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# When it matters most, patients turn to Stanford Health Care



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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Pleasanton loses two good people today

David Nagler, who stepped down last week as chair of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, and his wife Tracy Dunne, the city's public information officer, are moving to Carmichael, a suburb in the greater Sacramento area where they still own a home.

They moved to Pleasanton 12 years ago from Sacramento, where Nagler was a lobbyist to numerous statewide organizations and companies before joining Audentes Therapeutics, Inc., a San Francisco-based biotechnology company. He has been the firm's senior vice president of human resources and corporate affairs.

Dunne moved with her family to Carmichael from Michigan while in high school. She earned a master's degree from Sacramento State, taught for a while and then took a job as a legislative researcher with a Sacramento lobbying law firm, where she met Nagler.

Later, she served as a communications specialist with state agencies and the State Assembly before being named director of communications for former Gov. Gray Davis.

While Dunne parlayed her years in government communications to gain the city's public relations post in Pleasanton, Nagler found the time from his corporate responsibilities to fill a vacancy on the city's Planning Commission.

He did this, he said, because from his very upbringing he learned to appreciate community and public service. His mother was the first woman to be elected to the board of trustees for the San Mateo school district. Nagler remembers walking neighborhoods as she sought voter support.

Later, as president of the school board, she led the campaign for school busing to better integrate public schools — enduring a bitter community fight that Nagler said gave him the “backbone” to serve on the sometimes similarly contentious Pleasanton Planning Commission.

“So, when I was growing up, I just naturally gravitated toward public service. And here I am,” Nagler said.

Nagler is known for sitting quietly, hand on head, as petitioners state their cases before the Pleasanton Planning Commission, whether to add a second floor to their home or open an outdoor preschool in a quiet residential neighborhood.

“I use my corporate experience to



JEB BING

David Nagler and Tracy Dunne each served the city of Pleasanton in recent years, as planning commissioner and city spokeswoman, respectively.

figure out what's the key issue before the commission,” Nagler said. “I don't allow myself to be influenced by the emotions in the room or what people are claiming to be true, but may not be.”

“I also don't let a packed hall sway my decision because the people who show up at a public hearing often are the most involved in the issue, the most emotional and the most opinionated,” he added.

Still, Nagler listened to these speakers because, he explained, they also tend to be the most informed on the issues. It's just his job as an appointed planning commissioner to apply his best thinking to deciding what the public policy should be and what's best for the “breadth” of the community.

Nagler likes the independent thinking that comes with service at the local government level, where partisan politics is not allowed.

He also believes the Brown Act serves local government well by requiring that meetings of three or more on a five-member board be noticed and held in public. The law has ended so-called backroom deals.

While Nagler leaves behind a legacy of a deep-thinking, fair-minded planning commissioner, Dunne's departure leaves a void in a city communications effort she has successfully led, serving as a public spokeswoman for Pleasanton with hundreds of press releases, colorful publications, newsletters and photos.

They'll both will be remembered ... and missed. ■

*Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His “Around Pleasanton” columns typically run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.*

### About the Cover

Noah Jaye, of the U-14 Premier Team, is among the thousands of boys to play in the Ballistic United Soccer Club over the organization's 50 years in Pleasanton. Photo courtesy of BUSC. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XIX, Number 36



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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What do you do when you bump into someone you know but can't remember their name?



**Laura Norden**  
*Attorney*

I act very sheepish and apologetic, and ask the person to remind me what their name is. I always blame myself, and explain that I'm often very forgetful because I have so much on my mind all the time.



**Deysi Gonzalez**  
*Bartender*

I usually ask the person to remind me what their name is. And when they tell me their first name, I respond "I knew your first name. I meant your last name!" And if they tell me their last name, I respond that "I knew your last name. I meant your first name!" It's a great little trick and it works every time.



**Daniel Appleby**  
*Sales*

I just act like I know their name, I hope they don't notice that I'm not using it, and then I skirt around the issue by talking about what we did, what we talked about and where we were the last time we saw one another.



**Linda Behers**  
*Human resources*

It's my job to know everyone's name. So I always try to remember something distinctive about every person I meet, and then somehow attach that distinction to their name so that when I see them, I always know their name.



**Susan Treacy**  
*Retired*

Honestly, that's just not anything that has ever happened to me. I remember everything about everyone I meet — whether I want to or not. People are often actually quite surprised that I remember their name and the names of their children and spouses and pets, even if I haven't seen them in 30 years.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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

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### Transportation summit

The Bay East Association of Realtors is hosting the 2018 Tri-Valley Transportation Solutions Summit next Wednesday featuring state, regional and local elected leaders to discuss current and future transportation issues.

Scheduled to participate are Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, BART Director John McPartland, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne.

The panelists will cover topics such as specific local and regional transportation challenges, the barriers to overcoming these challenges and how government at the federal, state and local levels are helping.

"The Tri-Valley Transportation Summit is our way to elevate the conversation about an issue that affects everyone who lives or wants to live in the Tri-Valley," said association president Tim Ambrose.

The event, free and open to the public, runs from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Rosewood Commons in Pleasanton. Attendees are asked to register online at <http://bit.ly/18tss>.

### @ a Crossroads

Four resident coalitions are teaming up to host "Tri-Valley @ a Crossroads," a forum next Friday featuring candidates from city elections in the three southern Tri-Valley cities.

The forum will see Pleasanton candidates from 6-6:50 p.m., Dublin from 7-7:50 p.m. and Livermore from 8-8:50 p.m., all in the Dublin High School Performing Arts Center at 8151 Village Pkwy. in Dublin.

Free to the public, the event is organized by PleasantonVoters.com, Friends of Livermore, Dubliners for Change and the Tri-Valley Group Sierra Club. Questions from moderator Christopher Schlies, a local attorney and former Tri-Valley Conservancy board member, will focus on the impacts of ongoing development in the region over the past five years.

For more information, email [contact@PleasantonVoters.com](mailto:contact@PleasantonVoters.com).

### Dublin candidate forum

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce is hosting a public forum for Dublin mayor and council candidates next Wednesday evening.

Scheduled to participate are mayoral candidates David Haubert (incumbent) and Arun Goel (current councilman) and City Council hopefuls Shawn Costello, Jean Josey, R. Jing Firmeza, Shawn Kumagai and Bobby Khullar.

The event starts at 7 p.m. in The Wave Community Room at 4201 Central Pkwy. in Dublin. ■

## New set of Zone 7 water rate increases on the horizon

Agency staff presents options, residents voice dismay at meetings ahead of Oct. 17 board vote

By ERIKA ALVERO

Water bills are on many local residents' minds right now, as the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors nears its final decision on rate increases for the next several years.

All the options on the table have rates set to go up, to account for inflation, upcoming capital improvement projects and a 3% Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate increase, staff say.

The various scenarios being considered have different implications for the agency's reserve funds and ratepayers — some options are more expensive for consumers, but

then provide more money for operating, emergency and drought reserves, along with funding water supply reliability projects.

The official vote on water rates is set for the regular board meeting on Oct. 17. Until then, Zone 7 directors say they welcome public input.

"Feel free to email the board, and also, I'm certainly happy to ask questions that you put forth as well," board president Angela Ramirez Holmes said at a special workshop on water rates held on Sept. 5.

Zone 7 sells potable water wholesale to Tri-Valley water providers

serving Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and parts of San Ramon, and those costs are passed through to local residents and businesses in their regular water bills.

The options under consideration have been crafted based on a recent cost study by utility consultant Raftelis, hired by Zone 7 to determine treated water rates for 2019-22. Currently, the scenarios being looked at involve setting rates for four years into the future — however, after last week's meeting, the board wants to also consider a two-year rate cycle, according to General Manager Valerie Pryor.

At the latest meeting, staff

presented three scenarios, refined versions of options presented at Sept. 5's special workshop, Pryor said.

All scenarios account for a 3% CPI increase every year along with a gradual increase of the fixed charge revenue recovery component from 35-45% by 2022 — the fixed costs include capital funding, county services, operating costs and maintenance and labor, while variable costs consist of the water itself, professional services, chemicals and utilities.

The first scenario, the "base

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## Livermore election forum

Candidates debate downtown plan, Measure U, traffic, homelessness

By ANUMITA KAUR

Two mayoral candidates and four City Council hopefuls expressed their love of Livermore, and their plans for it if elected, during a public forum last week.

The debate in the Livermore High School theater, hosted by the Pleasanton Weekly and Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, with Livermore Indivisible as a partner, featured two rounds of discussion in front of more than 125 residents.

The first session involved the two candidates for mayor: incumbent Mayor John Marchand and challenger Joshua Laine, a first-time candidate for mayor.

The second portion consisted of the four City Council candidates: current Vice Mayor Bob Woerner, and challengers Patricia Munro, Neal Pann and Alan "Brent" Siler. Two regular council seats are up for grabs with Councilman Steve Spedowski opting not to seek re-election.

Each candidate shared opening and closing statements summarizing their experience and priorities, in addition to answering questions moderated by Weekly publisher and president Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh.

The candidates debated a range of topics at the forefront of many Livermore residents' minds, including the downtown plan, the Measure U health care costs initiative, homelessness, ValleyLink commuter rail and more.



MIKE SEDLAK

The Livermore forum featured (back row, from left) council candidate Neal Pann, mayor candidate Joshua Laine, Councilman Bob Woerner, (front row, from left) Mayor John Marchand, council candidate Patricia Munro and council candidate Brent Siler.

### Downtown

All of the candidates agreed with moving forward with the downtown plan recently approved by the sitting council — a proposal that is now the target of a referendum petition, with signature gathering underway, backed by Friends of Livermore.

"I absolutely support the downtown plan. We had competing priorities," Marchand said.

"It's time to get this plan moving."

Marchand, who is seeking a fourth term as mayor, served six years before that on the City Council. A retired water industry professional, he also previously spent 15 years on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors.

Laine, this year's mayoral challenger, agreed when it came to the Downtown Specific Plan update.

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## School security fencing projects

PUSD aims for spring break start at Fairlands, Mohr, Harvest Park

By ERIKA ALVERO

A presentation and discussion on security fencing at three Pleasanton Unified campuses dominated a relatively brief school board meeting Tuesday night.

New fencing at Fairlands Elementary, Mohr Elementary and Harvest Park Middle School was part of the modernization item on the Measure II facilities bond approved by voters in 2016. Because the board deemed the security fencing to be a matter of high importance, the projects were separated from the complete Facilities Master Plan update approval to allow construction to begin more expediently.

"A reminder, we expedited those three sites, because those are the three sites that currently have classrooms that open to the public," said presenter Nick Olsen, director of facilities and construction.

The projects at the three sites will involve installing new fencing and replacing existing sections in need of repair, in order to ensure that security fencing is in place around classrooms and play areas currently open to the public sidewalk and, in the case of Mohr, Amara Park, district officials say.

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# Remembering Det. Sgt. Tommy Smith

New I-680 signs honor BART PD officer killed in line of duty

By JEREMY WALSH

A fallen Tri-Valley police officer has been memorialized along a gateway to his hometown.

The state has renamed the stretch of Interstate 680 between Bollinger Canyon and Crow Canyon roads in San Ramon in honor of BART Police



Tommy Smith

Det. Sgt. Thomas “Tommy” Smith Jr., who was the first BART officer to die in the line of duty when he was mistakenly shot and killed by a fellow detective while serving a search warrant in a Dublin arrestee’s apartment in 2014.

“Tommy’s death really shocked our community,” said Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, who spearheaded legislation to memorialize Smith along I-680. “I think this memorial highway is a very fitting way to honor someone who was serving us and trying to keep our community safe.”

The “Detective Sergeant Thomas A. Smith Jr. Memorial Highway” signs, which were paid for with private donations, were unveiled during a ceremony last week attended by Smith’s family, friends



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In front of new highway sign are (from left) BART PD Chief Carlos Rojas, Kellie and Summer Smith, CHP Commander Christopher Sherry and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

and colleagues.

The sign locations, just in front of each Bollinger Canyon Road off-ramp, were inspired by Smith’s daughter Summer, who noticed those ramps were labeled as Exit No. 34 — the same as the badge number worn by her late father.

“I am grateful to Assemblywoman Baker for making Summer’s dream a reality... her daddy will never be forgotten and the sign will bring a smile to our faces every time we go

home,” said Kellie Smith, widow of Det. Sgt. Smith and herself a former longtime BART police officer.

Current BART Police Chief Carlos Rojas also attended last week’s ceremony, saying, “We are grateful to Assemblywoman Baker for making the memorial highway a reality.”

“Tommy spent his entire law enforcement career at BART, working

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## Cycling 4 Vets

Rides, walk at Las Positas next Saturday to support local veterans organizations

By ERIKA ALVERO

The fourth annual Cycling 4 Veterans event returns to Las Positas College in a week, and cyclists and walkers alike are invited to participate and support local veteran and active military organizations.

The Oct. 6 event is organized by the Las Positas Veterans First Program, and offers participants the choice of three cycling courses of varying lengths, along with a 2.2 Campus Challenge Walk hosted by the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Last year, the fundraiser raised almost \$48,000. Groups supported by Cycling 4 Veterans include the Veterans First Program, Sentinels of Freedom, Student Veterans Organization, the Danville Chapter of Blue Star Moms and Pleasanton Military Families.

Cycling-wise, the 115-mile ride starts at 6:30 a.m., the 55-mile ride comes next at 9 a.m., while the 30-mile riders will begin pedaling at 10 a.m. The courses travel through Livermore, the Altamont Pass,

Patterson Pass and Del Puerto Canyon, depending on the ride.

Those participating in the 2.2 Campus Challenge Walk will also start at 10 a.m., though anyone can join in at any point before noon. The walk — which winds 2.2 miles through the Las Positas campus and has optional challenge stations along the way — was created specifically to raise funds for programs that bring awareness to and work to prevent veteran suicides.

The 2.2 mileage is to honor the 22 veterans who die by suicide every day.

After the walk concludes, participants can enjoy a post-event party, featuring music from the Swingin’ Blue Stars of the USS Hornet and a complimentary catered lunch, with beer and wine available for purchase.

Registration for the walk costs \$20 before Oct. 5 and \$25 on the day of. For cyclists, the 30-mile ride is \$50, the 55-mile is \$65, while the longest ride costs \$85. To register and for more information, visit [cycling4veterans.com](http://cycling4veterans.com). ■

## SCHOOL FENCING

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Fencing at the three campuses was designated earlier this year to receive \$1.5 million from the bond’s first issuance — alongside the \$10 million allocated to replace portable classrooms at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, another modernization project that had been separated from the complete Facilities Master Plan update approval because of deemed urgency.

In May, HKIT Architects were approved for the fencing projects, and over the summer, district staff and the architects met to plan with different stakeholders potentially affected by the fencing, including site administrators, the city of Pleasanton, Zone 7 Water Agency, the maintenance department, Kids Club and the facilities subcommittee. Planning discussions covered a variety of considerations, Olsen said, ranging from talks on how fence placement

would affect students lining up for lunch to the best gate placement when considering schools’ PE programming.

In project planning, staff also established new fencing standards, to be applied going forward across district sites: they decided fencing at the front of a school should be an ornamental metal black fence and a galvanized chain link fence at the back and sides of a school.

During a short board discussion after the presentation, Trustee Joan

Laursen cautioned that the district would need to make absolutely sure that schools were properly staffed to lock and unlock the new fencing at the appropriate hours.

“I’m happy that we’re doing the fencing work,” Laursen said. “But I just want to make sure that we’re going to have enough staff that we’re going to be able to make sure the gates are open for students to come and leave, and that they get locked again.”

The project has been somewhat delayed by unexpected requirements from the Division of the State Architect (DSA), Olsen said. While initially staff intended to start construction during winter break, because the DSA has decided they need to complete additional fire and life safety and structural reviews, the projects now have a targeted construction start date of spring break.

No actions were taken on this item at the meeting, as the presentation was just an update.

### In other business

• The board opened the meeting by recognizing students who had been nominated by their teachers for demonstrating the character trait of “responsibility.” After these recognitions, the initially packed board room emptied out.

They also honored Mark Gonzalez, who recently retired from his position as director of the Northern

California Cement Masons, due to his partnership with the district and work with students in the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program.

• Trustees voted 4-0, with Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke absent, to pass a resolution recognizing Oct. 8-12 as Week of the Administrator.

• Board members unanimously approved a resolution certifying the sufficiency of TK-12 textbooks and materials and availability of science equipment.

• The board approved the \$172,000 bid from Opening Technologies to install upgraded door equipment at Foothill High School, after a few hiccups in the year-long bidding process.

Initially, bidding for the project was initiated in August 2017, but when the project cost came in higher than expected, all bids were rejected and the project was re-scoped. The bidding process began once again in May, and a month later the district awarded Bobo Construction with the contract to complete the upgrades, which include the installation of accessible locks at several locations on campus.

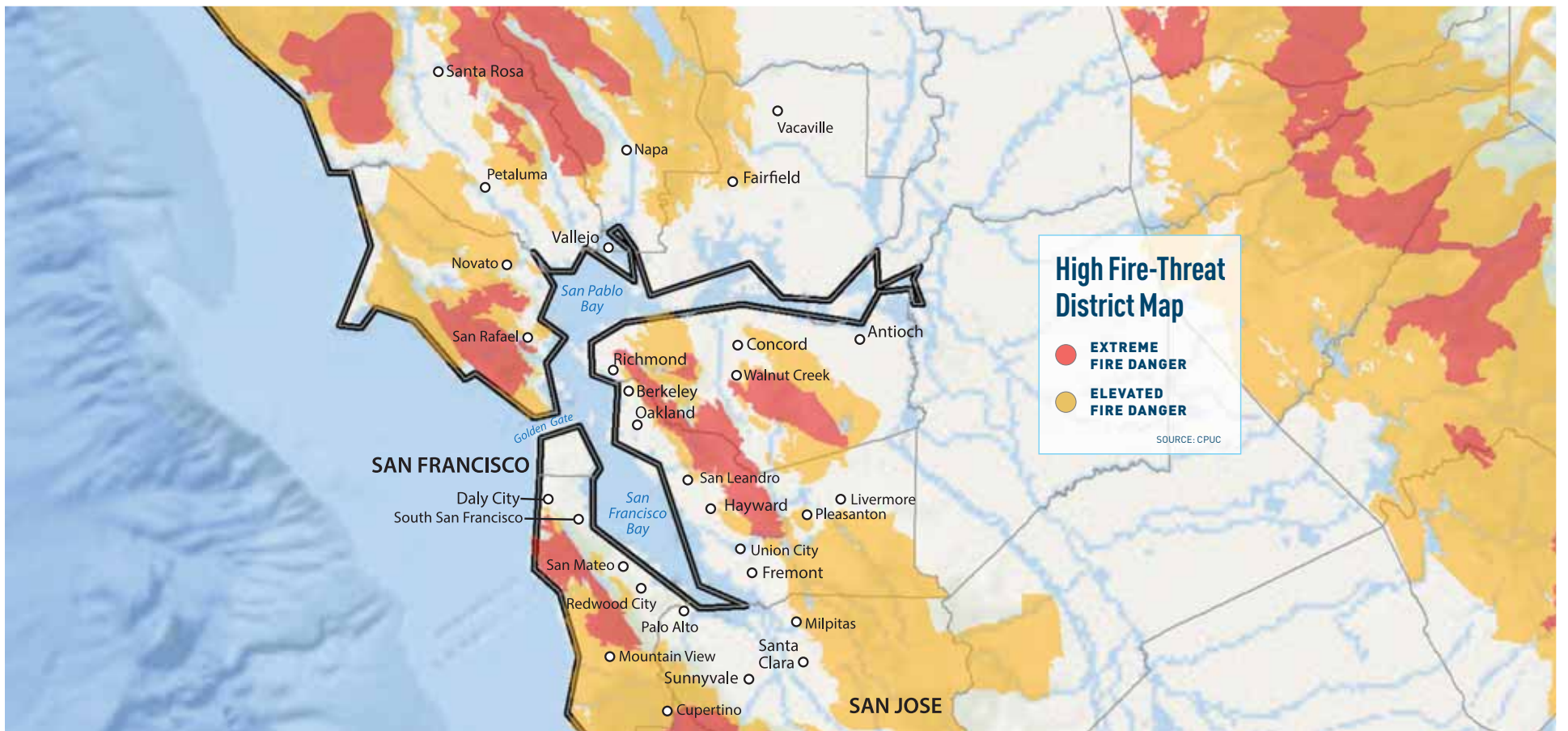
But district staff expressed concerns when Bobo Construction said more work might be necessary, so both groups agreed to rescind the previously approved contract, and staff then went to the second-lowest bidder, Opening Technologies, who agreed to honor their original bid. ■

## San Ramon city candidate forum

The Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com, in collaboration with the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, hosted a public forum for candidates vying for the San Ramon mayor and council elections this November. Participating (from left) were council challenger Sridhar Verose, mayor challenger Sanat Sethy, council challenger Sabina Zafar, council challenger Aparna Madireddi, incumbent Councilman Dave Hudson and incumbent Mayor Bill Clarkson. Topics included growth, traffic, the San Ramon Golf Club property, government transparency, pension liabilities and more. Read the full story at [DanvilleSanRamon.com](http://DanvilleSanRamon.com).



MIKE SEDLAK



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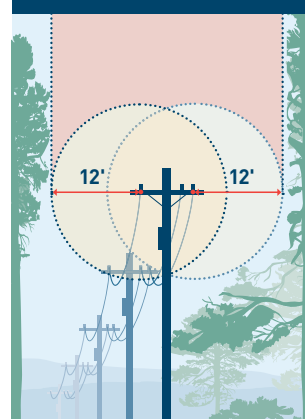
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- ✓ Working with our customers to keep our communities safe



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# Flu season arrives in Alameda County

Public health officials urge residents to get annual flu vaccine

By ERIKA ALVERO

It's flu season and public health officials are reminding Alameda County residents to get vaccinated, for their own health and well-being and for that of the entire community.

The flu vaccine is a crucial tool in protecting people's health, along with preventing the spread of the virus, and to help encourage locals to get vaccinated, the Alameda County Public Health Department is offering flu shots at certain locations throughout the county.

"Vaccination not only reduces the risk of catching the flu, it also decreases the severity of flu illness and lowers the chance that you'll

be hospitalized," said Amy Pine, the department's immunization director. "The flu vaccine is the best protection we have along with other general good health habits."

Flu strains change over the years, which is why receiving an annual vaccine is so important, health officials said, adding that the virus hospitalizes hundreds of thousands and kills tens of thousands of Americans each year.

Symptoms vary by person, but may include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. In the majority of cases, those experiencing symptoms do not need to visit the emergency

room, but should call a doctor if they have additional concerns, particularly if they have difficulty breathing or are dehydrated or confused.

Certain vulnerable groups should be especially wary of the flu, as they have a higher risk of experiencing additional complications, health officials said. These groups include pregnant women, children under the age of 5, adults 65 and older, and those with chronic medical conditions like heart disease, asthma, diabetes or neurological disorders — people who fall into one of these categories should immediately call their healthcare provider if

they have flu symptoms.

Anyone who is very sick, however, regardless of age and overall health status, should go to the emergency room for treatment, health officials said.

The public health department is offering flu immunization clinics in select Alameda County locations, specifically for low-income children who are uninsured, are eligible for or enrolled in CHDP/Medi-Cal or are American Indian/Alaskan native, and for low-income adults who have no health insurance or whose insurance does not cover immunizations.

So far, the clinics offered are located in Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward and Oakland, but more may be added. To see where these clinics are located, visit [www.acphd.org](http://www.acphd.org).

Vaccines are also available at

many local and chain pharmacies. To find your nearest site offering flu and other vaccinations, visit [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org).

"Flu shots are the best way to protect yourself, your family, and the community at large from becoming seriously ill with the flu," said interim county health officer Erica Pan, MD, MPH. "As a public health official, a pediatrician, and a parent, I ensure that my entire family gets flu vaccine every year."

The health department also reminds the community to help prevent the spread of germs by staying home from work or school when sick, covering your nose and mouth with an elbow or arm if a tissue isn't available to cough into, washing hands regularly with soap and water, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth. ■

## FORUM

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"I do support the council's plans," said Laine, a Livermore resident and Marines veteran who owns Valor Winery. He also launched a bid for California governor in June, but did not qualify for the certified list of candidates for the primary election ballot.

"We're not gonna make everybody happy. The majority of the people that did come down and put their interest in, basically got their way," Laine added about downtown.

The council candidates shared similar sentiments.

"The city went through a year long process of public outreach," said Pann, an architect by trade who sits on the Livermore Planning Commission. "We've been through a collaborative process, which was pretty unheard of locally, to come to a consensus for what is best for the city."

Munro, another first-time candidate, also appreciated the city's

outreach process for the downtown.

"I think it's a good idea ... I was very impressed with the outreach process. This was a very careful process," said Munro, a sociologist and longtime Livermore resident who also previously sat on the Livermore Shakespeare Festival board.

Though council challenger Siler stated his readiness to move forward with the downtown plan, he added, "We'll hear that the city did all this outreach. We could have done more." Siler is a Marines veteran who has more than 25 years of experience working in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

Woerner, who has served on the council since 2012, expressed his steady support for the downtown plan he voted to approve earlier this month.

"I agree with it. I think it makes sense. It's been a long process," said the incumbent, who also has prior Planning Commission experience and works full-time for

PG&E as senior director for electric operations.

### Measure U

Every candidate expressed disapproval of Measure U, the local initiative proposing to regulate health care service costs in Livermore — a measure spearheaded by SEIU United Healthcare Workers West, which represents some Stanford Health Care employees.

"Measure U is a significant threat to our quality of life," Woerner said, referring to the fear that local medical practitioners will leave Livermore if the measure passes.

Mayor Marchand referred to the measure as "horribly misplaced efforts."

"I absolutely oppose this," he added.

### Traffic and ValleyLink

When asked what candidates would do to address the increasing traffic problem in Livermore and how they would ensure bringing regional public transit to Livermore, Laine stated that he plans to "hold BART accountable."

"I don't personally want BART (in Livermore)," he said. "BART brings crime." He went on to say that public transportation should be privatized, and that he would take BART to court and demand Livermore taxpayers' money back.

Marchand disagreed.

"There is no large pool of money for rebates — that money was spent decades ago," the mayor said. "What I'm working on right now is to create a ValleyLink. We can create a BART to ACE link to start moving people through this corridor."

Council candidates supported moving toward ValleyLink, saying it's clear that BART will not be coming to Livermore.

"Enabling commute traffic from the Central Valley through ValleyLink is perhaps even more effective at reducing traffic than BART would have been," Munro said.

Pann added that encouraging businesses to relocate here and building the housing for that workforce may help alleviate the commuting traffic problems as well.

### Homelessness

Candidates agreed that the city of Livermore does well in addressing homelessness, but more can still be done.

"The city is doing a very good job about homelessness," said Pann. "We're the only city regionally that has services located within the city." He said the city can work on expanding collaboration with the faith-based communities doing work to alleviate homelessness.

Marchand pointed out his initiative to host the first mayors' summit to address regional homelessness and his efforts to build affordable housing in the area.

Siler stated that the city can and should do more.

"We could take a warehouse over where we can have central services, like food, medical, dental," Siler said.

### City pensions

Moderators asked candidates if the city has an underfunded pension liability problem, and if so, what they plan to do about it.

"Pensions suck up a huge chunk of the city budget, we could be bankrupt by 2022," Laine said. "We need to get off pensions, get back to the private sector and go back to 401(k)s."

Siler also suggested that, "there are alternatives out there for pensions."

Marchand disagreed, saying the city is solving the problem and has already reduced the amount in underfunded liabilities from \$100 million to \$52 million.

"We will continue to fund them, and we will succeed," the mayor said.

Pann, Munro and Woerner reiterated that the city seems to have found a solution and is working

toward fixing the problem.

Other topics addressed during the Weekly's forum included:

**PAC money and negative campaigning:** All candidates expressed disapproval of negative campaigning and the ability for one entity to sway elections. However, all candidates ceded that little can be done to limit political action committee (PAC) money in elections.

For his part, Siler stated his campaign is self-funded, and did not accept donations from individuals or organizations.

**Teenage vaping:** City Council candidates were asked what they would do about the increasing use of vapes by teenagers. Candidates all took a collaborative approach.

"We need to align our approach with the other intergovernmental agencies," Woerner said, referring to the need to work with the school board on such an issue.

**Water rates:** When asked about the city's water rates, most candidates said the rate levels appear necessary.

"We would all like our rates to be lower, but we need to maintain our infrastructure," Pann said.

Siler stated the necessity for transparency from the city. "What I'm not seeing the water department do is prove to me that the rate they're charging is what we need to maintain the infrastructure," he said, adding that if he were on the council, he would demand such answers.

**Public safety:** The candidates gave Livermore high marks on public safety.

"We live in a remarkably safe community," Munro said. "The primary problem is probably the homeless. They don't feel safe and the rest of the city doesn't feel safe."

"Our city police and the fire department do a great job at responding to problems," added Pann. ■

*Editor's note: The entire forum was video-recorded by Amos Productions. The video link is available on our website.*



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

## Pace for Peace next weekend

Registration is underway for Tri-Valley Haven's annual Pace for Peace fundraising walk/run, set for next Saturday morning (Oct. 6) through Livermore Valley wine country. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, finisher medals, chip timing, post-race refreshments and age group awards. There are also raffle prizes, team prizes and more. Proceeds from the event benefit the nonprofit's Domestic Violence Shelter, Counseling Services, 24-hour Crisis Line and Legal Clinic. To sign up, visit The Haven's website: [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) or [Runsingup.com](http://Runsingup.com).

# PPIE funding Outdoor Ed buses

Nonprofit partnering with Black Tie Transportation to bring Pleasanton elementary students to camps

By ERIKA ALVERO

Last week, Valley View Elementary students kicked off Pleasanton Unified's annual Outdoor Education tradition by heading out to a camp in Loma Mar — this time on buses funded completely by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

The nonprofit, which supports Pleasanton schools through year-round fundraising efforts, will be

providing round-trip bus transportation for all nine PUSD elementary schools' treks to the outdoors, thereby lowering overall camp costs for participating families. The donation is provided in partnership with Black Tie Transportation, which is offering PPIE discounted bus services.

"Of all the things PPIE funds at elementary schools, Outdoor Ed bus transportation receives the greatest applause from parents,"

PPIE executive director Steve McCoy-Thompson said. "It has tangible impact on their children and we are happy to provide this support, which comes from our great parent and corporate donors."

PPIE has budgeted about \$36,000 for the bus transportation, McCoy-Thompson said.

Valley View students departed Tuesday for the Exploring New Horizons camp in Loma Mar, where

they will learn about the environment and biology in a natural setting. Elementary students at other schools will follow suit in participating in Outdoor Education programs throughout the year.

"Our Valley View students are super excited to embark on this once in a lifetime adventure with their classmates," said Soraya Villaseñor, principal at Valley View. "They will share memorable new

experiences. We are so thankful to PPIE and Black Tie for their generosity in providing transportation to Outdoor Ed."

Added Bill Wheeler, president of Black Tie Transportation and a PPIE board member, "We're happy to support Pleasanton families and to help their children have this very special experience. We're also proud to partner with PPIE to serve the Pleasanton community." ■

## ZONE 7

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case," includes just inflationary rate adjustments and \$9 million in funding for water supply reliability projects. The second would fund the operating, emergency and drought reserve funds at target levels and allocate \$9 million in funding for water supply reliability projects.

The third presented option would also fund the three reserves at their target levels, in addition to directing \$15.2 million for water supply reliability projects.

At the Sept. 5 workshop, the board presented how the different scenarios would affect rates for a household using 10 ccf of water per month. One ccf (or a centum cubic feet) is equivalent to 748 gallons of water — according to the Environmental Protection Agency, an average American uses 100 gallons of water per day.

However, at the workshop, both members of the public and directors pointed out that many Livermore and Pleasanton residents use more than 10 ccf per month. Because of this, at the Sept. 19 meeting, staff

adjusted their presentation to also present how changes would affect households that use 15 or 20 ccf of water per month.

The "base" Scenario 1 would have the least impact to ratepayers' water bills. According to staff, under this option a household using 10 ccf per month would pay an additional \$0.36 per month next year, up to an additional \$0.70 by 2022; residents that consume 20 ccf would see a \$0.72 per month increase in their water bill next year and an extra \$1.40 by 2022.

Under Scenario 2, 10 ccf consumers would pay an extra \$1.95 per month starting in 2019 and an additional \$2.94 by 2022; those who use 20 ccf would pay an extra \$3.90 per month next year and an additional \$5.87 by 2022.

And if Scenario 3 were chosen, 10 ccf-using residents would see a \$2.43 per month increase in 2019, up to a \$3.53 per month increase by 2022; while those using 20 ccf would pay an extra \$4.85 per month next year and an additional \$7.06 by 2022.

Throughout the various

conversations, staff have sought to emphasize both how ratepayers' dollars are being spent, and how the agency is pursuing cost efficiency measures to mitigate rate increases.

Some of the cost control measures include Zone 7's continued soft hiring freeze, an increase of employees' share of medical premiums, the early purchase of the agency's North Canyons Administration Building, energy savings attained from PG&E pricing programs and the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant solar panels and buying discounted water treatment chemicals through the Bay Area Chemical Consortium.

Osborn Solitei, the agency's treasurer and assistant general manager of finance, also pointed to the favorable bond ratings the agency recently received, both as something that lowers Zone 7's borrowing costs and as an indicator that Zone 7 is in stable financial condition. This past spring, the agency received a AA+ rating from S&P, and an AA from Fitch.

"This just shows that the agency revenues and cost control measures are in line, that that's why the rating

agencies are able to give us a very good rate," Solitei said on Sept. 5. "Not a lot of agencies can get that rate."

For every dollar ratepayers pay, according to staff, 32 cents goes toward labor costs, 25 cents toward capital investments, 21 cents toward operating costs, 14 cents for water, 5 cents to pay off debts and 3 cents for other services and supplies.

Many residents have been voicing concerns about the upcoming increases, both at board meetings and through other mediums. Some have called for greater transparency regarding how specifically their money would be used particularly in Scenarios 2 and 3.

"This water supply reliability project, it's just kind of an unknown

factor, kind of a pot of money that was thrown out there ... 6.1 million bucks or whatever the figure comes out to be, would be perfectly justifiable if I knew what the heck it was," said one Livermore resident at the Sept. 5 board meeting.

Board vice president Sandy Figuers said that the water agency has a variety of crucial infrastructure projects on the horizon, and that water rate increases were necessary.

"We're going to have to have rate increases, and I have no problems about voting for good rate increases to increase water supply reliability, everything," Figuers said on Sept. 5. "This is what we're here for. So I don't know exactly what the rate increases are going to end up to be, but they're going to go up." ■

## SMITH

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to ensure a safe and secure environment for our riders and employees," Rojas added. "Having this portion of Highway 680 named in his honor is a tribute to his service to the community and commitment to his family."

Smith's friendly-fire death proved a turning point for BART police training and search procedures.

A 23-year veteran of BART, Smith was leading a team of eight officers searching the Dublin home of a man in custody on suspicion of robbery on Jan. 21, 2014.

Officers moved to different parts of the apartment, and upon rounding a corner, Det. Michael Maes mistook a plainclothes Smith for an armed suspect and fired a single — and ultimately fatal — shot that struck Smith in the chest. Smith was 42 years old.

In addition to the policy changes for BART police, the agency also settled a wrongful death suit in the case with Smith's family for \$3.1 million and no admission of fault. ■

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## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### City Council

Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and discuss conceptual plans for Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks
- Authorize retention of the existing downtown bicycle corral on W. Angela Street and installation of a new (second) bicycle corral on St. Mary Street
- Presentation by Justin Lehrer, Senior Program Manager of StopWaste regarding food service packaging, litter, and marine debris

#### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discuss the concept of a multi-year service agreement through a Request for Proposal process for Behavioral Health and Shelter Services and consider recommendation for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Housing and Human Services Grant Statement of Priorities

#### Library Commission

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view information for this meeting

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Boy whose abduction prompted Amber Alert found safe in Dublin

Working with Modesto police and Dublin police, Alameda County sheriff's deputies were able to help rescue a 6-year-old boy who allegedly had been abducted from Modesto by his father on Monday, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Investigators located the car of John Cosso, who allegedly had abducted his son Jayce Cosso, at the La Quinta Inn & Suites on Dublin Boulevard at about 8 a.m. Tuesday and set up surveillance on them, according to Alameda County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly.

When the father and son came out of the motel a short time later,

officers detained the father and safely took the son into protective custody, Kelly said.

"There was good collaboration and cooperation" between the officers from different agencies who worked together, Kelly said.

"Modesto police worked through the night, we did our little part and the Amber Alert system worked," Kelly said.

Modesto police is the lead agency in investigating the alleged abduction, Kelly said. John Cosso was taken into custody, but it remains unclear what charges he'll face, if any.

### In other news

- Want a chance to get to know some of your Pleasanton police officers?

The department is offering just that on Wednesday morning by taking part in National "Coffee with

a Cop" Day.

"There won't be any formal presentations or schedule of events. 'Coffee with a Cop' is designed to be an informal way to connect with law enforcement. Bring your questions and coffee cups; we're looking forward to it!" police said on the department's Facebook page.

The event will run from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Amador Center's Starbucks coffee shop, 1737 Santa Rita Road.

- Law enforcement agencies throughout the region have been working this week to ensure that children are riding safely in vehicles during Child Passenger Safety Week.

A particular focus for the California Highway Patrol during the week has been making sure that car seats are used properly, the agency said in a Facebook post.

"Children rely on their parents and caregivers to keep them safe during every single trip," CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "The CHP will help you make sure you are using the right car seat, installed correctly. The consequences of misused or unused car seats can be disastrous."

In a nationwide study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), two out of three car seats were misused, according to the CHP. The NHTSA also found that 2016 was the deadliest year for children under the age of 13 riding in vehicles.

The CHP's statewide child safety seat events run through this Saturday

where child passenger safety technicians will provide safety seat inspections, education and hands-on training for parents and caregivers. A list of local events can be found at [CHP-BayArea.Eventbrite.com](http://CHP-BayArea.Eventbrite.com)

Free inspections are also available year-round, by appointment, at any CHP Area office.

- A vehicle fire on Interstate 580 between Santa Rita Road and El Charro Road on Sunday night spread to adjacent grass and to a nearby backyard fence, but was stopped short of threatening houses near the freeway, the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department said.

The fire was called in to the CHP at 6:48 p.m. Sunday as a grass fire adjacent to the freeway, but it was soon evident that a Scion was on fire on the eastbound highway shoulder, said LPPD battalion chief Aaron Lacey. The car, he said, was "completely involved" and generated thick black smoke.

The grass fire, which Lacey said burned a 300-foot-by-20-foot patch along the freeway shoulder, also burned a fence in the backyard of a home in the 3600 block of Annis Circle a half mile west of El Charro Road. But Lacey said no houses in that tract were damaged by fire.

"The fire was moving toward the backyard of a residence with a wood pile and a shed," Lacey said. "Without quick action (by firefighters) it could have spread, but it probably would have taken a while."

No one in the burned car, nor any firefighters, were injured, Lacey said.

The fires created substantial backups on I-580 for almost two hours, mostly affecting eastbound traffic.

- Two people have been arrested on suspicion of felony arson in connection with a series of four vegetation fires that burned at least 17 acres and injured two firefighters over the last month, according to the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and East Bay Regional Park District police.

The most recent incidents were during a period of high fire danger on Sunday in San Ramon and Monday in Las Trampas Regional Wilderness. The first fire burned 7 acres and injured one firefighter. The second fire burned 6 acres near that same location.

Investigators working with the San Ramon Police Department identified a 39-year-old San Ramon man who was arrested at his home Monday evening. He was booked into Contra Costa County jail on \$75,000 bail.

Another suspect, who has not been identified publicly, was arrested in two previous arson wildfires, according to San Ramon Valley Fire.

A two-alarm fire burned 4 acres and threatened homes in Danville on Aug. 29. One firefighter was injured, and Danville police arrested a suspect on suspicion of recklessly starting that fire. Two weeks later, that suspect was arrested a second time for starting a fire in the Blackhawk area on Sept. 16. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## TAKE US ALONG



**We have a winner:** Valerie Joyce and Ken Trombadore traveled to northern Spain for the first time — on a trip Valerie won through an online contest.

## Marge Johnson

April 29, 1936 – September 19, 2018

Marge Johnson passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 19th in Pleasanton.

Marge was born in Minnesota in 1936, grew up in Long Beach, California, and attended Stanford University where she met her husband of 57 years, Rudolph Johnson, whom she married in 1958. She worked as a teacher for many years before becoming a successful realtor, working in Palo Alto and Pleasanton. Marge was active in community affairs her entire life, including serving as president of local organizations including the Stanford Club and local chapters of the American Association of University Women and the Great Books Council. Her hobbies included reading and travel.

Marge is survived by her brother, Martin McNair; sister-in-law Janis McNair; son Kurt Johnson; daughter-in-law, Anne Johnson; grandson, Luke Johnson; daughter, Kirsten Otey; son-in-law, Ned Otey; and grandsons Nathan Otey, Travis Otey, and Andrew Otey.

Marge's Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday morning, September 29th at St. Clare's Episcopal Church: 3350 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton, CA, followed by a reception. All are invited. Memorial donations may be made to St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton.



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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Sept. 22

#### Theft of bicycle

- 8:28 a.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way
- 10:01 a.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 8:08 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
- 8:14 a.m. at Alameda Drive and Orchard Way

#### Alcohol violation

- 6:25 a.m. on the 4100 block of First Street
- 7:47 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

### Sept. 21

#### Theft

- 11:49 a.m., 3800 block of Vine Street; theft from auto
- 5:16 p.m., 500 block of Boulder Court; auto theft
- 8:36 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Fraud

- 3:48 p.m. on the 800 block of Gray Fox Circle

#### Assault/battery

- 7:36 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

#### Alcohol violation

- 12:18 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

### Sept. 20

#### Theft

- 12:40 p.m., 4500 block of Las Lomitas Drive; theft from auto
- 1 p.m., 2000 block of Eilene Drive; theft of auto
- 1:56 p.m., 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; theft from auto
- 7:16 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

- 4:15 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

### Sept. 19

#### Theft

- 8:35 a.m., 5900 block of Arthur Drive; theft from auto
- 2:57 p.m. on the 4400 block of Bacon Court
- 7:02 p.m., 8100 block of Arroyo Drive; theft from auto
- 7:11 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:45 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

#### Alcohol violation

- 8:21 p.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

#### Burglary

- 7:46 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 5:10 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

- 12 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

### Sept. 18

#### Theft

- 12:58 p.m. on the 1400 block of East Gate Way
- 1:37 p.m. on the 1000 block of Laguna Creek Lane
- 2:35 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:41 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:29 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
- 10 p.m., 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
- 10:29 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 10:32 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 11:11 p.m., 5300 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

#### Sex offense

- 3:32 p.m. on Sunol Boulevard

#### Drug violation

- 11:28 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Via De Los Milagros
- 5:31 p.m. at Tanager Court and Shearwater Court

### Sept. 17

#### Domestic battery

- 10:54 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Drug violation

- 6:31 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Robbery

- 4:04 p.m. on Vintage Circle

# Sports



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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## Amador varsity teams sweep De La Salle/Nike Invitational

Also: Falcons top Dons in girls volleyball, both water polo squads post wins

In a battle of North Coast Section powers, the Amador Valley girls and boys cross-country squads both finished in first place at the De La Salle/Nike Invitational on Sept. 15.

The three-mile race is considered one of the top early-season competitions for cross-country teams in Northern California.

The varsity girls team of seven runners, competing against 28 teams with 183 runners in all, was paced by sophomore Hope Bergmark who finished second. Bergmark was followed by Becky Laurence who finished seventh.

The rest of the team finished strong with Ashley Baudin (15th), Ella McCarthy (30th), Surabhi Kumar (44th), Derica Su (45th) and Rachel Dentler (76th) rounding out the team performance.

In the boys varsity race, the Amador squad was competing against 32 teams and 210 runners.

The seven-runner team was led by Jack Gray and Aidan Boyle, who finished third and fourth, respectively. Rounding out the rest of the team was Aidan McCarthy (15th), Jacob Lawrence (24th),

Euan Houston (37th), John Lester (55th) and Max Jorgenson (77th).

On top of the two team titles, any runner that finished in the top 25 also received individual performance awards.

### Girls volleyball

The first Pleasanton showdown took place last week, with the Falcons beating the Dons in four sets: 26-24, 26-24, 21-25, 25-18.

The core group of seniors led the way for Foothill, with Emily Haskell (29 digs, 2 aces), Haley Roundtree (9 kills, 5 blocks), Savannah Caires (5 blocks, 4 kills) and Riley Francis (5 kills, 3 blocks) pacing the Falcons.

Amador was led by Mahlia Jackson's double-double of 15 kills and 15 digs. Sarah Rieble also had 10 kills and three blocks for the Dons.

Foothill's other match, also an East Bay Athletic League win, was a 25-13, 25-21, 22-25, 23-25, 15-9 thriller over Granada.

Grayce Olson (27 kills), Naya Williamson (11 digs, 10 kills), Is-hana Ram (51 assists, 16 service points), and Haskell (29 digs, 16 service points) led the way.

The victories left Foothill 15-2 overall and 9-1 in league, good enough for first place at the half-way point.

The Dons bounced back big after the home loss to Foothill by going on the road and beating California in straight sets, 25-22, 25-17 and 25-20.

The Amador attack was led by seniors Rieble and Kaitlyn McFall with 11 kills and 10 kills, respectively. The duo of Rieble and McFall also combined for 7 blocks. Setter Helen Xiao had 30 assists to keep the Dons' offense moving throughout the match.

### Boys water polo

The Foothill boys varsity water polo team had its best-ever finish at the Roddy Svendsen Shootout, taking third place in Merced on Sept. 14-15.

Earning All-Tournament honors were seniors Nathan Williams and Ryan Weiglein with outstanding performances. Williams scored 8 goals, and added 11 assists and 10 steals. Weiglein scored 14 goals, had 7 assists and 3 steals.

Prior to the tournament, Foothill was bested by Livermore 9-6, and then went on to beat Heritage 13-7. Williams led against Heritage with 5 goals, with Dylan and Ryan Weiglein each scoring twice. Jesse Goodman, Camden McFarlane, Daniel Kim, and Josh Nagra added a goal apiece.

Foothill capped the week with a 15-9 win over league opponent Dougherty Valley.

Across town, the Amador boys rallied for a thrilling 9-7 win over Livermore on Sept. 20. Down 4-1 at the half, Amador fought back by outscoring the Cowboys 8-3 in the second half.

Jack Kost had 3 goals — all three in the fourth quarter — to pace the scoring. Noah Freeman has 2 goals, with Ethan Braga, Alex Moirano, Jack Bessiere and Josh Freeman adding 1 each.

Tanner McMillien had 11 saves to key the Amador defense. ■

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



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The Amador Valley boys cross-country team celebrates its first-place performance at last week's De La Salle/Nike Invitational, one of the top competitions in Northern California.



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Amador and Foothill squared off on the volleyball court last week, with the Falcons coming away with a four-set victory.



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**CONTINUITY, COMMUNITY PASSION  
KEY TO YOUTH SOCCER CLUB'S SUCCESS**

By DENNIS MILLER

**F**or a youth sports club to thrive for half a century, there must be continuity, community pride and a love for the organization.

The Ballistic United Soccer Club checks off all those boxes, and because of that, it's no surprise to see BUSC celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

While all youth sports organizations are fortunate to have people willing to take the time to run the respective leagues, with Ballistic it seems to go a step further. There's a genuine love for BUSC, and it's easy to see when talking with people involved.

"I can't imagine being with another club," said Kevin Crow, executive director for BUSC, as well as an alumnus. "I like to work at places I have an emotional attachment to and Ballistic is right at the top of that list."

Ballistic was founded back in 1968 by a quartet of men — Harry Miller, Larry Boldrini, Gary Patton and Harry Regan. It was a group in which the majority had little or no knowledge of soccer, but thanks to their hard work and dedication, one of the top youth soccer clubs in the nation was formed.

The club has grown from a handful of teams that played their games at the Upper Field at the old Pleasanton Elementary (now the

Pleasanton Unified School District offices) to 135 teams and over 1,400 players competing at first-class facilities such as the Val Vista soccer fields, Patello Park and of course, the Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Ballistic will celebrate its history next Saturday (Oct. 6) with the Orange and Gold Gala, a yearly event held in conjunction with the Pleasanton Rage at Barone's. (See the accompanying sidebar for more information on the event that will pay tribute to the Top 50 Difference Makers in BUSC history.)

Along the way, there have been numerous California State Championships — the first came in 1972 — as well as major national and international titles. Pretty much every hotbed of youth soccer in the United States knows of Ballistic United.

One of the keys to BUSC not only existing but flourishing when so many other youth sports organizations have declined is continuity. In the 50 years of the club, there have only been five presidents.

"That's unheard of," Crow said of only having five presidents during the tenure of BUSC. "You look at all the other sports in the area and there always seems to be a turnover in running the clubs. That means they are re-inventing themselves every few years."

Nandor Krause, who spent 12 years as the BUSC president, echoes Crow's feelings.

"It has helped the club to have continuity," Krause said. "I don't know if turnover brings a benefit. In my time as president I had to deal with multiple presidents for the Rage, and every time there was a learning curve."

Krause and his family embraced everything the club offered. Growing up playing soccer in the South Bay, Krause remembered playing

***'It was then that I realized that Ballistic was more than just a club.'***

**Nandor Krause,  
Former BUSC president**

against Ballistic teams. When it came time to register his son for soccer at the age of 5, Krause recounts walking into registration.

"We walked in and there was the coach of the under-19 team I played against working registration," Krause said. "It was then that I realized that Ballistic was more than just a club."

And it became part of his life. When asked about his memories from his time as the president, Krause barely hesitated.

"The excitement of getting ready for our tournaments or the parade," he said. "Getting up at the crack of dawn — it was so much fun. The parade was huge and just getting to know all the different families was great. Even the board meetings, that were at times tedious, were still a lot of fun."

Current president Sam Head is in his fourth year at the helm. He agrees the key to the longevity of Ballistic has a lot to do with the limited number of presidents in the club's history.

"There's certainly a consistency in the leadership of the organization," Head said. "That makes it much smoother to get things done."

Head and his family moved into town in 2000 and learned about Ballistic from the multitude of kids that lived on their street. His



MILLER FAMILY

Members of the BUSC 1972 California State Champion team visit with then-Gov. Ronald Reagan.



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**Far left:** Ballistic United Soccer Club is marking 50 years of providing high-quality soccer training and competition for youth in Pleasanton. **Above left:** Kevin Crow, now executive director of Ballistic United, starred on the soccer field from a young age, including this BUSC game at age 12. **Above right:** One of BUSC's recent NorCal champions celebrate their title.

son entered into the program in under-5, then progressed to the competitive side when he hit the under-9 division.

It was at that point Head got hooked on the club.

"It was interesting to see the boys were walking straighter — walking with more confidence — when they got those sweats and backpacks the comp teams wear," he said. "When I saw that, I wanted to get more involved in the club. I wanted to help make sure kids would always have that chance."

And like everyone else associated with the club, while Head takes great pride of the accomplishments of the competitive teams, he is equally as proud of the recreational program.

"Our rec program is the core of everything," Head said. "It's the community. I get a chance to walk in the front of the parade every year, and it's a great feeling to see all the teams."

As important as the continuity of the leadership has been for Ballistic, so is the club's ability to bring back former players into the mix. When you have coaches and others in the club keeping

the legacy alive of what it was like when they played, it's a recipe for success.

Krause was the president when the club hired Crow to come back as the executive/technical director for the club. Even though the club had some past quality technical directors, with Crow they had a home-grown former player with impeccable playing credentials.

"When we were looking for a new director, we talked with a lot of people," Krause said. "With Kevin we really got a sense of bleeding black and gold. Kevin's just added to the feeling of community we have with the club."

Crow starred at Amador Valley High School before becoming an All-American at San Diego State, and then enjoying a lengthy professional career with the San Diego Sockers and the United States National Team (he played in two Olympics).

He is just one of many former players involved in the club.

Scott McMillin is the current vice president of Ballistic and is another former player. For McMillin, getting involved was a no-brainer.

"To me it's all about giving back to the community," McMillin said. "Keeping the culture of the club alive is important because things (in life) are always changing. We've been able to keep our family lifestyle the same as it was for me growing up in this town 40 years ago. Soccer and Ballistic is a big part of that."

Tony Chavarria is the technical recreational director, overseeing the 850 recreational players. He is yet another that spent his youth years playing for Ballistic and came back to work with the club.

"To know this is where I started playing, and to be part of the club and have it been as successful as it is, is amazing," Chavarria said. "I am now seeing some of our rec coaches that played in the club now coaching their grandkids. People keep coming back to the club to help and that has become part of the tradition."

He was also quick to point out the number of people that donate their time to the club.

"There are still a lot of volunteers," Chavarria said. "Those are the people that keep it going — they make it work. That's where it all begins." ■

**Orange and Gold Gala**

Ballistic United, along with the Pleasanton Rage, are gearing up for their annual Orange and Gold Gala.

The event will take place next Saturday (Oct. 6) at Barone's and will have a little extra celebration this year as Ballistic will be recognizing the Top 50 Difference Makers in BUSC history.

Here are the Top 5 Difference Makers:

1. Harry Miller (Hall of Fame coach, board member, club founder).
2. Kevin Crow (Hall of Fame player, executive director).
3. 1999-2000 U-16 Ballistic Team.
4. 2015-16 U-17 Team.
5. Larry Boldrini (Hall of Fame coach, BUSC's first president, club founder).

Tickets for the gala are on sale now and cost \$60 for one person or \$100 for two. A reserved table of 10 can be purchased for \$600, while a cabana can be reserved for \$1,000.

For more information, go to [www.busc.org](http://www.busc.org).



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**From left:** One of the first BUSC teams, the Panthers, coached by Harry Miller. Another NorCal Premier Soccer champion from BUSC. Accomplishments abound in the trophy room at BUSC co-founder Harry Miller's house.

## Doc uses poems to probe personalities

New book helps people understand themselves – and others

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Karen Van Zino has always been interested in what makes people tick.

“At Stanford Medical School, they were pressing you to become a specialist, but I was interested in working with the whole person,” she recalled.

She first practiced medicine on the Peninsula, but when she and her family moved to the Palomares Valley between Pleasanton and Castro Valley, she opened a local family care practice with Dr. Bonnie Rathjen.

“In 1990 we were the only two adult primary care women,” Van Zino said. “We worked with patients from Alamo to Livermore.”

“I looked at all of the person, and I did a lot of work referring patients to social workers and psychiatrists,” she added. “Long before the word ‘holistic’ came into vogue, that was my approach.”

She also served as head of the ethics committee at ValleyCare Hospital for a decade.

Then, after 16 years, Rathjen moved on.

“After she left the practice, I worked for a few years on my own,” Van Zino said. “But I was restless. Actually, I wanted to pursue spiritual things. I was very interested in teaching and literature and taking a break.”

She closed her Pleasanton practice in 2007 and taught in the Stanford primary care course for 10 years. And she began to ask how

she could use all of her gifts to help others.

“As life happens a friend introduced me to the ‘enneagram,’ and I became amazed with the power of that,” Van Zino said.

The enneagram, an ancient tool for understanding human behavior, divides personalities into nine different types, defining the way they think, feel and act. Van Zino began to use the enneagram as a framework to gain insight into a person's grip on behavior.

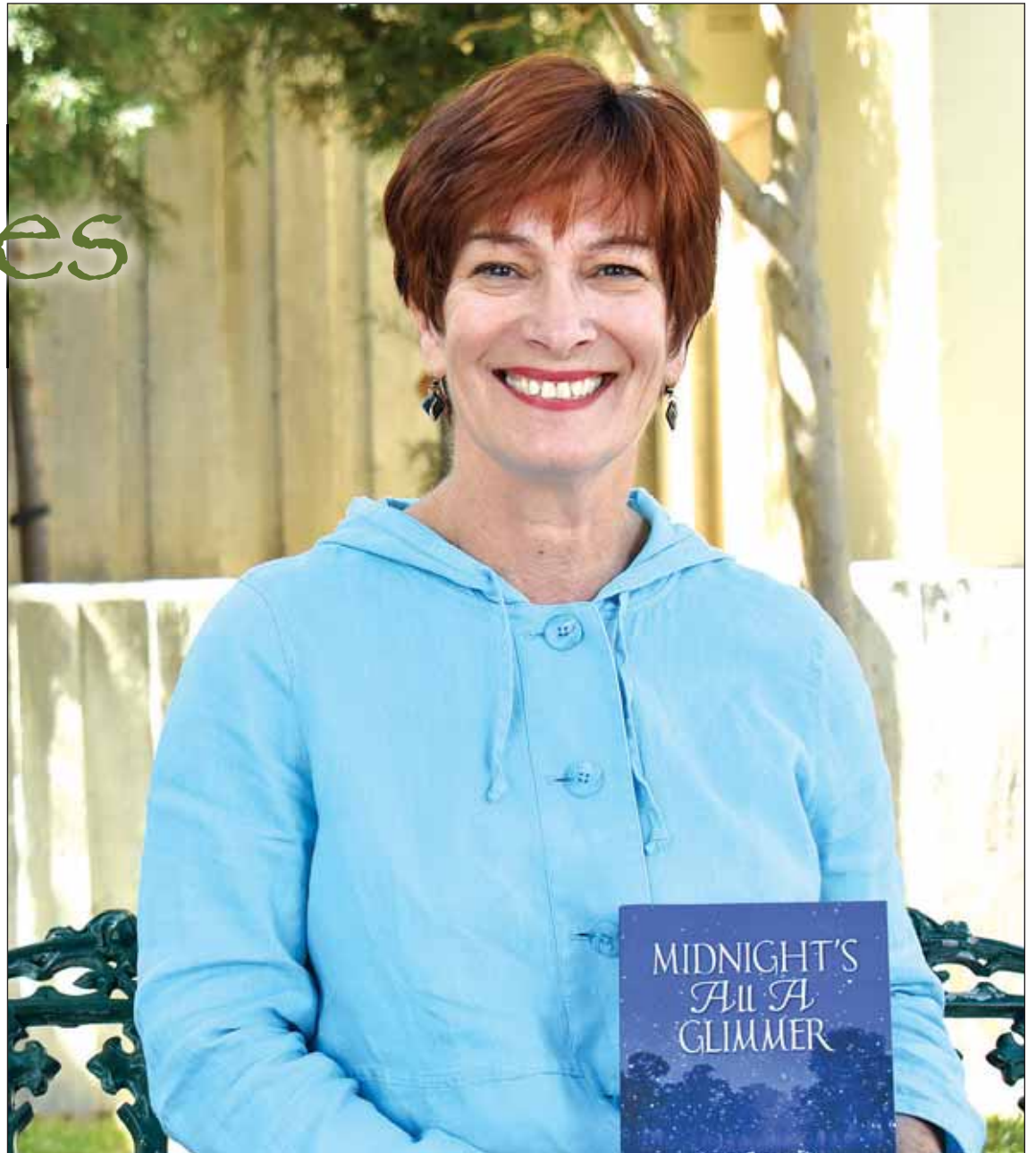
“Then I had a major upset in my life,” Van Zino said. “My husband of over 30 years had a midlife crisis and left me.”

“This is the best thing that has happened to me,” she continued. “It destroyed my self-image and I took a good look at myself. It helped me immensely.”

She spent a winter by herself in the north of England, in Keswick, where Beatrix Potter lived as well as Coleridge and Wordsworth, which appealed to her love of poetry and literature.

“I walked paths where they walked, and I made deep, deep friends there,” Van Zino said.

She has brought together her passions for poetry and the wisdom of the enneagram in her new book, “Midnight's All A Glimmer: Poetry, Personality and the Power to See,” which she published in July. It is in paperback and sells for \$19.95. She will be doing a reading at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St.



ERIKA ALVERO

Dr. Karen Van Zino organizes beloved poems around nine core personality types in her new book, “Midnight's All A Glimmer: Poetry, Personality and the Power to See.” She will give a reading at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at Towne Center Books.

Van Zino explains in the book that the enneagram is “a description of the whole of human capacity. It helps us to focus the quality of our attention on both our gifts and our challenges.”

In the book, she weaves the power of poetry with that of the enneagram.

“I have chosen poems from all

times, from ancient Greece to today, and matched them with personality types,” Van Zino explained.

She recounted her amusement when certain friends and relatives admitted they were surprised to find they were enjoying the book.

“The poems in my book are approachable, and I do help with the old-fashioned language,” she noted.

“Reading good poetry is not meant to be a brainy contest in puzzle interpretation, but an invitation to a new experience,” she writes.

The book is annotated with stories of her personal journey, she said, and she is also writing a memoir. She grew up in rural New Jersey and at 15 she ran away to Canada with an older man. Although it was the late ‘60s, Van Zino emphasizes that she was not a flower child but rather a naive teen.

“I was a total goody-goody so when I ran away, everyone was in total shock,” she said.

She later earned her GED and moved to Arizona where she studied science and literature at Arizona

State University and graduated with honors.

Now Van Zino and her husband of 30 years are reunited, and she says their separation caused her to form and rise again, like the phoenix.

“It's a great spiritual lesson, the idea that there is a necessary suffering we go through when there is something that shakes us,” she said. “We came back together after a year with a whole new honesty.”

After studying with the Enneagram Institute, in 2014 Van Zino became a certified teacher. She will teach a one-day workshop in November through the institute.

“The beauty of the enneagram is you not only learn about yourself but about that best friend of yours. All of a sudden, all of these lightbulbs do go off,” she said. “We are all born wired with one set of tools that comes more easily.”

This understanding opens people up to bringing more compassion into the world, she said.

“If we can't understand ourselves or others, we don't have any hope,” Van Zino said. ■

## Classic rock lives on

Zeppelin USA is coming to the Firehouse Arts Center for two shows next weekend, at 8 p.m. Oct. 5 and Oct. 6. The high-powered tribute keeps the focus on recreating the iconic Zeppelin trademark sound, backed by a state of the art laser, lighting and multimedia show. The hit list includes “Black Dog,” “Kashmir,” “Whole Lotta Love” and “Stairway to Heaven.” Tickets are \$31-\$41. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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# Livermore Valley Opera presenting 'Abduction'

Farcical romance includes Mozart's most spectacular arias

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Mozart fans, opera aficionados, theater and music lovers: Make your way to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore during the next two weekends to enjoy the drama and lighthearted comedy of "The Abduction from the Seraglio."

The Livermore Valley Opera production opens Saturday night and runs through next weekend.

"This opera is an example of the 'musical theater' of its day, when at age 25, Mozart ushered in a new era in music history with this first of his operatic masterpieces," artistic director Erie Mills said. "The music includes some of the composer's most spectacular and difficult arias, and we have brought together amazing talent to perform Mozart's incredible music."

Unlike most operas that are performed entirely in a foreign language, the arias and ensembles are sung in German, but the dialogue is spoken in English.

"With so much of the story spoken in English, this opera serves as a wonderful opportunity for anyone ever curious about this genre, making it an engaging experience for anyone," Mills said.

"Abduction" is a farcical romance set in a Turkish harem about the rescue of young Spaniard Konstanze and her English maid Blonchen by their fiances Belmonte and Pedrillo from the Ottoman Palace of Pasha Selim and his ferocious henchman, Osmin.

The opera includes a Westernized version of Turkish music in which Mozart created an opera of great emotional depth, combined with hilarious scenes of comedy. He was inspired by the exotic culture of the Ottoman Empire, a nation that had only recently ceased to be a military threat to Austria.

When "Abduction" premiered in 1782, the opera's virtuoso singing and brilliant orchestration, previously unheard in Vienna, prompted Emperor Joseph II to complain to Mozart, "That is too fine for my ears — there are too many notes!" Mozart famously replied, "There are just as many notes as there should be," a line that was included in the Oscar-winning film, "Amadeus."

"We have an excellent cast for this opera," Mills said. "Tony award-winner Eugene Brancoveanu, a LVO favorite who has performed many of LVO's productions



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Bass Kevin Langan, shown portraying Osmin in another production, will reprise the role in the Livermore Valley Opera's "The Abduction from the Seraglio," opening this weekend.

and directed 'La Boheme' and 'Carmen' for the company, will direct 'Abduction' and perform the role of Pasha Selim. The talented cast includes Alexandra Batsios (Konstanze), David Walton (Belmonte), Elena Galván (Blondchen), Michael Kuhn (Pedrillo), and Kevin Langan (Osmin), who is the first San Francisco Opera solo artist to reach 300 performances." ■

### Right number of notes

**What:** Mozart's "The Abduction from the Seraglio"  
**Who:** Livermore Valley Opera  
**When:** 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6; 2 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7  
**Where:** Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore  
**Tickets:** \$42-\$90; students 18 and younger \$10 off. Go to [www.LVOpera.com](http://www.LVOpera.com).  
**Other:** Pre-opera lecture one hour before curtain time. Artists reception in the lobby after the performance.  
**Opening Night Gala:** Event begins at 4 p.m., with dinner at 4:30 p.m. at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard. Separate tickets required, \$95.

# 'A Taste of Africa' in Livermore

Celebration will showcase diverse, colorful culture

Cheza Nami Foundation will present the seventh annual "A Taste of Africa," an adventure into African culture, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 6) on the Bankhead Theater Plaza in downtown Livermore.

The free family-friendly event, co-sponsored by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, will have music groups performing the lively music and dances of many African countries and a food and market place. There will be an African Gojo hut exhibit, a reading library, face painting and a photo booth. The Kids Zone, sponsored by Clorox Co., will offer hands-on experiences in African arts and crafts as well as other activities.

Cheza Nami (Swahili for "Come play with me") Foundation was founded in 2011 and is



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"A Taste of Africa" is a free cultural celebration taking place all day Oct. 6.

headquartered in Pleasanton as a education and diversity awareness. ■  
 —Dolores Fox Ciardelli

# Livermore Airport to display aircraft, vintage cars

Family day will include music, food and winetasting

The 22nd annual Livermore Airport Open House & Air Show will offer fun for the whole family from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 6), with displays of aircraft and vintage cars, accompanied by music and the Food Truck Mafia with its gourmet food trucks. Eighteen Livermore Valley wineries also will be offering tastings.

The air show will include military, classic, experimental/home-built and aerobatic

aircraft, as well as flybys and parachute demonstration jumps. Air show pilots will be Vicky Benzing Aerosports, Wild Thing Air Shows, Rich Perkins' Marchetti and Jacquie B Airshows. There will also be children's crafts, face painting and magic tricks.

Wine tasting packages can be purchased in advance at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org) or a la carte at the event, with one-ounce or four-ounce options. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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Join us at Sunrise of Pleasanton for our upcoming events. First, we're hosting a dog show and parade with homemade treats to support a local pet shelter—don't forget to bring your dog. And in October, we're celebrating our one-year anniversary with live music, wonderful food, and tours of our beautiful community.

Contact us for more info and to RSVP.  
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By ANN KING

### Tri-Valley Haven stands in support of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford

Tri-Valley Haven operates the only 24/7 Rape Crisis Center in the Tri-Valley and has served sexual assault survivors since 1981.



Ann King

It is very common for a sexual assault victim to keep an assault secret for years, as it is not uncommon to remember the assault years after it took place. In fact, most rapes are not ever reported.

Sexual assault is a frightening, traumatic experience, harmful to one's emotional, spiritual and physical health. The most important thing our specially trained staff offer is respect and safety for a survivor to share her/his story to even one person.

Imagine sharing an intimate experience of sexual assault with the U.S. Senate and millions of television viewers. Imagine, too, that six of the

21 senators questioning you about a traumatic sexual assault were part of a small group of senators who voted against the "Violence Against Women Act" in 2013.

Dr. Christine Blasey Ford has exhibited extraordinary courage in coming forward with her accusation of sexual assault by Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh, knowing full well that people would immediately attack her credibility. Ms. Deborah Ramirez has also demonstrated that same courage.

Both women are asking for an investigation. Local Rape Crisis Center Tri-Valley Haven is standing with Dr. Blasey Ford and Ms. Ramirez in their request for an FBI investigation. We stand with survivors, and we start by believing them.

The fact that most people don't believe survivors is one of the main reasons people don't report or speak up. No sexual assault survivor should be submitted to a U.S. Senate Committee hearing without

regard for their safety and credibility. Our "specialty" is helping women who have been victimized by violence, most often by someone they knew.

Dr. Blasey Ford was forced to go public with her story after it was leaked. She and her family were harassed and received so many death threats that they had to move. The real question is not "why did she wait so long to speak out?" but rather, "how did she find the courage to speak out at all?"

Judge Kavanaugh has denied the incident and the committee has not approved Dr. Blasey Ford's request for an investigation, which is standard procedure in situations like this.

When Dr. Anita Hill accused then-Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas of assault 27 years ago, an FBI investigation was conducted. Tri-Valley Haven believes that an investigation should be granted in Dr. Blasey Ford and Deborah Ramirez's cases.

The senators cannot be unbiased investigators.

Last year in the Tri-Valley, we assisted nearly 350 people through our Rape Crisis Center and fielded 1,500 calls on our Crisis Line. We have a wonderful, seemingly safe community, yet this type of violence is everywhere.

We want to make it safer for women to report and be believed. We can start by believing and go from there. Join us if you can. An official investigation can go about the business of fact-finding.

We stand together with communities across the nation in supporting Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, Ms. Deborah Ramirez and all sexual assault survivors in their quest for a fair hearing as they share the truth. ■

*Editor's note: Ann King has served as executive director of Livermore-based nonprofit Tri-Valley Haven for the past 21 years. She holds a Master of Social Work and has worked in the field for 40 years overall, striving to end violence, poverty and homelessness for women and girls.*

## LETTERS

### Narum's sensible plan for east side

Dear Editor,

We have lived in Pleasanton for five years, and as a real estate agent, I'm concerned about preserving the quality of life in Pleasanton. If you're looking for a way to differentiate the candidates for City Council, one of the best indicators is their position on planning for the east side of Pleasanton.

We have a huge, 400-acre, piece of land that will either be developed by Pleasanton, for Pleasanton. Or, the state will develop it to achieve their housing goals, and we will have no say.

State lawmakers are working on legislation that could jeopardize our local control of open space because they need to increase the amount of new housing in the state. Without a plan for the east side of Pleasanton, we run the risk of leaving this part of Pleasanton vulnerable to state control.

The candidates' understanding of this issue was on full display at the Pleasanton Weekly's candidate forum. On one end of the spectrum was Julie Testa, who wants to wait until 2022 when the state gives Pleasanton the next round of Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) numbers, essentially laying

out a welcome mat for the state to come in and dictate how we build on the east side.

On the sensible end of the spectrum was Kathy Narum who advocates for putting east side plan on the city's work plan in mid-2019 once the Downtown Specific Plan is complete, recognizing both the urgency of starting the planning process and the reality of city staff capacity.

Let's protect the sovereignty of Pleasanton to plan our city our way. Vote for Kathy Narum.

—Randy and Lisa Brown

### Lap pool at Aquatic Center

Enough! This morning at water aerobics, a piece of cement dropped off the ledge into the pool. We have complained about the conditions of the pool for the past three years. The tiles are broken, the cement is cracked, exercise equipment is falling apart.

In addition we have requested a set of portable stairs be placed in the shallow end of the pool. I have priced these stairs; they run from \$70 to \$600. These stairs are removable.

80% of the water aerobics class is over 70 years of age. Portable stairs would make entering and exiting the pool much easier and much safer. The answer to these requests has either been silence or a "No."

Currently the bathrooms are being renovated. Perhaps one of the workers could bring some tile and grout

and fix the tile. Another could throw a little cement over the fence and patch the cracks in the concrete. It would not cost much.

I urge the City Council and the council candidates to take a field trip to the lap pool at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center. If that does not spur some action, we are dead in the water.

—Judith Scavone

### Thank you for Livermore forum

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for hosting the recent Livermore candidates' forum, along with Livermore's Chamber of Commerce and Livermore Indivisible.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to listen to the concerns of my fellow Livermore residents, to hear what other candidates have to say and to express my views. Civic engagement begins with information and dialog — thanks for making that possible.

—Patricia Munro,  
Livermore City Council candidate

### Spotorno Ranch project

I am a resident within the Happy Valley district impacted by the Tim Lewis Community planned development. At a neighborhood meeting last week, I was alarmed by two discoveries that I think should be brought to Pleasanton

residents' attention:

1. It was reported that there is documented evidence that the property contains valuable evidence of the last Californian Ohlone settlement.

2. During the winter rainy season, natural run off from the hills above Alisal Street dumps water into the area of the property that is at street level. This water accumulates and percolates into the groundwater supply and replenishes the watershed of the majority of nearby residents who rely on wells for their water supply. Apparently under the current draft development report, this water will instead be pumped into drains and end up in the waste water.

The properties being proposed are on lots as small as a third of an acre, which clearly violates city standard. All of this sets a dangerous precedence for the Happy Valley area where there is a lot of open land and an infrastructure that clearly cannot support a high population. There are no sidewalks in the area, and the extra traffic alone would cause a huge problem.

I also learned that there have been historically many endorsements by the council to keep the area semi-rural, including a court ruling regarding the access road to the golf course. Surely these have to be respected and endorsed by whoever finds themselves in power today?

—Janis Farmer

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Future Teachers scholarships

California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) Division #85 recently awarded five \$2,500 scholarships to students in the Tri-Valley area who are planning to become teachers.

Each of these young people submitted an application with an essay explaining their passion for this career. We wish these young women every success in their future pursuits.

Fatima Salazar and Gabriela Miller are both graduates of Amador Valley High School. Fatima will be attending Cal Poly State University in the fall to obtain a single subject credential to teach history or Spanish at the high school level. Gabriela was educated in a bilingual classroom and will be attending San Diego State University to also become a Spanish teacher in a middle school or high school.

Nicole Butler and Janelle Barbier both graduated from Dublin High School. Nicole will be attending Cal Poly State University to pursue a bachelor's degree, teaching credential and master's degree in five years. Janelle will be attending San Diego State University to become an elementary school teacher, which she has wanted to do all her life.

Katherine Campbell is a graduate of Livermore High School, and she will be attending Sonoma State University to become an elementary teacher.

—Claudia Wanlin

Julie Testa has my vote

Julie Testa is my only candidate for Pleasanton City Council.

There is only one candidate for Pleasanton City Council who will prioritize citizens over developments. Julie loves Pleasanton and has worked hard to maintain the quality of life and the small-town character.

Pressures to continue with excessive growth are enormous; the potential for financial profits involved are huge. Julie is the only candidate to point out the flaws of the plan to "redevelop" the historic downtown. \$200 million for taxpayers to foot the bill to move the police station, city hall and the library while including big housing developments in the downtown location.

Julie will fight for residents on issues such as overcrowded schools, traffic congestion and preservation of the historic downtown. Let's vote to turn back the stranglehold that special interests have over Pleasanton. Vote for Julie Testa.

—Jeff Safire

Streng, Narum for council

In the upcoming City Council election, it is important to consider the candidates past experience. That is why I am supporting Joe Streng and Kathy Narum.

Kathy's civic experience speaks for

itself: Parks and Rec Commissioner, Planning Commissioner and City Council member for the last five years. Her insight, knowledge and sound decisions need to continue as we move forward.

Joe Streng has a long history of service to this community: Joe served nine years on the Parks and Recreation Commission and also on the Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Committee several years before that. He has a strong track record of working with city staff and the City Council to deliver plans and projects for this city.

He also has an outstanding reputation as a consensus builder who helps people find common ground. I believe Joe Streng has the experience needed to serve you well and will be an excellent City Council member.

Please join me in voting for Joe Streng and Kathy Narum for City Council.

—Sharrell Michelotti,  
Former City Council member

Chamber PAC backs Baker

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) is pleased to announce its endorsement of Catharine Baker for re-election to the 16th Assembly District seat.

In her first two terms representing the 16th District, Baker delivered on her promise to bring a fresh perspective and bipartisan solutions to Sacramento at a time when needed most for public education, labor and environmental law, unfunded pension liabilities and economic development.

As evidence of her success seeking bipartisan solutions, Gov. Jerry Brown said, "Catharine Baker is the kind of independent leader we need in Sacramento. She has worked across party lines to fight climate change while protecting California's economy."

Baker is a champion for small business, strongly supporting the 40-hour work week vs. the 8-hour work day, holding the line on minimum wage, limiting BART workers capacity to strike, and protecting families and businesses from tax increases and efforts to repeal Proposition 13.

Catharine Baker deserves re-election to the 16th Assembly District.

—John Sensiba,  
BACPAC chair

We support Testa

We support Julie Testa for City Council. Her views have been printed in this paper many times. We are always impressed by how prepared and knowledgeable she is. Her proposals are always well thought-out.

Our city is about to decide on several very important issues, including Costco, the new Civic Center, what will go on the existing Civic Center site and east side development. We look forward to having Julie's voice on the council when these and other important decisions are made. Please vote for Julie Testa.

—Tom and Beverly Gill

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Theater

**BEDTIME THEATER** Bedtime Theater, especially for ages 2 through 7, presents a performance of Pete G Magic at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 in the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Children can come in their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal. Milk and cookies served after the performance. Go to SanRamonPerformingArts.com for tickets and more information, or call 973-3343.

Music

**FLEETWOOD MASK** Fleetwood Mask performs on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon. Celebrate the Arts with Fleetwood Mask in The Ultimate Tribute to Fleetwood Mac. Celebrate the Arts is a benefit concert for the Arts Foundation and the Foundation Scholarship Fund. The San Ramon Arts Foundation has been encouraging, supporting and funding the Arts in San Ramon since 2001. Visit SanRamonArts.org for tickets.

**REAL JAZZ WITH THE MICHAEL MARCUS QUARTET** At 7 p.m. on Oct. 5, at Inklings Event Room, 530 Main St., Michael Marcus, one of New York City's top jazz musicians, will play tenor and soprano saxophone.

**AMANDA KING: THE SONGS OF ELLA FITZGERALD** Amanda King will perform The Songs of Ella Fitzgerald on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Noted jazz/cabaret chanteuse Amanda King, a vivacious and captivating entertainer, shares Ella's origins, inspiration and early music. Reserved seating tickets \$17 to \$27. Tickets available at firehousearts.org, 931-4848, or at the center Box Office.

Government

**CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING** The Commission meets at 7 p.m., on the first Monday of the month at City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The Committee promote the acquisition, construction and installment of works of public art in Pleasanton and also makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the City's Civic Arts programs. cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

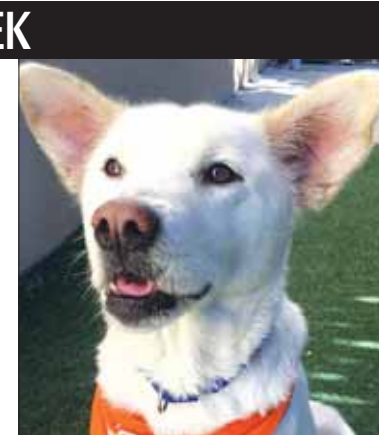
Talks & Lectures

**BAY EAST PRESENTS: TRI-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS SUMMIT** The Tri-Valley

PET OF THE WEEK

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VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/S. REED

Transportation Solutions Summit will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Rosewood Commons Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive. This is a free, public-facing event that will present an interactive panel discussion with local, state, and federal elected officials discussing current and on-going transportation issues in Alameda County and the Tri-Valley. Panelists will include County Supervisor Nate Miley, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Dublin Mayor David Haubert and District 5 BART Director John McPartland. Contact Vanessa McDaniel at vanessam@bayeast.org.

**RAY DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES AT THE BANKHEAD** Opening the season of lectures at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 at The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, will be Joel Breakstone, Director of Stanford University's Education Group. He will discuss the difficulties of determining the credibility of online information. A study by Breakstone's group revealed the shocking inability of even digitally savvy students to evaluate the credibility of information on the internet.

**LAS POSITAS COLLEGE HOUSING WORKSHOP** Free Housing Workshop at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, at 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Bldg. 1600, Room 1602, Livermore. Topics will include, Are you homeless? Being evicted? In a crisis home situation? Or just having trouble finding housing? The Las Positas College CalWORKs program is hosting this workshop for students facing these types of challenges. Guest speakers who specialize in this area offer tips to increase your chances of finding housing. Lunch provided.

Fundraisers

**9TH ANNUAL WHEELS FOR MEALS RIDE TO FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER** Beginning at 7 a.m. on Oct. 13, at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, the Wheels for Meals Ride and

Cycle to fight senior hunger will be held. All of our routes are fully supported with SAG vehicles, well-stocked rest stops, route markings, and cue sheets. The post-ride celebration begins at 11 a.m. with live entertainment, and family-friendly activities. Register today to secure your spot. For sponsorships and exhibitor booth opportunities, email Marisa@feedingseniors.org. Regular volunteers go to signupgenius.com. Specialized go to signupgenius.com. These roles require specific skill sets and are not for general public. \$35-\$105. feedingseniors.org.

**A NEW HOPE - A FUNDRAISER FOR TRI-VALLEY HAVEN** A New Hope is a music show fundraiser for Tri-Valley Haven at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center (Main Hall), 5353 Sunol Blvd. Musicians will perform everything from jazz to traditional Indian music. Admission price is \$5 and additional donations will be accepted throughout the event. All proceeds go towards Tri-Valley Haven and their mission to protect local residents from abuse. \$5 per person in cash at the door.

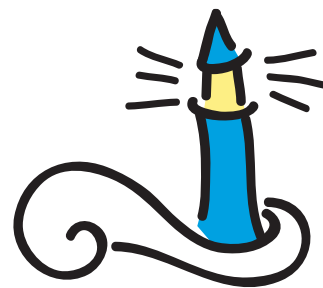
Family

**FOOD PANTRY AT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH** The Food Pantry at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr. is open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings to serve anyone who needs food. We have been serving the families in the Tri-Valley for over 10 years. No proof of residency is required, just come and get a couple of bags or more.

**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY** Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will host its Third Annual Native American Day at 4 p.m. on Sept. 28 on the plaza outside the Bankhead Theater, 2401 First St., Livermore. This free, family friendly event for all ages, will include demonstrations of tipi building, dancing and singing, as well as artifacts, crafts and food. It is sponsored by LVPAC and presented with the assistance of Mary Puthoff of the Native American Center in Livermore.

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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

HORIZON DAY PROGRAM  
BEACON DAY PROGRAM  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 548781-548782

The following person(s) doing business as: 1.) Horizon Day Program, 2.) Beacon Day Program, located at 1106 West Lagoon Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): EDEA CARE INTEGRITY CORPORATION, 1106 West Lagoon Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566, California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of the registrant: Elinore Ramas, Chief Financial Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

BRUSH & BLOW  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 548802

The following person(s) doing business as: Brush & Blow, located at 55 W. Angela St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BRUSH & BLOW L.L.C., 55 W. Angela St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, CA. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of the registrant: Danielle Butkiewicz, member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

METRO TOWING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 548831

The following person(s) doing business as: Metro Towing, located at 7063 Commerce Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): QAIS FAIZI, 609 S. Tradition St., Tracy, CA 95304. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein August 27, 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: QAIS FAIZI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 14, 21, 28, & Oct. 5 2018).

PARK PROPERTIES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 548568

The following person(s) doing business as: Park Properties, 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvette S. Helmers, 648 Division St., Pleasanton, CA 94566; George E. Helmers, 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Park Properties, a Married Couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant Yvette S. Helmers, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 21, 2018 (Pleasanton Weekly, September 14, 21, 28, October 5 2018).

RELIANZ  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 549953

The following person(s) doing business as: Relianz, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ann Alderete, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant: Ann Alderete. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 21, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19)

### 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.: RG18919084

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: ALEXANDER RAHMAT USHER

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ALEXANDER RAHMAT USHER to ALEXANDER RAHMAT ZANDJIAN.

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: October 12, 2018,

11:30 a.m., Dept.: 24 of the Superior

Court of California, County of Alameda,

located at 1221 Oak Street, 3rd. Fl.,

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

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Date: August 31, 2018

/s/

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

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### Fremont

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**4236 Tanger Terrace \$1,100,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Leslie Faught 784.7979

### Livermore

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**162 Cameo Drive \$875,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Huggins 640.3762

**2841 Hoya Commons \$790,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 John Ledahl 989.4994

**1290 Lakehurst Road \$765,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mark James/Tim McGuire 216.0454

**1848 Linden Street \$645,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Huggins 640.3762

**599 Misty Way \$779,000**  
Sun 1-4 Miranda Mattos 336.7653

**3891 Santa Clara Way \$769,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Leslie Faught 784.7979

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**1267 Lillian St. \$885,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Colleen Bliss 922.4401

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**801 Placenza Street \$1,126,000**  
Sun 1-4 Kim Grass 510.304.9543

### Pleasanton

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**5375 Black Avenue #4 \$710,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley 519.9080

**691 Palomino Dr., #A \$575,000**  
Sun 1-4 Rob Cain 854.8295

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**6350 Alisal Street \$2,000,000**  
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

**7350 Ashwood Court \$999,888**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Brigitte Huntemann 260.2508

**4526 Carver Court Call for pricing**  
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463.0436

**6132 Crater Lake Court \$950,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Connie Cox 766.3198

**49 Golf Road \$1,325,000**  
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

**3718 Kamp Drive \$1,018,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea Rozran 858.4198

**598 San Miguel Ct. \$1,120,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Janis Sangster-Phalen 899.8878

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**520 Bunker Lane \$1,979,000**  
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

**4314 Denker Drive \$1,099,000**  
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463.0436

**7447 Laurel Court \$1,249,999**  
Sun 1-4 Sylvia Desin 980.1012

**2022 Palmer Drive \$1,740,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley 519.9080

**7961 Paragon Circle \$2,149,000**  
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846.6500

**2423 Pomino Way, Ruby Hill \$2,250,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

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**528 Bunker Lane \$2,395,000**  
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\$885,000

1689 CALLE SANTIAGO, PLEASANTON



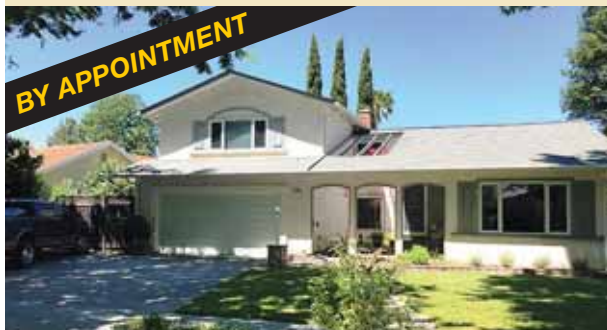
2 bedrooms/2 baths  
941+/-sqft, 3,147+/- lot sqft  
\$699,000

39 SILVER OAKS COURT, PLEASANTON



5 bedrooms/6 ½ baths  
6,490+/- sqft, 1 acre lot  
\$3,850,000

1312 GREENWOOD ROAD, PLEASANTON



4 bedrooms/3 baths  
2,110+/- sqft, 7,534+/- lot sqft  
\$1,150,000

4026 RENNELLWOOD WAY, PLEASANTON



3 bedrooms/2.5 baths  
1,614+/- sqft, 3,486+/- lot sqft  
\$849,000

1208 SHADY POND, PLEASANTON



5 bedrooms/5.5 baths  
5,329+/- sqft, 17,830+/- lot sqft  
\$2,449,000

1327 BENEDICT COURT, PLEASANTON



5 bedrooms/3.5 baths  
3,639+/- sqft, 15,497+/- lot sqft  
\$1,958,000

2377 GREENBERRY COURT, PLEASANTON



4 bedrooms/2.5 baths  
2,087+/- sqft, 8,659+/- lot sqft  
\$1,349,000

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