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PPIE aims high with ‘Pillars of Pleasanton’

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation will launch a city-wide campaign later this month to generate increased business support for Pleasanton schools and school organizations.

PPIE is the “Pillars of Pleasanton” campaign. PPIE, in conjunction with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, will publicly recognize and encourage all businesses that operate in Pleasanton to support public schools in various ways.

“Pleasanton’s award-winning schools are a major reason why families and businesses move here and stay here,” said PPIE’s executive director Steve McCoy-Thompson. “While our local economy and housing values are strong, local businesses are critically important. We want to celebrate our contributing businesses.”

Many businesses already contribute in many ways with financial support, employee volunteering time, and through in-kind and discount gifts.

Moreover, McCoy-Thompson pointed out, these businesses also support organizations such as PPIE, but also parent clubs like PTA, PTSA and PFC, and our athletic and music boosters groups by donating directly to schools.

“So, in partnership with the chamber and a group of business, school and community leaders who want to support our schools and students as part of the PPIE Advisory Council, we are launching this campaign,” McCoy-Thompson said. “We invite businesses that operate in Pleasanton to review our Pillars poster and join us.”

McCoy-Thompson will present the Pillars campaign to the City Council at its Aug. 20 meeting to inform members about the program.

PPIE also will sponsor the inaugural “State of the School District” luncheon next Jan. 22 at Double-Tree Hotel, which will feature an address by PUSD Superintendent David Haglund and will showcase the Pillars program.

Through its fundraisers and last April’s Run for Education, PPIE has donated $711,000 in the last school year for key supplemental staff, STEAM grants and other programs. The April run alone raised $115,000.

“The Pleasanton Chamber recognizes the value that our excellent schools bring to our community,” said Steve Van Dorn, president and CEO. “They are not only an important reason why families choose to live and work here, but also a major driver for new businesses to locate and grow in Pleasanton. This is why we are happy to support the Pillars of Pleasanton campaign.”

Carrie Varoquiers, vice president, global impact and employee life at Workday and president of the Workday Foundation, agreed.

“As a proud member of the Pleasanton community, Workday is a longtime supporter of our local schools through PPIE,” she said.

Nichelle Rachal of the Pleasanton operations of Clorox added, “Clorox has supported Pleasanton schools since we first built our R&D facility here in 1973. Since then, our employees have been very involved in the local schools and overall community.”

“We take pride in helping to build the incredible and thriving town that Pleasanton is today and look forward to continuing to play an active role in the community for years to come,” she said.

Tim Cabral, chief financial officer of Veeva Systems in Pleasanton, said his cloud-computing company is proud to be a part of the Pleasanton community.

“Supporting our local schools and helping them build for the future is important to us, and we look forward to our continued partnership and engagement with PPIE,” he added.

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

The Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. is a place where residents of all ages can gather to socialize, take classes, stay active and play games like this group at the dominoes table. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.
In the event of a wildfire, do you have an evacuation or emergency plan in place?

Jennifer Diamond-Ducey
Life science sales

We never let the gas in our cars get too low, so that if we need to escape from the area quickly, we’re ready to go. I also make sure we maintain an emergency food and water supply, as well as flashlights and a solar-powered power bank. Oh, and N95 smoke masks, too.

Kevin Kramer
Dean

This question really hits close to home because my parents just went through this a few years ago. We really don’t have much of a plan, even though we know we really should.

Anne Cavazos
Self-employed

I did when my son was still in school and living with me, but now I basically just make sure to keep my electric car fully charged so that in the event of a wildfire, I could just gather up my pets — my three rescue rats and my cat — get in the car, and get out of the area as quickly as possible.

Leslie Holzman
Retired

Well fortunately, we live close to the freeway entrance. Since we don’t currently have any pets or children living with us, and material things don’t really matter much to us, I think my husband and I would just get in the car, get onto the freeway, and drive as far from the fires as we could.

Jake Painter
Manager

I kind of don’t, although I know I probably should. We live out in Tracy, where there is a lot of grass, so I just don’t feel that vulnerable. I think a fire would be extinguished before it got out of control. I sure hope I’m right.

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——Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com
Amador trying to work ahead of expected traffic troubles

Parking shortage at start of new school year has families, neighbors on edge

BY JULIA BAUM

With the first day of school arriving Monday, Pleasanton Unified School District officials have been finalizing plans to help Amador Valley High School students and staff get to campus smoothly while the parking lot facing Santa Rita Road is reconfigured and a new solar panel structure is installed. Construction kicked off several weeks ago with the removal of speed bumps and light posts in the parking lot, and the school’s old marquee sign by the main entrance. The structure that the solar panels will be fixed on went up last week, and PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Tri-Valley Weekly that crew members will install the solar panels over the next two weeks.

Work is expected to finish by mid-October, more than 400 parking spaces will be unavailable until then, which has some Amador Valley families and neighbors anticipating un navigable traffic and parking problems on their streets. To combat congestion around the campus and increase safety during construction, PUSD is partnering with several public and private entities to offer transportation alternatives and options.

“Our district office team has put together a variety of eco-friendly options for our Amador Valley High School students to get safely to and from school,” PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in a statement.

“We hope this short-term impact to student parking will be an opportunity to encourage more students and families to try different and more eco-friendly ways to get to and from school. This is a chance for our families and district to engage positive environmental stewardship, as we strive to model ourselves as global citizens for our students and future generations,” he added.

Families doing walk-through registration at the school this week received a flyer listing ways to get to Amador. Those services and resources are also on the PUSD website at bit.ly/AVHSTransportOptions and listed below.

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Pedestrian killed crossing East Ave.

LPD: Woman out of crosswalk when evening collision occurred

BY JEREMY WALSH

A Livermore woman died after being struck by a vehicle while trying to cross East Avenue on Sunday evening, according to city police.

The pedestrian was identified by the Alameda County Coroner’s Bureau as 26-year-old Yaneli Morales. The fatal incident occurred just before 8:45 p.m. Sunday along East Avenue about 100 feet east of the Jensen Street intersection, said Sgt. Steve Goard, of the Livermore Police Department.

The 26-year-old woman attempted to cross to the north side of East Avenue when she was hit by a vehicle traveling westbound on the No. 2 lane, according to Goard. She had not used the nearby crosswalk at East and Jensen that illuminates when the pedestrian button is pressed, the sergeant said.

That stretch of East Avenue is considered notorious for pedestrian safety concerns by some residents despite the crosswalk beacon at Jensen. The young woman died at the...
Truck fire spreads to power pole next to fairgrounds

Firefighters’ response impacted by safety concerns due to high-power lines

BY JEREMY WALSH

A pickup truck was destroyed after catching fire on Rose Avenue right behind the Alameda County Fairgrounds racetrack and golf course in Pleasanton, with the flames spreading to an adjacent electricity pole and threatening the high-power lines above late Sunday afternoon.

The incident unfolded around 4:30 p.m. in the neighborhood on the long block of Rose Avenue between Pleasanton Avenue and Fair Street, according to Dan Moyles, battalion chief at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Flames ignited for unknown reasons in the pickup truck parked at the curb next to the ivy-covered wall that abuts the fairgrounds and across the street from a small apartment complex on the 700 block of Rose Avenue.

The fire fully engulphed the truck and spread to a midsize SUV parked behind it, while heat from the flames charred the power pole, according to Moyles.

Firefighters could only partially knock down the truck fire at first, due to safety concerns from the power lines, until PG&E workers arrived and secured the scene, according to Moyles. The ivy wall sustained a small amount of damage. The scene was secured and fire controlled by 6 p.m.

One man was transported from the scene to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose with first- and second-degree burns on his hands, according to Moyles, who said he did not know the man's relationship to the truck or the fire. There were no firefighter injuries, nor others, reported during the incident.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, according to Moyles.

Judge upholds verdict against Monsanto but reduces damages

Livermore couple’s award down to $86.7M in Roundup cancer case

An Alameda County Superior Court judge has upheld a jury’s verdict that Monsanto’s Roundup weedkiller caused cancer in a Livermore couple but substantially reduced their damages from $2 billion to $86.7 million.

In a ruling she first issued on July 25 and revised a day later, Judge Winifred Smith said the evidence in a trial that concluded on May 13, although it was disputed, supported the jury’s conclusion that Roundup was a substantial factor in causing non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in Alva Pilliod, 77, and Alberta Pilliod, 74.

Smith said the evidence also supported that jury’s finding that glyphosate, the herbicide’s active ingredient, could be dangerous while the Pillioids were still using it and failed to warn them.

Smith wrote that, “There was clear and convincing evidence that Monsanto made efforts to impede, discourage, or distort scientific inquiry and the resulting science” after it learned of the product’s dangers.

The judge said those efforts “were reprehensible and showed a conscious disregard for public health.”

However, Smith said the ratio between the compensatory and punitive damages were “excessive” and were much higher than the constitutional limits set by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Smith said an appropriate total is $11.2 million in compensatory damages for Alberta Pilliod, $6.1 million in compensatory damages for Alva Pilliod and $69.4 million in punitive damages for both, for a total award of $86.7 million.

Monsanto’s parent company, Bayer AG of Germany, which bought Monsanto for $63 billion last year, said in a statement that Smith’s ruling is “a step in the right direction” but said it still plans to appeal.

The Pillioids were diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in 2011 and 2015. They testified during the trial that they sprayed Roundup on weeds on several properties for three decades and believed it was safe because the product labels and television advertisements did not warn of a cancer risk.

The verdict in May was the third by a Bay Area jury against Monsanto, which faces more than 13,000 suits around the nation.

In the first case, a San Francisco Superior Court jury last year awarded former school groundskeeper Dewayne Johnson of Vallejo $289 million, later reduced by the trial judge to $78 million.

In the second case, a federal jury in San Francisco in March granted $80 million to Edwin Hardeman of Santa Rosa. But two weeks ago the judge in that case reduced the award to $25.2 million.

—Bay City News Service
Variety is the spice of life... especially when it comes to food!

BY TIFFANY CADRETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLEASANTON DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

Downtown Pleasanton is home to over 40 restaurants and eateries, spanning an array of culinary cuisines including international food styles from Indian and Mexican to Burmese and Italian. In downtown Pleasanton you can enjoy dishes from all ends of the globe without ever leaving town!

Downtown’s most delicious event, Forkful, began in 2017 and was inspired by our ever evolving and diverse culinary landscape. This event was created to highlight our restaurants and allow event guests to explore our incredible eateries and all they have to offer in one great evening. Forkful is a tasting experience unlike any other that allows event guests to stroll through downtown stopping at over 15 participating locations to taste their perfect forkful of food. Complimentary adult beverage tastings highlight the food along the way. Join us Saturday, September 14th for our third annual Forkful event in downtown Pleasanton, tickets are on sale now and can be found at www.pleasantondowntown.net. (Must be 21+)

We have had several wonderful new restaurants open recently in Downtown and we are excited for the others that are coming soon! There’s never been a better time to come and rediscover all that Downtown has to offer. Below are some of our newest restaurants and eateries. For a full listing of all businesses in Downtown please visit our website at www.pleasantondowntown.net and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest & Twitter!

**NEW:** Ramen 101 (444 Main St.), Bunso Bakery (618-A Main St.), Dragon City Chinese Restaurant (824 Main St.), The Patio at Pleasanton Hotel (855 Main St.)

**COMING SOON:** Zachary’s Pizza (337 Main St.), The Pato (310 Main St.), a new restaurant in the former Dean’s location (620 Main St.), Oyo Restaurant (680 Main St.), Brava Garden Eatery (724 Main St.)

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Firefighters save three kittens trapped in car engine compartment

‘Cat-astrophe averted’ after successful rescue, ACFD says

BY JEREMY WALSH

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Grant pays for LPC’s first 100% online certificate program

BY JULIA BAUM

Las Positas College plans to create more opportunities for off-site learning by using a recent $177,187 state grant to develop its first completely online certificate program and improve course access for students routinely facing challenges making it to campus.

LPC vice president of academic services Kristina Whalen said in a statement that giving students more online education options “is a priority for Las Positas.” The Livermore community college currently has over 85 degree and certificate programs, with four degree options that are fully available online.

“Not every student can study in a traditional classroom setting,” Whalen said. “Disabilities that make it difficult to attend classes on campus, lack of transportation, childcare issues, demands at home and work schedules have traditionally prevented students from enrolling in college. The more opportunities we provide for students to study when and where they can, the more students we’ll be able to serve.”

The large infusion of cash comes from the “Improving Online CTE Pathways” program, a part of the California Virtual Campus Online Education Initiative backed by the California Community Colleges system.

LPC and its sister campus Chabot College in Hayward are two of 70 colleges throughout the state that were awarded grants this year from the Pathways program, which has given California community colleges and college districts a total of $27.3 million in grants during 2019 for the purpose of creating and improving online career education programs.

Chabot received a grant in the amount of $326,000 to develop six online career and technical education certificates, among other goals.

“Whether working on short-term credentials prized by industry professionals or developing a traditional career path, CCC Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley said the grants “improve the online education ecosystem.” About one-third of students in the CCC system now take at least one online class.

“This holistic approach includes strengthening traditional college offerings and the opening of Calbright, the new online college that will serve low-wage working adults who can quickly gain short-term credentials,” Ortiz Oakley said.

The grant project at LPC is running now through June 30, 2020.

Walking and biking: Students are encouraged to hit the pavement if they live close or try biking to Amador. Additional bike racks have been added to accommodate more riders and are located at several locations at the school.

There are dedicated pedestrian/bike entrances leading onto campus that can be viewed on a circulation map posted on the district website.

Wheels Bus: The Tri-Valley’s Wheels has expanded service by adding more departure and arrival times on its 605 and 611 routes to accommodate A period students. The extra bus times start Aug. 12 and will operate until the Santa Rita parking lot reopens.

The first bus will arrive at Amador around 6:40 a.m. and leave at 4:15 p.m. The transit agency will also honor free rides on both routes for all Amador student IDs. Students can apply for the city of Pleasanton’s “AVHS Try Transit Program,” where they will receive a free 10-day transit pass that is good for any route including the 10R.

Passes are available while they last at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Shuttle service: PUSD has also contracted with Black Tie Transportation for shuttle service that will be offered before and after classes.

Three shuttle stops have been each added at Pleasanton Middle School, Harvest Park Middle School and St. Augustine Catholic Church on Bernal Avenue. There is no parking for students at either school but the church has 70 parking spaces for use in its lot.

Shuttle schedules are posted on the district website.

Student loading: Carpooling is strongly encouraged and PUSD and the city of Pleasanton have designated six zones for student pickup and dropoff at: Black Avenue, Del Valle Parkway, the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center parking lot, Santa Rita Road next to the Aquatic Park, Santa Rita Frontage Road, and the student parking lot loop and Amador Theater lot loop.

PUSD and the city previously contemplated a loading location at Gatetree Circle, but it was removed from consideration after neighbors raised traffic safety concerns.

No student parking is allowed at the aquatic center parking lot or along Santa Rita Frontage Road. Flaggers will be onsite helping with traffic flow.

A circulation map and loading zones are on PUSD’s website.

Carpool parking: There will still be some parking on campus in very limited supply and prioritized for use by pre-approved select groups, according to PUSD.

About 121 temporary parking spaces on the blacktop behind the large gym and the first level of the parking garage on the backside of campus are both reserved for school staff. The second level of the parking garage, remaining backlot and 30 spots in the front Santa Rita lot will be prioritized for regional occupational program students and seniors.

District staff strongly discourage driving to campus and advise using alternative transportation options like those listed above.

Parking in adjacent neighborhoods is still limited to permit parking for residents only.

A weekend to step back in time in and around historic Niles

Steam train rides Saturday & Sunday

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Laugh therapy

Award-winning storytellers Regina Stoops (right) and Mary Carouba are bringing their “Better than Therapy” tour to the Bothwell Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. next Saturday (Aug. 17), so the audience can laugh at their problems and forget their own. Pleasanton residents Stoops talks about life as a gay, Catholic, Democratic, suburban soccer mom who also happens to be a special needs parent and MS warrior, while Carouba’s topics range from the adult entertainment industry to a near-death experience to losing her home in a wildfire.

“Think humor with a heart,” Stoops said. Tickets are $20. Call 373-6800 or visit hpac.org. Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 Eighth St. in Livermore.

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‘Tri-Valley Youth View’
First episode of student program airing on TV30

By Samantha Laurey

Tri-Valley residents can tune in to their public access station as student television crews from TV30’s annual summer camp have debuted their one-hour episode, “Tri-Valley Youth View.”

The TV30 camp allows middle and high school students to experience hands-on television broadcasting in a local studio. For 11 years, this summer camp has been offering two separate sessions during each summer, where 11 students in each session can participate in the five-day camp and work to produce an episode of “Tri-Valley Youth View.”

“TV30 is the only place in the greater Bay Area that students can gain this type of hands-on experience in an actual broadcast environment and see their program broadcast on television,” Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of Tri-Valley Community Television, said in a statement.

“Students have the rare opportunity to interact with professionals who share their time to be interviewed,” Tench-Stevens said. “In the last 10 years, students have kept in touch with us and due to their TCTV experience, have decided to make media their career. We truly appreciate the time that Tri-Valley professionals extend to be interviewed and interact with the students.”

The current one-hour episode will show all the work that the first group of students did throughout the program.

Featured guests include Tim Shrant, Dublin High School athletic director and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District trustee; Dr. Rishi Sawhney, oncologist at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare; Melanie Sadek, executive director of Valley Humane Society; Paul Spence, city of Livermore community development director; and Catherine Cheda, general manager at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham.

The episode is available to watch anytime until the end of September at tv30.org and will be broadcasting on Comcast TV30 and AT&T U-Verse.

DUBLIN HIGH

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to succeed,” said Dave Marken, DUSD superintendent.

The planned structure will be comprised of three levels with a total of 16 classrooms. Five engineering rooms, a weight room, maintenance room and shop space will be on the ground level while the second floor will have a multi-use HUB space, three flexible science classrooms plus break-out space. Four more flexible science classrooms, three flexible science labs and break-out space will make up the final level.

Principal Maureen Byrne, Dublin High staff and Dublin Unified School District administrators attended the Aug. 1 groundbreaking ceremony, which also included representatives from the Dublin Teachers Association and DHS Associated Student Body.

“Our students, staff, athletes, and coaches deserve world-class facilities that will allow them to push their limits and maximize their potential,” Byrne said. “We are thrilled to be able to train our athletes in a way that improves strength and performance while reducing injuries and to expand our ability to support the growing interest in STEM education.”

The project reached a critical milestone in late June when the DUSD Board of Trustees unanimously awarded a construction contract to Petaluma-based Midstate Construction Corp. Construction is funded with $30.5 million from Measure E and $1 million from Measure C.

Dublin residents have shown their willingness to invest in their schools,” Board President Amy Miller said. “The Dublin High School engineering and science building is one of the investments they have made and one I believe will deliver an exceptional return on investment for students, staff, and the community.”

Construction is scheduled to end by the start of the 2020-21 school year. Portables will be removed from campus once the science and engineering building is finished and the first phase of the future new high school is open in about three years.

Parking and drop-off and loading zones in the school parking lot on Brighton Avenue will be impacted during construction. About 60 parking spots near the construction zone will be out-of-use, leaving around 235 spaces for vehicles.

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Contemporary jazz pianist Keiko Matsui is bringing what Jazz Review called her “wonderful amalgam of exotic melodies, luscious harmonies and global rhythms” to Livermore for the seventh time when she appears at the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m. next Friday (Aug. 16), as part of the tour for her new album, “Echo.” Tickets range from $20 (for students and active military) to $65. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

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125 years of Pleasanton

Dear editor,

On the 125th anniversary, I wish that Pleasanton be there for the next 1,250 years. I hope it maintains its unique living style, its medium-level urban setting with lots of open spaces and downtown with a rural Americana character.

I hope that our City Council and mayor have the wisdom to not rush into development for the sake of it and not be pressured by Sacramento to add many more housing units. I wish that Pleasanton remove itself from Zone 7 Water District, which is exploiting Tri-Valley residents with a bloated bureaucracy, over-priced water and with zero innovation and improvement.

I wish Pleasanton to attract more startup innovative companies and continue to improve its school districts.

—Naveed A Khan

Torn apart

My name is Nancy Bankhead and my family gave the money for the naming rights to the Bankhead Theater. It was a gift to my mother, Evelyn Bankhead, who has since passed away. She loved the arts. I went to many concerts at Livermore High School. It was the only place in Livermore with an auditorium. Now we have a wonderful place: the Bankhead Theater.

I have been to many City Council meetings over the last two years. At the last two meetings, I was very upset about what was said about the leadership of the Bankhead. It was horrible! The Bankhead is one of the best things that ever happened to Livermore.

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Many things have been said at council meetings that are misleading. Referendums and initiatives are tearing us apart. Some council members, Bankhead (LVPAC, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center) board members and community members have put the Bankhead in the middle of a political fight! That is not right. The Bankhead is not a place for politics; it is a place for the arts.

I, for one, decided I do not want to be a part of this. As of July 23, I resigned from the board of directors of LVPAC, operators of the Bankhead Theater.

—Nancy Bankhead

Eswatini

It is wonderful to hear about the children’s farm in Eswatini. It’s incomprehensible how God in his goodness and omnipotence allows such terrible suffering to exist. I am grateful for those working in this life to alleviate this misery and improve the circumstances of innocent children.

—Eileen Armstrong
‘Hope’ offers classes for dementia caregivers

Four-part series dedicated to sharing helpful information

By Dolores Fox Carrelli

By the time we are 85 years old, one-third of us will have dementia. Hope Hospice states this on its “Dementia Fact Sheet,” also noting that dementia is not a normal part of aging, and that there are more than 100 underlying conditions that cause it.

Hope, which runs a 14-part family caregiver education series the second Saturday of each month, also has a specialized four-part course that focuses on dementia.

“A few years ago, we realized that our largest class was for dementia, and there was a huge need,” dementia care specialist Jill Smith said.

Smith, a registered nurse, and Debbie Emerson, a retired health educator, who teach the Saturday classes, developed the curriculum for the dementia course, which is offered from 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month.

The four-part series is mostly attended by family members — spouses and adult children — whose loved ones are living with dementia, Smith said. People can start any time and can repeat classes.

“The information is valuable and big — it can be overwhelming to learn all at once,” Smith said. “Also the disease is always progressing, a person’s situation is always changing.”

Even when someone lives in a facility, she noted, family members remain caregivers.

“Even if a loved one is across the country, they are still participating in their levels of care,” she said. “If they are in a facility, the family is the one who buys fresh clothes and talks to other family members, giving updates on mom, advocating with physicians — the list goes on and on.”

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Volunteer to visit

Hope Hospice and Home Health is always looking for volunteers to visit people living with dementia. They are trained to find ways to connect with them for enjoyable visits. For more information, visit hopeshospice.com or call 829-8770.
By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

A personal collection of photos and memorabilia from the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing was on display at Stoneridge Creek recently as five of its residents remembered their parts behind the scenes of the historic event.

From conducting thermal analysis of the lunar landing before the launch to designing the parachute that safely slowed the return of the module back to earth, these Stoneridge Creek residents were a part of history in the making.

• Stanley Sun was involved in the program when as a graduate student he helped do research for the program. He made a presentation to Stoneridge Creek residents on his part in the endeavor.

• Mac Smith designed the parachute that safely slowed the module upon its return to Earth.

• Han Moi was involved in the thermal analysis of the Lunar Lander and his information is still sealed as confidential.

• Richard and Caye Johnson were involved in the lab research in the Quarantine Facility at NASA/Johnson Spacecraft Center.

The five residents involved in the Apollo 11 program organized the display to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing and share their personal perspective with their Stoneridge Creek neighbors.

The classes include understanding how family members 24/7, and we have individuals whose loved one is still independent but they want to become prepared,” she added.

“Family members may be at varying stages of the progression of this disease or maybe they are at the beginning, trying to understand the diagnosis,” she said. “Or some are in the thick of it. It is very hard to provide care for people in the middle stage.”

The classes include understanding how patients with dementia communicate.

“Their world is quite different from ours but the world is still alive and, for them, real,” Smith explained.

“Dementias are progressive,” she continued. “Oftentimes a person is not diagnosed in early stages. We might struggle with some words or to remember things, but it is not apparent if it is related to a disease of the brain or is just normal aging of the brain.”

If the person does not continue to decline, it is a mild cognitive impairment.

Dementia is a syndrome, meaning a group of symptoms that occur and characterize a condition. The fact sheet also states that “dementia” is an umbrella term for diseases that affect cognitive abilities and behavioral functioning.

Another fact listed is that 60% of dementia patients will wander from their homes and get lost. Smith emphasized that although these patients get lost, they are found.

“It is at the middle stage of the dementia, at a time when their families are watching out for them,” she said.

“Another thing about wandering is it always has a purpose,” she noted.

She gave an example: Perhaps a daughter may inform an elderly father that she is going to take a shower. If he doesn’t remember that, he may look all over the house for her, then outside in the yard, and finally go searching down the street.

The classes are held at Hope Hospice and Home Health headquarters in Dublin. Sessions are free, but donations to Hope Hospice are always appreciated. Classes are limited to 30 participants so registration is required.

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Five Pleasanton residents remember their part in moon landing

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‘Don’t Worry Mom’
Social Services combats ‘silent epidemic’ of elder financial abuse

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

Elder abuse can take a variety of forms, including physical, psychological, emotional and neglect, but the Alameda County Social Services Agency has been working to shine a spotlight on what officials call one of the most under-reported, fastest growing crimes in America — elder financial abuse.

This past year alone, the agency received approximately 6,000 reports of elder abuse in Alameda County. Of these reports more than 70% were financial in nature. And according to Randy Morris, assistant agency director for the Adult and Aging Services Department, these figures likely only represent a fraction of actual cases that are occurring.

“The growing statistic that should concern all of us is the number of seniors who are swelling the homeless ranks. In most instances seniors find themselves homeless because they have fallen victim to financial exploitation or property theft,” he said in a statement.

Morris added that these abuses do not have to result in this tragic end and that resources are available to help victims. “We offer services to victims who have been financially exploited, and in many cases we are able to intervene before their savings are wiped out. That is why it is so important to report abuse when it is first suspected.’’

Identifying elder financial abuse is one of the most important steps in combating it, according to Vanessa Baker, program manager for the county’s Adult Protective Services.

The crime can take many forms, but officials said common scenarios can include: a senior being tricked into paying cash for unnecessary work on their home, being encouraged to donate to a fictitious charity, a caretaker using victim’s finances for their own needs or a victim signing over important documents — such as power of attorney or property transfers — without comprehending the transaction.

“The most important thing to do is call Adult Protective Services,” Baker said when asked what someone can do if they suspect a case of elder abuse. “We have an intake staffing unit of individuals who can talk with any caller, whether it is just to inquire or to actually make a report of abuse. They are a resource in terms of providing support and also referring out.”

“For example, if someone calls and they are just inquiring — I don’t know if there is actual abuse, what are some questions I can ask? — the intake workers can give guidance,” she said, adding that “even if there is no true indication, our office will always take a report of any suspected case … because that is our job, to investigate.”

Baker went on to say the “silent epidemic” of elder financial abuse is worsened by the fact that so few cases get reported, citing that only one in 14 actual instances of elder abuse are reported to authorities.

To help combat abuse and let victims know that there are resources available that can help, the agency this summer relaunched its public service announcement “Don’t Worry Mom,” to play on airways during Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

“Don’t Worry Mom” highlights key facts and signs that can help individuals identify elder abuse and perpetual perpetrators — the commercial also highlights the fact the majority of elder abuse is perpetrated by family members — as well as resources for where victims can receive help.

“Beginning in 2015 we embarked on a project … to look at a way to reach a larger population to bring awareness to the silent epidemic of elder abuse,” Baker said of the campaign. “We wanted to drive home that not only is financial abuse a silent epidemic and may be happening within your own family, but that there are resources available to help individuals, whether they are being abused themselves or they know someone who is being abused.”

People interested in obtaining more information or who wish to report adult or elder abuse are encouraged to call 24 hours a day: 510-577-3500 or toll free at 866-225-5277 (866-CALL-APS). Trained callers are available to take anonymous reports, give referrals to helpful resources or just answer questions.

Residents can also learn more online at www.alamedasocialservices.org.

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Real estate tips for seniors

What older home owners, buyers and sellers should know moving forward

By David Stark

Equity, moving out of the area, and making homes safer and more livable top the list of home ownership issues for seniors.

Nancie Allen, 2019 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors, recommended a process for determining if how much money a senior homeowner in Pleasanton may have in their home, plus the potential tax liabilities related to selling.

"Start with a Realtor to determine what your home is worth, tally up all the improvements you've put into your home and take that information to your tax professional," Allen said. "They can give you an estimate of the capital gains taxes when you sell and ultimately how much you'll have available to use to purchase a new home."

For some Pleasanton seniors, the next step on their home ownership journey may mean leaving the area.

Allen suggested, "Make sure you go and visit those areas and stay for a few days to see if a potential new home is close to shopping, medical facilities and other amenities. If you like the theater or playing golf, find out if those activities are nearby."

If considering a move to another community in California, Allen recommended determining if the current property tax basis can be transferred.

"And, if you're considering a move out of state, check and see if that state's tax laws are the same as California. You want to make sure your money is going to go as far as you think it will go by moving out of state," she said.

For a senior homeowner in Pleasanton considering making a move, many must start by dealing with their emotions.

"There are a lot of memories stored up in your home that can be difficult to leave," Allen said. "With those memories also comes a lot of stuff to go through and the decisions on what you're going to take. Deciding what you're keeping, giving away to friends and family or donating can be really difficult. And if you need help with that, there are professionals who can help you pack and clean out your home."

Allen's advice on wrapping your heart and mind around a new home is to "look forward and move forward knowing that this is the beginning of a new adventure."

For Pleasanton seniors who want to stay here but may find themselves in a home too big for their needs or too much of a burden to maintain, Allen said, "Typically what I see seniors moving to are smaller, one-story homes or condominiums, with open floor-plans and less space to have to maintain."

"With those memories also comes more-involved projects to make it senior-friendly. Change your landscaping to something more low-maintenance," Allen said. "And adding some extra lighting outside on sidewalks, pathways around your home will make it easier to navigate around in the evenings."

Editor’s note: David Stark is public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.

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Senior Center snapshot
Pleasanton seniors stay active with bocce, theater, woodworking, yoga and more
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Top row, from left: Paul Vanderoovaart takes his mother Edith Vanderoovaart, 99-1/2 years old, on a walk of the grounds around the Senior Center. Christine Cheng (right) discusses her project with her weekly knitting club. The Senior Center is equipped with a wood shop, where seniors like Cindy Toner can create different crafts.

Middle row, from left: The “Senior Players” ensemble is a group that performs live skits, songs and jokes for fellow seniors; here Judy Fenton, Louis Hesemann and Jo Hunter lead a group in singing “In the Good Old Summertime.” Keith Jackson is a pro at making balloon animals; he says during Halloween he can make seven-foot-tall monsters. Last Friday musician Gregory Arlyn could be heard performing at the Senior Center as part of Pleasanton’s 125 Anniversary Celebration. The Senior Center is a popular place for seniors to congregate, whether it is for a party or just to hang out and socialize.

Bottom row, from left: Laura Bloomfield is one of many individuals who meet on the bocce ball courts weekly for some friendly competition. Yoga is one of the many courses offered at the center to help seniors stay active.

To learn more about classes and activities offered at the Senior Center, feel free to drop by in person at 5353 Sunol Blvd., anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, or call at 931-5365. Many activities are free, but pre-registration is required for some events.

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Barbecue fundraiser for sister cities program

Everyone invited to join in the fun at dinner dance

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Want to travel somewhere off the tourist path?

Consider a trip to Tulancingo, Mexico, with the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association.

“Tulancingo offers a unique cultural experience,” said Jorge Victoria, president of the nonprofit organization.

The two cities exchange delegates every other year.

Next month the association will make a presentation at Stoneridge Creek to acquaint its senior residents with all the group has to offer.

But another way to learn more about the sister city organization is to attend its annual fundraising barbecue next Saturday (Aug. 17), a dinner dance at the Pleasanton Senior Center with Tony Macchiano’s Lickety Spit team at the grill.

“This year we had a 25-member delegation visit Tulancingo in April,” Victoria said. “At the barbecue we will have a slideshow of past visits, and it’s a chance to visit with members first-hand — and have a good dinner and go to a fun event.”

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a no-host bar, and the tri-tip dinner is at 7 p.m. Live and silent auctions will begin at 8, and from 8:30-11 p.m. there will be dancing to the big band, The Cool Tones. The cost is $55, or $60 at the door. Children ages 6-12 are $15.

Money raised goes toward maintaining the annual student exchange program, the Tulancingo delegation visit and outreach in the community.

The association is active in Pleasanton, taking part in the Hometown Holiday Parade, holding a Christmas Posada at the Veterans Memorial Building, and a Cinco de Mayo celebration. Next month, members will participate in a program for children at Museum on Main.

“Also we do anything we can to help our Spanish-speaking community,” Victoria said. “People may need help with translations or blending into the community.”

People and families of all ages are welcome to join. Victoria became involved years ago when his daughter was in high school and took part in the student exchange.

In years past, the association has held Spanish classes for members traveling to Tulancingo, something Victoria hopes to start again.

“We are looking into monthly conversational Spanish classes,” he said. “Prior to our visits, it used to get people enthused about the trip and we would practice common phrases.”

“Ninety percent are not fluent in Spanish, yet when we visit the sister city they are able to communicate with the few words they know,” he added. “Likewise, the people from Tulancingo coming here are the same way.”

“People aren’t very different.”

Special sister city exchanges have included all types of organizations, from fire departments to high school staff.

“It is a great way to immerse yourself in another culture and to immerse others in ours,” he said.

Victoria also visited Tulancingo in June with Rotary Club of Pleasanton when it distributed 280 wheelchairs for the elderly and disabled. And the organization works with...
Victoria said, “It is the least we can do to support our service clubs.”

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, which was started by Amador Valley High Spanish teacher Bob Athenour, is in its 36th year. A room next to the Pleasanton City Council chamber at City Hall contains artifacts gathered from visits.

“We get great support from our city leaders,” Victoria said.

The group has about 120 members now, he noted, although some no longer travel to Tulancingo. Another way to learn more about the group, he suggested, is to attend Taco Tuesdays, which are held at 5:30 p.m. every second Monday of each month at Fiesta Taco on Santa Rita Road.

“We get an average of about 12-15 people,” Victoria said. “It is a good time to get together and talk to members in a very casual atmosphere.”

For barbecue tickets or to learn more, go to ptsca.org or call 292-0104.

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- Free Living With Dementia classes for caregivers
- Free grief support groups for adults and youth
- Volunteering in our Dublin office, in the field with patients, and at special events
- May 2, 2020, is the 10th annual Hike for Hope, a memorial hike and fundraiser at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore

Hope Hospice is accredited by The Joint Commission, certified by Medicare and Medi-Cal, and is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
The Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center will offer art and music events next Saturday (Aug. 17) that echo the Woodstock Festival’s message of peace, love and community 50 years ago. In the morning, the Bothwell will host a free Open Studio session from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. where visitors can interact with working studio artists, view art demonstrations, and participate in making 1960s-style crafts. Then at 8 p.m., Livermore-based band LunaFish returns to the Bankhead with authentic psychedelic rock music of the ‘60s and ‘70s in a “Return to Woodstock” concert, featuring hits from artists such as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Eric Clapton and Jefferson Airplane. The evening is sponsored in part by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, so tickets are just $20. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton restaurant popped for overtime pay violations

A popular Thai restaurant in Pleasanton must pay back more than $172,000 to workers after a federal investigation unearthed violations in overtime law.

New Thai Bistro, located in a small shopping center at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road, was the focus of an investigation that analyzed the period from March 6, 2016 to January 2019, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division (WHD).

The agency enforces requirements of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act that cover overtime pay, as well as federal minimum wage, child labor and record keeping.

“Our goal is to pair compliance assistance with rigorous enforcement to ensure that employers follow the rules and that employees receive the pay they have legally earned,” WHD district director Susana Blanco said in a statement last Friday announcing the New Thai Bistro finding.

Investigators said the restaurant violated overtime requirements of federal law by paying workers “flat rates per day or per week, without regard to the number of hours they actually worked.” Overtime payment at time-and-a-half of workers’ regular wages when they work more than 40 hours in a workweek is required under the law but New Thai Bistro only paid their employees at straight-time rates, according to the agency.

Some servers worked four hours of overtime while others were paid hourly with no hours of overtime worked, the WHD said. The restaurant must pay 14 employees a combined total of $172,862, plus a civil penalty to WHD of $1,974 “due to the willful nature of the violations found.”

The restaurant was open as usual on Tuesday afternoon, but management could not be reached for comment.

New Thai Bistro has won the Pleasanton Weekly Readers’ Choice award for Best Thai Restaurant each of the past three years, as voted upon by Weekly’s readers.

In other news

• Following the mass shooting in Gilroy that killed three people and injured multiple other festival-goers, organizers are taking no chances keeping the community safe when the crowd-drawing annual 154th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games returns in a month to the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

While the Gilroy Garlic Festival was winding down on the evening of July 28, a gunman cut through a fence at the festival and fired an SKS rifle at attendees. Two children, ages 6 and 13, and a 23-year-old man were fatally shot, and more than a dozen others were injured before the shooter, a 19-year-old man, died after being shot by law enforcement and ultimately turning a gun on himself.

As the Bay Area continues to reel from the Gilroy shooting, plus the other mass casualty shootings in a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, and a bar in Dayton, Ohio last weekend, the leaders in charge of overseeing public safety at the Scottish Games in Pleasanton from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 said they’ve been busy “beefing up” security in response to the Gilroy incident.

Rob Tysinger, chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, which runs the annual Scottish Games, announced on the organization’s website that staff “has been formulating a plan to institute advanced security measures” at the event for a while.

A private security company that’s been hired will be on high alert, and the Pleasanton police and Alameda County Sheriff’s Office will be around the entire time keeping an eye on things, Tysinger told the Weekly. “We’ve talked to them about beefing up their presence a little too, in light of what’s happened,” he said.

Many attendees come dressed in traditional Scottish Highland garb and often accessorize with various swords, knives and daggers associated with the highland attire such as skean dhu. As long as people are in Highland dress, Tysinger said “that sort of thing will still be allowed” this year.

“Our security people have been instructed there’s things that relate to Highland wear that are still OK,” he added. Those coming with blades and other traditional weapons as part of their costume will be subjected to a second screening while people in streetwear will go through the metal detectors and have their bags searched at the entrance.

“It’s hard to plan for something” like what happened, but Tysinger said staff is doing everything possible to make it a safe and fun time for everyone. “That means more effort on our part to keep people safe, but we’re doing what we can to make people feel safe and secure.”

To learn more about what is allowed inside at the Scottish Highlands Gathering and Games, and the event itself, visit www.thescottish-games.com.

• A 55-year-old Dublin man has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for felony insider trading relating to games.com.

In January, Saleem M. Khan pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in...
The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available:

Aug. 4

Drug violation ■ 6:22 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
Shoplifting ■ 6:26 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
Assault/battery ■ 7:23 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Aug. 3

Trespass/prolifing ■ 11:01 p.m. on the 3300 block of Santa Rita Road
Alcohol violation ■ 9:25 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard
Drug violation ■ 6:51 p.m. at Menlo Court and Holland Drive ■ 7:25 p.m. at Foothill Road and Golden Eagle Way

Theft ■ 1:04 p.m., 2200 block of Segundo Court; theft from auto ■ 7:09 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, shoplifting ■ Burglary ■ 1:42 p.m. on the 7300 block of Elwood Circle

Aug. 2

Assault/battery ■ 11:58 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court
Robbery ■ 8:41 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
DUI ■ 7:42 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Palomino Drive

Thief ■ 7:09 a.m., 2100 block of Arroyo Court; theft from auto ■ 9:59 a.m., 2200 block of Segundo Court; theft from auto ■ 11:49 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Blvd; theft from structure ■ 12:25 p.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto ■ 6:47 p.m., 8100 block of Arroyo Drive; theft from auto

Theft ■ 2:26 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, shoplifting ■ 2:44 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto ■ 4:08 p.m., 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive; theft from auto ■ 5:05 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft of bicycle ■ 7:17 p.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto ■ 8:41 p.m., 4000 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto ■ Assault/battery ■ 8:34 p.m. on the 3700 block of Nichole Avenue

Fraud ■ 11:39 a.m. on the 4200 block of Churchill Drive

July 31

Fraud ■ 10:21 a.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road
Vandalism ■ 7:07 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

July 30

Theft ■ 8:29 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto ■ 10:27 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; theft from auto ■ 3:30 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure ■ 5:21 p.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; bicycle theft
Alcohol violation ■ 4:22 p.m. on the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

Fraud ■ 12:47 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive ■ Assault/battery ■ 10:10 a.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

July 29

Sex offense ■ 7:18 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft ■ 1:29 p.m., 3300 block of Hoppyard Road; theft from auto ■ 2:47 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting ■ 6:10 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting ■ Burglary ■ 5:30 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
Alcohol violation ■ 10:15 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI ■ 7:46 a.m. on the 300 block of Mavis Drive
Drug violation ■ 12:01 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive ■ 7:19 a.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

Oakland to nine counts of securities fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

The charges stem from a scheme in which investigators said Khan received sales and financial information from a friend who at the time worked in Ross’s finance department. Officials said Khan used the confidential information to illegally buy and sell securities on the NASDAQ stock exchange ahead of Ross’s public announcements of sales performance figures.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Haywood Davis ordered Khan to pay restitution to Ross, and if so, how much.

Khan is scheduled to begin serving his prison term on Nov. 4.

― Julia Baum and Bay City News Service
**FTC Track Club athletes compete against nation’s best**

Eight athletes from the Pleasanton-based FTC Track Club competed at the United States Track and Field Championships held in late July in Sacramento.

Over 2,000 athletes, aged 8-18 from across the country participated in the national championship.

“It was incredible to have so many of our FTC athletes competing on a national stage, and I’m immensely proud of all of them” FTC head coach Jorge Quero said.

From the FTC team, Tomas Kersulis of Pleasanton made it to the finals of the 400-meter (boys 17-18 age group) and placed eighth, running a personal record of 49.11 seconds in his semifinal qualifier in the event.

“Another exciting moment was Arjun Kasthuri in girls 15-16 and Lesly Townsend competing in the 400-meter and also competed in the 4x400 relay with teammates Wyatt Sattley, Ronit Prakas and Jackson Chandler.

Fall sports underway

Practices for fall high school sports are underway, so that means it’s time for me to plead for the results from the respective teams so we can share the accomplishments of our hard-working student athletes!

By my count, we have football, girls tennis, girls volleyball, cross-country and water polo taking place this season. Between Amador Valley and Foothill, that’s a lot of teams and athletes working hard each day in practice to get ready for games representing their schools.

I think they deserve recognition, don’t you?

It’s simple — I just need one parent per team that is willing to spend 20 minutes a week to send me the results and highlights of the week’s activities by noon Sundays.

I ask for a parent because the coach is already putting in a ton of time, as well as dealing with the grief of being a high school coach for very little money. Let’s give the coaches a break here and have a parent step up. I don’t think that’s too much to ask, do you?

So, what’s involved? Just get the scores and highlights of games played that week and send them to me at acessmag@uol.com each week.

You don’t have to be a writer — that’s my job — but if you want to try, have a shot at it and I will use as much of it as I can.

We are always looking for pictures as well, with all we need being the identification of your athletes in the picture as well as a credit for who took the high-resolution photo.

We are coming off a spring season where we saw tremendous participation from the teams. I would love to build on it and get some great information on all our teams this fall.

I write this column to get the kids recognition. After spending 26 years with the now-defunct Tri-Valley Herald and seeing the level of appreciation of the athletes and their parents, it was tough to see the neglect of the local papers regarding local sports, that is unless you go to De La Salle.

The Weekly gives me 650 words a week for this column, but during the spring we hit 750-800 words a week. Thanks to all the parents and the Weekly was more than happy to make sure everything got in the paper.

Let’s keep the roll going this year. Best of luck to all athletes and teams this year, and I look forward to keeping track of your efforts!
**PET OF THE WEEK**

Meet Aquafina

Hi! I’m Aquafina, a 1.5-year-old domestic short-hair at the East Bay SPAZA in Dublin. When it comes to relationships, I’m very level-headed. I don’t leap paws first, if you know what I mean. But give me a little time, and then I’ll shower you with purrs, head-butts and plenty of lap time. In the meantime, you may not see a lot of me — but I’ll be thinking a lot of you. Meet me at the adoption center at 4651 Gleason Drive or visit www.eastbayspaza.org. My adoption fee is waived.

**Theatre**

**Performance of Almost Maine at the Livermore Public Library**

LIVERMORE’S community theatre group, Encore Players, is pleased to perform a few scenes from John Cariani’s play Almost Maine from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. There is no charge for this event. Almost Maine takes place in a remote, mythical, all-coal town on one cold, clear, slightly surreally Friday night during the Northern Lights. For additional events, check the library’s website at livermorelibrary.net.

**Concerts**

**Max Cruse At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, Max Cruse is bringing rock, pop and R&B hits to Concert in the Park at Delucchi Park on First Street.**

**Tommy and the 4 Speeds At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, Tommy and the 4-Speeds are bringing 1950’s to 1970’s tunes to Concert in the Park at Delucchi Park on First Street.**

**Festivals & Fairs**

**Dublin World Of Beer - Beer Festival From 12 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 9, World Of Beer, 4290 Dublin Blvd., Dublin hosts a WOB Beer Fest inside the Entertainment Village in Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center featuring beer, music and fun. For $20, five beer tasting tickets will be included, with a five-ounce tasting cup. Outdoor games will be featured, including beer pong, corn hole toss and a WOB Pretzel eating contest. For more details and to buy tickets, visit facebook.com/wodbudinc.**

**154th Scottish Highland Gathering And Games From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., the 154th consecutive celebration of the Celtic heritage, Gathering and Games takes place.**

**Family**

**Community Bike Ride At 10 a.m. on Aug. 10, at 6754 Bernal Ave., join us for a bike ride led by Mike’s Bikes to explore Dublin and Pleasanton on two wheels. This will be an easy-paced 11-mile ride open to all skill levels, using multi-use trails and bike lanes in both cities. There will be refreshments and free giveaways. Helmets, signed waiver release and a properly working bike are required. Visit mikesbikes.com for online waiver under Rides/Group Ride Directory.**

**Monday Makers Young makers aged 4 to 10 are invited to a new arts and crafts series at Stoneridge Park at Delucchi Park on First Street. The tour will pass by Cabana Dave’s, the neighborhood’s pop-up beer garden, and a WOB Pretzel eating contest. For more details and to buy tickets, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.**

**995 Fictional Name Statement**

Givri is Livin’

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 561-260

The following person doing business as: Givri is Livin’, 4444 Black Ave., children who are 4 years old through entering 5th grade are invited to join in this day long celebration of creativity, Bible-learn and building with tools, hands and hearts.

**Bible Adventure Day “Come and Help Us Build A Land Where We All Can Live” is the theme of our 2019 Bible Adventure Day for Children. On Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., children who are 4 years old through entering 5th grade are invited to join in this day long celebration of creativity, Bible-learning and building with tools, hands and hearts. Contact Office@lynnwood.org for more information or to register.**

**August Religion Chat**

The August Religion Chat will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Paul Watson will give some Buddhist and Christian perspectives, and Sam Stone will speak as a secular philosopher. Information on this topic “How Does Your Faith/Congregation Address Environmental Concerns?”

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**Government Meetings**

**PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS At 7 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center, 4665 Bernal Ave., the next school board meeting will be held. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**Comedy**

**Better Than Therapy At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore, Mary Caroobra and Regina Stoops take you on a journey through the lives where random discoveries are met with quick wit and humor. Tickets are $20 and available online at hicat.org or by calling the box office at 373-6800.**

**Fundraisers**

**Bingo, Bourbon and BBQ From 5:30 to 11 p.m. on Aug. 24 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., please join us for a fun night in support of two amazing Pleasanton city employees currently battling cancer. The night will include music, dinner, drinks, great raffle and game prizes. All fundraising proceeds will go towards the Henricksen and Jacob families. Check out our Bingo package. Bingo game will start at 7 p.m. Please note, no one under the age of 15 is allowed to attend this event.**

**95th Annual Matthew Yount Memorial Scholarship 3-Stick Golf Tournament**

The 5th Annual Matthew Yount Memorial Scholarship 3-Stick Golf Tournament, hosted by Pleasanton Lions Club on Aug. 9 at the Pleasanton Golf Course, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. Golf followed by a barbeque lunch from Cabana Dave’s, beverages, raffle and silent auction. Golf is $85 per person, which includes golf, beverage and dinner. The hole prizes are $50, or dinner only, is $40. Proceeds benefit each of the three Pleasanton High Schools and Cal Poly SLO with annual study abroad scholarships.

**Sports**

**Original Roller Derby From 7 to 9 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m., this event is in Building B, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. The performance of the new track Rolla Derby from the 70’s is making a resurgence. Come and cheer your Bay Area Bombers to victory over the New York Chiefs. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Mvpskatert@gmail.com.**

**50th Anniversary Events**

**City of Pleasanton, 150th Birthday Celebration**

**Public Notices**

**Blessed Beauty 925**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 561-260

The following person doing business as: Blessed Beauty 925, 239 Main St., Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Serina Martinez, 2421 Shadow Glen Dr., Modesto, CA 95355. This business is conducted by Serina Martinez, an Individual. Registration has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Serina Martinez, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, August 2, 2019).

**Heartfelt Spaces**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 561-325

The following person doing business as: Heartfelt Spaces, 18400 Cotton Court, Castro Valley, CA 94552, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nancy Costa, 18400 Cotton Court, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by Nancy Costa, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Nancy Costa, Owner.

**O&L Professional Detailers Dublin**

The following person doing business as: O&L Professional Detailers Dublin, 6405 Sunol Blvd., County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Serina Martinez, 2421 Shadow Glen Dr., Modesto, CA 95355. This business is conducted by Serina Martinez, an Individual. Registration has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Serina Martinez, an Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, August 2, 2019).
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 25-July 5)
Total sales reported: 31
Highest sale reported: $398,500
Average sale reported: $1,180,000

Dublin (June 25-July 5)
Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: $350,000
Highest sale reported: $2,135,000
Average sale reported: $942,000

Livermore (June 25-July 5)
Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: $495,000
Highest sale reported: $972,000

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during June 25 to July 5.

Pleasanton
7426 Aspen Court Muir Residential INves LLC to L. & G. Tierney for $1,235,000.
3189 Berkshire Court Bishop Family Trust to N. & M. Pfalz for $1,242,000.
5459 Black Avenue #2 H. Bhaiya to N. & S. Ahktarali for $645,000.
1624 Calle Santiago Byrd Trust to Y. Lee for $690,000.
2607 Camino Del Lago G. Sieverding to X. & Z. Liu for $1,270,000.
6288 Corte Altamira B. & R. Crump to H. & D. Johnson for $999,000.
2411 Crestline Road Ferenz Family Trust to A. & K. Varun for $1,180,000.
2445 Crestline Road Ludy Family Trust to H. J. Park for $1,129,000.
1124 Finch Place J. Lowe to Tyler Living Trust for $2,149,000.
1584 Foothill Road S. & R. Smedley to J. & C. Seran for $1,101,800.
7743 Forsythia Court C. & T. Nguyen to S. & P. Dan for $1,250,000.
2284 Goldcrest Circle Braden Family Trust to K. & M. Lafferty for $600,000.
1592 Independence Drive J. & P. Joda to B. & A. Chadha for $1,665,000.
4758 McHenry Gate Vieira Trust to D. & K. Cheng for $1,099,000.
3298 Monmouth Court G. Tolari to Sisca Trust for $475,000.
625 Neal Street Sessa Trust to McLaughlin Living Trust for $930,000.
3546 Oveilla Way #9 N. Madden to W. & J. Mcgee for $2,078,000.
3460 Pickens Lane A. & M. Hanson to R. & B. Malik for $874,000.
5242 Ridgevale Way Hutzler-Byrd Trust to R. & A. Khanna for $1,225,000.
4228 West Ruby Hill Drive Sharp Living Trust to Khalsa Family Trust for $3,600,500.

Livermore
709 Stags Leap Lane KB Home to S. & H. Thomas for $1,492,000.
3233 Starward Drive #10 D. & A. Vasquez to H. & C. Yee for $330,000.
4311 Sunset View Drive Y. Sun to V. & S. Mehta for $1,093,000.
4450 Sunset View Drive K. & J. Pham to P. & S. Din for $1,130,000.
4236 Sunset View Drive A. & V. Gopuz to S. & K. Kambham for $1,190,000.
407 Tryon Place O. Ng to A. & S. Gandhe for $1,115,000.
4265 Vinton Avenue Devkota Living Trust to R. & N. Sampath for $1,220,000.

LIVERMORE

2769 Crater Rd $1,189,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA
PLEASANTON
2338 Sheffield Dr $1,519,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/2 BA
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709 Adams Avenue Burrenica Living Trust to S. & C. Barker for $775,000.
8988 Arlene Way Lacobace Living Trust to C. & J. Demora for $1,347,000.
10180 Balsoros Road Valley Trust to A. & S. Bhatkhande for $1,300,000.

LIVERMORE
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—Don Greer, Norante Ct., Pleasanton

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2341 Greenberry Court, Pleasanton
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Offered at $1,129,000

1401 Eliot Circle, Pleasanton
2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,345± SqFt | 5,314± SqFt Lot
Offered at $849,000

2373 Sandpiper Way, Pleasanton
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,736± SqFt | 7,142± SqFt Lot
Offered at $1,139,000

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4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 2,087± SqFt | 7,502± SqFt Lot
Offered at $868,888

5099 Monaco Drive, Pleasanton
4 Bed | 3 Bath | 2,985± SqFt | 10,010± SqFt Lot
Offered at $1,528,000

1471 Maple Leaf Court, Pleasanton
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 2,783± SqFt | 7,800± SqFt Lot
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