers is a groundwater geologist and longtime Livermore resident whose technical expertise and institutional knowledge are vital for Zone 7 as it continues to embark on key post-drought decisions around water supply and water quality.

Figuers is well-prepared to guide Zone 7 through a critical juncture, not only for its internal water goals and those of its retailers, but in responding to new state and federal rules and regulations as well.

Experience with the local and regional water supply is our main reason for supporting Quigley's bid for a fifth consecutive term.

A longtime Pleasanton resident and retired resources manager at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Quigley has shown he understands the intrinsic value in a diversified supply of high-quality

potable water, and he has the working knowledge of Bay Area, Delta and statewide water agencies needed to achieve goals around groundwater basin stewardship, new regional storage opportunities, renewable energy in the water treatment process and addressing contaminants.

Across the board, we prefer the strong record of service and Zone 7 experience exhibited by Ramirez Holmes, Figuers and Quigley.

Challenger Green, a water resources engineer who lives in Pleasanton, is a good candidate with a unique insight into certain water issues given her professional background. She makes strong arguments regarding PFAS contaminants and her apprehension to the concept of potable reuse.

But with only a couple of years logged on the city of Pleasanton's Committee on Energy and the Environment, Green lacks the depth of general governmental service experience, let alone Zone 7 specific experience, that we like to see from a newcomer to this sort of position.

The fifth candidate, Bussell, has even less applicable experience. A technical writer from Livermore, Bussell has been involved with boards of CrossWinds Church and UNCLE Credit Union, as well as the Alameda County Republican

Party, but he has no elected or appointed tenure in local government in the Tri-Valley.

We'd encourage Bussell to seek out city committee opportunities, or the like, and then return for an election ballot. We had also hoped to hear more specifics from him on key issues facing Zone 7 in the four years ahead.

We want to offer a word of support for Michelle Smith McDonald, the appointed director who was unopposed in her bid for a special two-year term on the Zone 7 board — and as a result, she's earned the term and won't appear on the ballot.

Smith McDonald boasts an impressive career in communications, including now for the Alameda County Office of Education, which is an important attribute as Zone 7 continues to improve its public engagement. She has hit the ground running in her first nine months on the board and is poised to make informed decisions on water quality, water supply, agency transparency and infrastructure to come.

She also serves as the lone Dublin voice on the board, which is vital for Zone 7's representatives. We look forward to watching her continue to grow as an elected leader in the Tri-Valley. ■

LETTERS

Voting No on Measure M

Dear Editor,

Measure M is too much, too soon, too vague.

In 2016, Pleasanton voters approved Measure 11, which gave PUSD \$270 million; most of it is unbonded or unspent. We, the taxpayers, will pay back an estimated \$600M over 30 years to cover that debt.

Now PUSD is asking you to pass measure M and give them \$323M, with a payback of another \$600M-plus. This community will be saddled with \$1.2 billion of bond repayments.

There is nothing other than fences to show the public, and much of Measure 11 and Measure M are to cover the years of neglect and mismanagement of maintenance funds. In the 14th page of Measure M resolution, there are no specific guarantees for taxpayers and it certainly does not include a high school.

Measurem.org was created to provide an alternative perspective to the Measure M debate. Countless

hours of mind-numbing research was spent to create this website. Hopefully, you find this information useful so that you can make an informed No vote on March 3.

—Kay Ayala,
Former City Council member

Ramirez Holmes for Zone 7

Angela Ramirez Holmes' commitment to fiscal accountability and transparency has been critical to the Zone 7 board over the last eight years, and earns her the opportunity to be re-elected for another four-year term.

Ramirez Holmes has been an effective financial watchdog at Zone 7, fighting for regular finance committee meetings, comprehensive financial reporting and documents and transparency. She is accessible to constituents, asks tough questions and demands accountability on behalf of all residential, business and agricultural customers in the Tri-Valley.

With critical decisions to be made

over the next few years on statewide infrastructure projects, flood control priorities and new technologies impacting Zone 7's continued efforts to deliver a safe and reliable water supply to our region, there is no one better than Ramirez Holmes to be sitting in that seat making informed decisions. Please re-elect her to the Zone 7 board.

—Kathy Narum,
Current City Council member

Haubert for supervisor

I rarely get involved in politics or political campaigns, but this is different. There's an election coming up on March 3 and our current Alameda County supervisor is retiring. It's important we select the best possible person to replace him.

As a veteran, I appreciate a leader who knows and cares about the men and women who served our country. As mayor, David Haubert helped to provide affordable housing and much needed social services for our veterans. He is also endorsed

by every mayor in the Tri-Valley and leaders on both sides of the aisle.

So, he is a real team player, something I really like. I want to end political bickering and elect an independent thinker. I'm voting for David Haubert for Alameda County Supervisor, District 1.

—Laurie Hubbard

Yes on Measure C

On March 3, you can be a hero. As an Alameda County voter, you can ensure that all of our children have access to high quality, affordable health care and early education by voting Yes on Measure C.

As we've knocked on doors and talked with voters, we've been really heartened by the positive response to Measure C. Not surprisingly, the voters in Alameda County care about kids. They care about the future. They are willing to pay a little more to ensure that every child gets access to a world class trauma center

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if they need it. They are willing to invest in the early education that will prepare our youngest citizens for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Every day we see the positive things that happen when a community invests in its children and that's why Hively is one of four community organizations who have worked tirelessly to get Measure C on the ballot.

We hope you will join us in supporting the "Care for our Kids" initiative by voting Yes on Measure C.

—*Kelly O'Laque Dulka,*
Hively CEO

'Wild & Scenic Film Festival' a success

I am writing on behalf of Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education to express our heartfelt appreciation to the cast of hundreds who helped to make the first "Wild & Scenic Film Festival & Eco-Fair" on Jan. 24 the rousing success that it was.

The audience will not soon forget the breathtaking films that showcased our fragile planet and the people working so hard to save it. Thank you to all the heroes and to the filmmakers.

We were so thrilled when the Bankhead Theater team agreed to host the festival — thank you for your support.

With a film program and a venue in place, we were gratified that our major sponsors were joined by local partner organizations for the Eco-Fair to learn about local environmental efforts. We were well fortified by local businesses and culinary programs. Please visit our website to learn more about these sponsors and partners: <https://trivalleyccce.org>.

A totally Livermorian spin on our festival was the speaker spotlight and poetry reading. We also thank all of the volunteers who put in countless hours, and to the attendees who filled the house and created such positivity for moving the Tri-Valley toward a sustainable future on our precious planet, so full of biodiversity and wonder.

—*Ann Brown*

Thank you, Pleasanton community

We want to start off the year by thanking our Pleasanton community for all of their time and effort in supporting our residents all year at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Center.

Once again, to the Amador Valley Assistance League who all year sponsor parties and activities for our residents. December is when the ladies led by Lois Cox decorate our lobby and dining room Christmas trees. What magic in less than an hour; the trees are so festive. Royal Ambulance for the fresh wreaths for our front doors welcome our visitors with the fresh scent of the season.

The Girl Scouts caroling the halls along with the other church and community choirs bring such joy to our residents, families and staff.

To all of our volunteers Dominic with his spiritual visits daily from St. Augustine Church, Betty Gail Hunt Presbyterian Musical Fellowship, Roy and Amy with Bible Study. The J.W. Ladie on Fridays. To Janice Treuhof keeping our patio gardens looking so beautiful and welcoming. To our grounds gardener Jorge for his hard work all year.

To our special delivery guys, Mike with UPS, Lorrelle with FedEx, Tony with the U.S. Postal Service, always with a smile.

We thank you all from our residents, families and staff. We are again blessed to have such a supportive community. Happy New Year 2020.

—*Linda DeGennaro*

Support seniors

"Make A Difference Day" was a wonderful event and gathered many volunteers to help in our community.

This year, it was located at the Pleasanton Senior Center and was a huge success. Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley was represented at the event and they are always looking for volunteers, for their Friendly Visiting Program.

Please contact me at psilliman@sptv.org or call 931-5388, if you are able to spend a few hours, each month, with a senior in the Tri-Valley.

—*Pam Silliman*

Youth and vaping

Although proudly serving on the Planning Commission, the opinions in this letter are my own and reflect my other role as a father of three school-aged PUSD children.

Statistics shared by the Youth Commission show e-cigarette use in Pleasanton schools starts as early as grade 7 and climbs above 20% by grade 11 with 79% of those surveyed saying e-cigarettes or vaping devices are easy to obtain.

Although California law prohibits the sale of tobacco to those under 21 (or 18 for active duty military), the simple fact the products are showing up so easily in our schools and that 78% were reportedly obtained locally means we need city controls to help protect Pleasanton youth health and safety.

What makes vaping and e-cigarettes contentious is the fact they are easily disguised in youth-friendly packaging, flavors and advertising. As recommended by the Youth Commission, the banning of flavored tobacco and electronic smoking devices within the city will no doubt reduce the availability within our schools and is a minimum first step.

Should Pleasanton also act to limit or ban the sale of tobacco products within 1,000 feet of public schools, parks and recreation

facilities, I would strongly recommend we also implement city-level tobacco retail licensing and enforcement.

Without local ability to enforce a consequential result to any sales violations any decision by City Council would be well-intentioned but insufficient as state laws tie any fines to the clerk and not to the business. Our youth deserve real, consequential change.

—*Justin Brown*

Rodeo legislation; authors needed

Feb. 21 is the deadline for introducing new bills in the State Legislature.

Here are four "unbacked" rodeo bills in need of an author:

1. Amend state rodeo law, Penal Code 596.7, so as to require onsite veterinarians at all rodeos — the "on call" option is not working.
2. Ban tie-down calf roping, allowing "breakaway" roping only.
3. Ban the brutal "steer tailing" event (banned in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in 1993).
4. Ban the rodeo's non-sanctioned "wild cow milking contest" and children's "mutton-busting" event; cruel and dangerous for all concerned.

All legislators may be written c/o The State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Email pattern for all is senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov or assemblymember.lastname@assembly.ca.gov.

As Gandhi famously noted, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Words to live by.

—*Eric Mills,*
Action for Animals

Safe storage laws

Every parent should know that in California, the law states that if you own a gun and you have a child under 18 in the home, that gun must be locked.

Safe storage laws prevent children from accessing guns and harming themselves or others. The state superintendent of public instruction recently announced this as an urgent message to be sent out to school communities.

Why haven't we seen this message from our San Ramon Valley Unified School District? Read the message from the California Department of Education. Why is our school board not abiding by this urgent request? You will find the national PTA, American Association of Pediatrics, National Education Association (NEA), American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the National Rifle Association (NRA) all support safe gun storage as a means of preventing gun violence.

—*Nancy Daetz*

Cancer support drivers

The American Cancer Society is in need of more volunteer drivers to support the Road To Recovery program, which provides cancer patients with free rides to treatment.

This year, an estimated 6,500 residents of Alameda County will be diagnosed with cancer, and for some getting to treatments can be their biggest roadblock.

A successful transportation assistance program can be a tremendous, potentially life-saving asset to the community. That's why volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Road To Recovery program is so important.

Every day, thousands of cancer

patients need a ride to and from their treatments. Even the best treatment can't work if a cancer patient can't get there.

The American Cancer Society currently has nearly 10,000 Road To Recovery drivers nationally, but the need for drivers is greater than the number of volunteers. In many communities, due to the lack of drivers, transportation needs can go unmet.

Volunteer drivers are needed to help give cancer patients a much-needed ride. The organization screens and trains all volunteer drivers, and coordinates the rides for patients. Volunteer drivers donate their time and can provide as many rides as they want.

The American Cancer Society stands shoulder to shoulder with cancer patients and those supporting them, focused on improving patient access to quality care, including transportation.

To learn more about volunteering for the Road To Recovery program, visit cancer.org or call our local office at 209-524-7241.

—*Michael Riddle*

Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on issues related to the primary election until 5 p.m. Feb. 23. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this winter, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to editor@pleasantonweekly.com.


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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Up and down week for local soccer teams

Also: Signups open for Livermore Fusion 5-on-5 league

The Foothill varsity boys soccer team came away from last week with a loss and a tie against two difficult East Bay Athletic League opponents.

On Jan. 28, the boys took on first-place San Ramon Valley. The Wolves took an early lead, but Foothill tied it up with 20 minutes left on a Michael Kachkouche penalty kick.

The tie would not last long as SRV would score on a penalty kick and own goal to pull out a 3-1 victory. Foothill's Adam Harbourne had an impressive 16 saves in the game.

Two days later, Foothill faced Livermore and jumped out to a

3-0 lead on goals by Pablo Gill (2) and Kackouche. But there was no quit in Livermore, who would rally back and pull out a 3-3 draw.

Foothill's junior varsity boys had a very hard time generating any offense against San Ramon Valley and could only hold on for so long, losing 2-0.

The boys would bounce back Jan. 30 against Livermore for an exciting victory. Ben Harbourne scored a beautiful winning goal late in the game to pull out a 3-2 win. Ricky Carazos and Anthony Bonev scored the other goals for the Falcons.



OLIVIA SOBLE

Amador Valley's Maddie Benson fights for the ball during the Dons' 4-1 win against Dougherty Valley.

Amador girls soccer

The Amador Valley girls varsity soccer team took on Dougherty Valley and Carondelet last week with mixed results.

In their game on Jan. 28, the Dons prevailed 4-1 on the road against Dougherty Valley. Amador came out cold, not scoring in the first half, but caught fire in the second half with goals from Emily Gossett, Bella Mayo, Kate Reedy and Noelle Marceno. Julia Gonsman contributed an assist.

Back at home two days later, the

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Elizabeth Fineberg made remarkable saves throughout the contest.

Amador finished the week with a 10-2-1 record.

Livermore Fusion SC

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring 5-versus-5 soccer. The program is open to Recreational and Select players born 2008 through 2013.

The season runs from mid-March through the first week of May. Each team will participate in six practice sessions and play six matches. The Fusion's Premier coaching staff will be the instructors.

Early bird rates are available through Feb. 16. Register at fusionsc.org. ■

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.

Giant Kobe Bryant mural springs up in local park

115-foot-by-92-foot grass tribute created with special technology

By JULIA BAUM

The death of NBA legend Kobe Bryant reverberated around the globe, including here in the Tri-Valley, where local business New Ground Technology paid homage last week by unveiling a giant grass mural of the basketball icon on a Pleasanton softball field.

New Ground, which specializes in creating temporary designs on grass fields such as baseball fields or golf courses, did not disclose the exact location in order to protect the design from excessive foot traffic.

"We were HONORED to pay tribute to Kobe Bryant, one amazing person, athlete, husband and father," the company posted on social media on Jan. 30.

Owner Pete Davis and his wife Kelli Pearson told news outlets that they "love" Bryant, who died on Jan. 26 in Southern California, and wanted to "represent our community and let the community be a part of this closure."

Two different photos were merged to create an image measuring 115 feet long and 92 feet wide of Bryant, who is smiling in his Los Angeles Lakers team uniform while holding a basketball.

The picture was then fed into a "TurfPrinter" machine resembling a lawn mower that uses GPS and digital processing to blow air that bends the blades either away or toward the viewer, creating a contrast only



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Images of this 115-foot-by-92 foot grass mural depicting late NBA legend Kobe Bryant at a park in Pleasanton went viral online last week.

visible from the sky.

Blades bent toward the earth are lighter, while blades bent toward the viewer are darker. The image was printed in two passes and took about an hour; each pixel of the design equals a three-inch square of grass. The effect lasts a couple days before the grass, which is not harmed by the process, returns to normal.

Bryant, 41, was killed in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26 near Calabasas with his daughter Gianna, 13, and seven other people while en route to a basketball game at his private training academy in Newbury Park. ■

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Government Meetings

PLEASANTON HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Contact Steve Hernandez at 931-5007 or email shernandez@cityofpleasantonca.gov for more information. Pleasanton City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

PUSD BOARD MEETINGS The PUSD will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 at 4665 Bernal Ave. in the Pleasanton Unified School District Board Meeting Office. The regular meetings of the Board are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

PLANNING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12 at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The regular meetings of the commission are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Theater

WEST SIDE STORY Pacific Coast Rep is bringing "West Side Story" to the Firehouse Arts Center January 25 through Feb. 9. Tickets are \$25-\$46. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. <http://www.firehousearts.org/events/west-side-story/>

A CONVERSATION WITH PATRICK SPOTTISWOODE We are excited to host Patrick Spottiswoode, education director of Shakespeare's Globe (London), in conversation with LSF's

PET OF THE WEEK



ALLIE'S PALS

Purrfect Victor

Who's black, white and classy all over? Victor, that's who! He's a "tween-ager," one of those furry fancies who's still under a year old but past the absolute silliness of a very young kitten. Victor boasts beautiful coloring; his top coat is striped smoke tabby and his undercoat is a distinctive white. He has a mellow and distinguished personality, but it's super easy to coax him into a game of chase with a wand toy. Plus, he gets along well with other cats and kittens. Victor is available for adoption through Allie's Pals Cat Rescue; contact Terri at 487-7279.

own artistic director Lisa Tromovitch. Saturday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets \$35.00. Includes appetizers and a complimentary glass of wine. Livermore Shakes Studio Space, 2172 Railroad Ave., Livermore.

Music

DIABLO WOMEN'S CHORALE AUDITIONS Audition for the Diablo Women's Chorale, Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m. Auditions are by appointment only. Contact Nancy Hickman, 899.5050. Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek.

TRINITY CONCERT SERIES Mark Lemaire, guitar, Cindy Lemaire, vocalist. Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

DRUM AND FLUTE (FIFE) PLEASANTON KIDS COLONIAL MARCHING BAND

New members are welcome, no musical experience needed. Children ages 8-16 learn to play drums or fife (like a flute) in a small group setting. Music lessons are \$14 per week, 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Friday at Band Headquarters on Dennis Drive. YoungAmericanPatriots.com. \$14 for each 90 minute, weekly small group music lesson. Band headquarters, Dennis Drive, Pleasanton. <http://www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com>

Talks & Lectures

BIRD WATCHING A lecture on bird watching and nature games. Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Del Valle Regional Park, 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore. Meet at the Visitor Center.

NATIVE WAYS CELEBRATION The City of Pleasanton's Environmental Education Division is celebrating the past, present and future of the Ohlone culture and sharing the newly completed tule home replica and completion of the home. Alviso Adobe Community Park, Feb. 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton.

BIRTHRIGHT: A WAR STORY The 90-minute film will be shown by the social justice committee. A discussion and light refreshments will follow. Feb. 9, 12 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, Livermore.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS GRANT DIN

Local genealogist Grant Din was part of a research team for a film that chronicles the story of the six Chinese seamen who survived the sinking of the Titanic. "The Six" will be released in China soon and in the United States next year. Feb. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada St., Pleasanton.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - BLACK LOVE, WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Words of positive affirmation, music and treats to be handed out by the Black Student Union in the quad. Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB, GUESTS WELCOME. Improve your public speaking, confidence, listening and leadership skills. Meetings are every Thursday at noon for one hour in the Dublin Library or Dublin City Hall Regional Meeting Room #100, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Contact 398-3257 or 895-6796. HaciendaTM@gmail.com. \$9 per month.

HERBS IN YOUR GARDEN Rose Loveall, owner/operator of Morning Sun Herb Farm, will be the featured speaker. Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Visit www.lavgc.org for complete information.

VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES, A TEEN EPIDEMIC: WHAT PARENTS AND TEENS NEED TO KNOW

Representatives from Flavors Addict Kids-Livermore will give a presentation informing teens and their parents about the risks involved with e-cigarettes. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS. Suzi Parron will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 8, general meeting of the Amador Valley Quilters. Her lecture will focus on the barn quilt

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TAKE US ALONG



Visiting her birthplace: Emilia Silva, daughters Kathy Perry and Maria Popp, and son-in-law Lyle Perry, of Pleasanton, recently visited Emilia's birthplace — Faial, Azores. Emilia was celebrating her 60th anniversary of immigrating to the USA. She has been a Pleasanton resident since 1959.

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.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- **P19-0432, Rick Dobbs/Middle 8 LLC, 310 Main Street, Suite D**
Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval to:
(1) operate a bar; and
(2) allow indoor entertainment and music until midnight, seven days a week.

- **PUD-89-06-08M, Gabriela Marks/Marks Architects, Inc. for Jinglebells LLC, 4210 Rosewood Drive**
Application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Major Modification approval to remove an existing PUD (PUD-89-6) condition of approval prohibiting a drive-through restaurant on "Pad B" within Phase III of the Rose Pavilion Shopping Center. The proposed modification would facilitate the demolition of an existing oil change facility and the construction of a new approximately 1,649-square-foot drive-through Taco Bell restaurant and related site improvements on "Pad B."

Youth Commission

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Remillard Room, 3333 Busch Road

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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CALENDAR

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trail movement. Phoebe Hearst Elementary School, 5301 Case Ave., Pleasanton. Guests are welcome.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS. Author and former scientist Dan Linehan will talk about techniques for unconventional storytelling on Feb. 15, 2 p.m., Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Reservations@trivalleywriters.org.

Fundraisers

MUSEUM ON MAIN - WINES & VALENTINES Join us for the 13th annual Wine & Valentines Dinner on Feb. 7. This special fundraiser event features wine exquisitely paired with a delicious multi-course gourmet dinner. Enjoy a live auction, silent auction, raffle and two-bit auction. All to support the programs of Museum on Main. \$100 per person Castlewood Country Club, 707 County Club Cir., Pleasanton.

Family

WORLD OF IMAGINATION Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company presents "World of Imagination" an entertaining and fun family performance for all ages to enjoy. Feb. 15, 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are available at www.lvpac.org.

Dance

LARPD - VALENTINE'S DANCE FOR SENIORS LARPD is hosting a lively afternoon social celebrating the Big Band era on Thursday, Feb. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Cresta Blanca Ballroom, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$6 residents, \$7 non-resident.

AUDITIONS FOR DISNEY'S NEWSIES: THE MUSICAL Las Positas College Theater Arts is excited to announce auditions for Disney's Newsies: The Musical, to be performed in the outdoor amphitheater in July 2020. Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Las Positas College Mertes Center for the Arts,

3000 Campus Drive, Livermore. Contact mtishows.com/newsies-0.

Health & Wellness

DRIVERS FOR SURVIVORS Be a volunteer companion driver, a friend, a hero. Please contact us at 510-896-8056. Drivers For Survivors, 39270 Paseo Padre Pkwy., #355, Fremont.

Seniors

TECH TUTORING DAYS - FREE The City of San Ramon Teen Council will be offering a free basic tutoring workshop. Sign-up for a 15-minute appointment or stop by Room 114 at The Senior Center. Teen Council members will be available to answer technical questions and help seniors learn about phones, i-pads, or other devices. Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon.

Teens

FREE WORKSHOP FOR TEENS Prepare for the March 7th Job Fair. Free workshop for Teens that will provide instruction on creating a professional employment, career and college portfolio binder. Sat., Feb. 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Inklings Coffee and Tea, 530 Main St., Pleasanton. Contact Laurie Erceg at laurieerceg@gmail.com.

Religion & Spirituality

FEBRUARY RELIGION CHAT Religion chat is a monthly interfaith forum held the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's nineteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. Feb



PUSD

Blowing away crowds in Windy City

Members of Amador Valley High's Wind Ensemble I braved freezing winds and rain to put on a performance at the Midwest Clinic International Band, Orchestra and Music Conference in Chicago just before Christmas. Amador music educators Paul Perrazzo, Patrick Dandrea and Jonathan Grantham accompanied the students on the trip, and led them through their performance pieces on Dec. 20 along with a professional accompanist. "Celebrations" by John Zdechlik, "The Ash Grove" by Julie Girouz, and "Pineapple Poll" by Arthur Sullivan were among the repertoire.

12, 5-6:15 p.m., Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocha St., Livermore.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Please call church office for programs and times at 925-846-8650. Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal Street, Pleasanton.

Business

PLEASANTON PROFESSIONALS NICER NETWORKING From 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5424 Sunol Blvd., learn, connect, grow. Are you a new business owner, or did you recently start a sales position? Are you looking for a place to not only meet more people, but to learn how to connect more efficiently with your potential clients? Welcome to Nicer Networking. We are a business networking/leads group focused on growing our business

through networking, referrals and partnerships. Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5424 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton.

BRN, GROUP 2 The Business Referral Network Wednesday Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We are always looking for professionals interested in building their business through referrals and networking. All are welcome to contact us and visit a meeting. 2400 Camino Ramon, Suite 158/K, Bishop Ranch 6, San Ramon. <https://members.sanramon.org/events/details/brn-group-2-12-18-2019-2411>

Community Groups

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

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. FA is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from the disease of food addiction. If you are suffering please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 3311 Pacific Ave., in Livermore. The program is free. Visit foodaddicts.org for more information.

GRIEF WORKSHOPS The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Global Jaya
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567218
The following person doing business as: Global Jaya, 6933 Stagecoach Road, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rita Soekamto, 6933 Stagecoach Road, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568; Randy Cortez, 6933 Stagecoach Road, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Rita Soekamto; Randy Cortez, a Married Couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Rita Soekamto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 6, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020).

Glamour Nail Spa
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567492
The following person doing business as: Glamour Nail Spa, 4288 Dublin Blvd., #202, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Din Si Voong, 3321 Over Street, Oakland, CA 94619. This business is conducted by Din Si Voong, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Din Si Voong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 14, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020.)

Healthy Home Maintenance and Repair
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567628
The following person doing business as: Healthy Home Maintenance and Repair, 9 Castledown Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: James A. Capaccioli, 9 Castledown Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by James A. Capaccioli, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 16, 2020. Signature of Registrant: James A. Capaccioli, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2020.)

Smart Ace Tech
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567857
The following person doing business as: Smart Ace Tech, 6450 Stoneridge Mall Road, #N219, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ampreet Singh, 6450 Stoneridge Mall Road, #N219, Pleasanton,

CA 94588. This business is conducted by Ampreet Singh, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Ampreet Singh, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 24, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2020.)

Teddi Funderburk's Designs
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 567459
The following person doing business as: Teddi Funderburk's Designs, 19047 Vannoy Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Teddi Funderburk, 19047 Vannoy Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Teddi Funderburk, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 1, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Teddi Funderburk, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 13, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020.)

997 All Other Legals
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: HG20050735 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Chiung Chuann Wang; Chiung Chuann Chen Wang; Chiung C. Chen Wang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chiung Chuann Wang; Chiung Chuann Chen Wang; Chiung C. Chen Wang to Chiung Wang. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m., Dept: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020. Judge Desautels, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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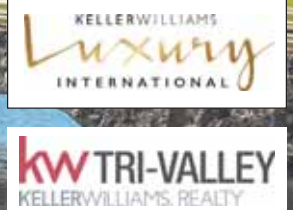


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