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WHAT A WEEK



By Jeremy Walsh

Our 1st Halloween

This year of firsts for our family rings in another milestone on Monday as our growing 10-month-old son Francis experiences Halloween No. 1.

Although I guess the "experiencing" will be more for us parents and the rest of our family and friends because the little guy — with as much personality as he has and learning that he's doing — probably won't remember much about this Oct. 31. But you can bet there will be photographs galore to capture the moment for us for now and the future.

Thinking back, I don't have too many explicit memories of Halloween as a child. I know I went trick-or-treating as a kid growing up in Vallejo and Benicia and there are some pictures of me in costume from my youth; my recollections of the experiences though (outside of the context of those photos) are almost nonexistent.

Now we didn't always live in neighborhoods most conducive to the candy hunt, whether in apartment complexes where residents didn't usually participate or hilly Benicia where I didn't feel like traipsing up and down.

We also didn't really reside in areas where many kids would visit our home, leaving plenty of candy leftovers to supplement my own haul for my young sweet tooth to enjoy often through Thanksgiving.

Even into college and early adulthood, I didn't get too involved in Halloween beyond the obligatory costume for the occasional personal or office party. I'd say that changed after we got married and moved back to the Bay Area around more family and friends.

My wife and I just found ourselves going to parties for Halloween with close friends, and as I took on a leadership role with the Weekly, I would want (or need) to represent in the festivities. Plus, I've always liked experimenting with my facial hair, and the Halloween costume became as good a reason as ever.

Probably my most memorable costume was dressing up as Alan from the movie "The Hangover" (the Zach Galifinakis character), pretty much a home-assembled ensemble thanks to stops at Savers in Dublin for some very tight-fitting women's white denim pants and a satchel from Goodwill in Benicia. I did buy a replica of his T-shirt online, the most expensive component.

Other highlights for me in recent years were part of couple's costumes: as mustachioed Bob Belcher to her Linda from "Bob's Burgers", a clean-shaven Dr. Alan Grant in a "Jurassic Park" pairing, and me in a beard with wolf mask/gloves and regular suit for "The Big Bad Wolf of Wall Street and Little Red Riding Hood".

On Monday, we'll have our inaugural family costume. Francis has a strawberry hooded onesie and we'll be dressed as farmers donning "I (heart) Strawberries" hats.

No trick-or-treating for us this year; it's not like he can eat the candy anyway. Instead we'll post up in our driveway and hand out treats to the neighborhood kids for as long as our little guy can stay awake.

I hope Francis will get a kick out of perusing these pictures when he gets older — and he can then fold those in among his other future Halloween memories. I didn't retain too many distinct memories from throughout my youth, so that's something I hope to help my son experience better.

Part of the annual October tradition that he'll soon become accustomed to is watching (or rewatching) our favorite family Halloween movies.

Admittedly, we're very much behind this month, thanks primarily to my busy workload pre-election. We did catch "Hocus Pocus" last weekend, and we'll try to fit in a couple others this weekend, maybe "The Addams Family", "Sleepy Hollow" and "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown". We also have the new "Hocus Pocus 2" and the upcoming "Wednesday" (Addams) series on our list.

We like scary and creepy movies too, but those probably aren't good screen choices right now with a near-1-year-old at home. Our focus is now all about creating fun family moments, like taking Francis to his first pumpkin patch last weekend.

And of course that's the theme for the rest of the year, with Thanksgiving, then his mom's birthday, then his first birthday and then Christmas in quick succession. Oh, well, I do have to get through the Election 2022 coverage before all that excitement. (Ugh.) Luckily, I'm pretty sure Francis won't remember that part... ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What kind of treats are you planning to give out for Halloween this year?



Sara Azul *Ceramicist*

I'll be displaying a teal pumpkin on my front porch to indicate that I'm handing out non-food items, like water bottles, because not all kids are able to eat Halloween candy. I want those kids to be able to enjoy Halloween just as much as all of the other children. I did that last year and the water bottles were a big hit with all of the kids because everyone was thirsty.



Adison Lekander and Veeral Sarhad
Flight attendant; personal trainer

We love to provide an entire rainbow of colors and flavors to our trick-or-treaters. So we usually give out teeny tiny protein bars, because they are healthy, along with all sorts of Skittles and Starbursts.



Gail Crotty
Retired

We actually don't give out any treats for Halloween because we live at the very end of a long, dead-end street, so no one ever shows up at our house on Halloween, even when we leave all of the lights on.



Diane Carrol
Interior designer

I always pick out my treats when they go on sale and always offer a chocolate treat and a non-chocolate treat. So whatever is on sale, in terms of chocolate and non-chocolate treats, that is what I'll be giving out.



Jerry and Kate Rosicky
Retired

Every year we give out snack-sized beef jerky because beef jerky is less likely to cause cavities in the mouths of young children than traditional Halloween candy.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Quake shakes region

Residents in the Tri-Valley felt the jolt of an earthquake that struck with an epicenter in the South Bay late Tuesday morning.

The temblor happened at 11:42 a.m. and had a preliminary magnitude of 5.1, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was centered about 12 miles east of San Jose, just south of Mount Hamilton.

Three smaller quakes followed in the same vicinity within a radius of about one mile and included a 2.9 magnitude quake at 11:47 a.m., one at 3.5 magnitude at 3:08 p.m. and another at 2.7 magnitude at 5:20 p.m., according to the USGS.

No significant damages were reported from any of the temblors.

Parade prep already

Pleasanton city officials have put out the call for prospective entrants to apply for a spot in the annual Hometown Holiday Celebration parade route.

Residents, businesses and community groups interested in participating in the procession down Main Street must submit their application by Nov. 23.

The popular event, which returned last year for the first time since 2018 due to weather and pandemic cancellations, respectively, is set for the evening of Dec. 3, beginning with the parade at 5 p.m. followed by the ceremonial tree lighting at around 6:45 p.m., including musical entertainment and a special appearance by Santa Claus. To learn more, visit www.hometownholiday.com.

ACSO survey

In the final months of Sheriff-Coroner Gregory Ahern's tenure, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has issued a community survey inviting the public at-large the chance to provide input on the department before Sheriff-Elect Yesenia Sanchez takes the reins in January.

The online survey is part of the department's goal of "continuously striving to improve our relationship with the community, and a key part in reaching this goal is obtaining feedback from community members regarding your thoughts and opinions of the sheriff's office," officials said. "The results of this survey will directly impact future decisions made by the sheriff's office which will affect your community."

Residents who have had any type of interaction with the sheriff's office are strongly encouraged to participate. Personal identifying information is not required. Access the survey, which is available until Nov. 30, through the sheriff's office social media accounts. ■

Campaign finances show thousands spent on City Council, PUSD candidates

Also: Architectural firms listed as top contributors to Yes on Measure I effort

By Christian Trujano

Election Day is just around the corner and soon Pleasanton will have at least one new council member on the City Council, maybe even two if the lone eligible incumbent is voted out.

But running for these elected positions takes more than just putting your name down and showing up to a few candidate forums. Candidates require money to buy signs, pay for applications and fund advertising, among other reasons.

Knowing who contributed campaigns can give voters insight on candidates' priorities and where they stand on issues. While no council candidate has accepted any big donations from anyone noteworthy yet reported in this election cycle, it can still be valuable to point out that a few political committees have been involved in contributing to certain candidates.

Fair Political Practices Commission 460 filings show that the California Real Estate Political Action Committee, which represents the California Association of Realtors, contributed $1,000 each to Dean Wallace, a newcomer running in Pleasanton City Council District 1, and Joel Liu, a challenger in District 3.

"The (California Association of Realtors) administers several political action committees to support candidates who agree with association goals or to engage ballot initiatives," according to Ballotpedia. "CREPAC (California Real Estate Political Action Committee) is a bipartisan PAC that supports state candidates who support association policies."

Wallace, who has raked in a total of $11,087 in contributions as of the most recent public data, also received a $1,000 donation from the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104 Political Committee, Livermore; $1,000 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595 PAC, Sacramento; and another $1,000 from the Buffy Wicks for Assembly 2022 campaign (Wallace currently works for Wicks' office as a district director).

Liu, who has raised $15,244.99 in total this year, mainly got his

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CHUCK DECKERT

A look inside the city well operations building for Wells 5 and 6 just outside downtown Pleasanton, near Alisal Elementary School.

What to do about city wells?

Council advances effort to analyze alternative water supplies amid PFAS concerns

By Christian Trujano

Clean drinking water has been the city of Pleasanton's top priority these past few months after long-lasting PFAS chemicals were found in the city's groundwater wells, which are also reaching the end of their useful lives and require rehabilitation or replacement.

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are chemicals with components that break down very slowly over time, which the city has been working on addressing since it had to shut down one well due to PFAS back in 2019. The three city-owned wells account for about one-fifth of Pleasanton's potable water supply.

But as the City Council and staff were gearing up to move forward with a high-cost project to treat and rehabilitate the wells and the water in them, council members decided in September to pause the project in order to assess other options.

So last week, council members authorized staff to allocate $363,755 from the water utility enterprise fund and put that money toward a new capital investment project that would develop and analyze water supply alternatives.

"The objective of this project is to identify and evaluate alternatives for the city's groundwater pumping quota of 3,500 acre-feet per year and to inform the city whether we should proceed with the PFAS treatment project, or pursue a different alternative water supply option," said Daniel Repp, managing director of utilities and environmental services for the city.

The city owns and operates three well facilities that provide approximately 20% of its annual

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Chick-fil-A pulls out of one spot in Dublin

Application filed for eatery's other proposed location in city

By Nicole Gonzales

Fast-food chain restaurant Chick-fil-A has moved forward with one of its two proposed locations in Dublin while discontinuing the other.

Chick-fil-A had previously been in talks with the city since 2021 for two new drive-thru eateries in Dublin by replacing two closed restaurant sites — the old Black Angus in Hacienda Crossings and the former McNamara's Steak and Chop House on San Ramon Road.

The chain has now solidified a formal application to the city of the Black Angus site, while withdrawing efforts completely for the McNamara's location. Recently the latter project was removed from the city's online development database and city officials have confirmed it is no longer being pursued.

"The applicant withdrew its pre-application for the proposed drive-through restaurant at the former McNamara's Steak House location, so no further action is required there," said Shari Jackman, communications manager for the city.

After canceling the San Ramon Road proposal, the chain has now taken a prominent step in

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Chamber celebrates with annual Community Service Awards

Ceremony recognizes local residents and businesses, as well as key city project

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce honored several residents and local businesses who positively contribute to the city at its 58th annual Community Service Awards on Monday.

The award ceremony, which dates back to 1963, is meant to recognize "individuals, groups and businesses who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in business, volunteer activities and achievement in Pleasanton," according to a press release prior to the event, which took place at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton.

Herb Ritter, former chair of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, presented the City Initiative Award on behalf of the chamber's Community Foundation to the city's "Downtown Transportation Corridor" project.

According to the chamber, the award differs from other awards that recognize the accomplishments of individuals, businesses and nonprofits. It instead recognized the city's capital investment expansion project of the transportation corridor between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street, which adds an additional 81 parking spaces to the downtown parking.

The expanded parking area, which was just made open to the public this Wednesday, was lauded as "an outstanding city of Pleasanton project or program that enhances the quality of life in our community," according to chamber officials.

Past recipients of the award went to the Pioneer Cemetery, the Firehouse Arts Center, the Regional Food Storage Facility, the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center renovation and other city-led projects, according to the chamber.

"A significant component of this project are the sustainability measures that were implemented. In the parking lot, three EV charging stations have been installed to allow for charging in up to five spaces," according to the chamber. "Pavement base materials throughout the parking areas are 100% recycled materials, the asphalt pavement is 20% recycled material, and drought tolerant landscaping was planted."

Kim Damiani, a financial advisor at Summit Financial Group, presented the other awards as chair of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

• **Excellence in Service: Alan Hu Foundation.** After parents Xiaofang Chen and Chih-Ching Hu lost their 15-year-old son Alan to suicide in 2018, they looked to channel that grief into creating the Alan Hu Foundation.

The foundation was created to help others like the former Amador Valley High School student who are battling with mental illness and to help "promote mental health, raise awareness, and remove stigma surrounding psychiatric disorders, and support fundamental research for cures."

"At Alan's memorial service, though overcome with grief, Xiaofang vowed to create the Alan Hu Foundation to honor her son," according to the event script. "She wanted to help those who suffer from mental illness, as well as to support their families. In four short years, she has accomplished those goals through a laser-focus on the foundation's mission."

• **Business Philanthropy: Nina Pomeroy Photography.** Pomeroy is a headshot photographer based in Pleasanton who, apart from donating her time to local charities and nonprofits, does a lot of photography work with veterans.

One of the organizations that she works with is Portraits for Patriots, a national organization that allows photographers to work with veterans and provide professional headshots for transitioning members of the military.

She serves as the only volunteer photographer for the organization in the greater Bay Area, which means she has had participants travel to her studio from all over the state.

Pomeroy plans to move her photography business to a larger studio in downtown Pleasanton soon as she hopes to expand her work and continue providing photography services for the community, according to the chamber.

"I can honestly say that what I do is never 'work,' " she said in a statement. "Life isn't worth living without giving back."

• **Distinguished Individual Service: Ken Mano.** Mano has lived in Pleasanton since 1971 with his wife, Carolyn. They have six children who all graduated from Amador Valley.

According to the chamber, there are many reasons why Ken Mano received the award on Monday but some of his favorite ones have been his dedication as scoutmaster and his time serving as the volleyball coach at Amador.

He is also on the Twin Valley District Committee for Boy Scouts of America as publicity chairman and he serves as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which visits nonprofits in the Bay Area to provide humanitarian grants for homelessness, abused women, refugees and food insecurity.

Apart from that, he was the blood drive coordinator for the American Red Cross for 10 years and during the pandemic he coordinated volunteers to help with food distribution. He's also on the Committee for Thanksgiving Dinner, which helps those in need with St. Raymond Catholic Church.

• **Excellence in Business (Small Company): Schlicher Orthodontics.** Will Schlicher said that he "truly appreciates the opportunity to help children, teens and adults love their smiles." That is why his orthodontic services are being recognized — for the extra mile he goes to make his patients happy.

"I love to make people smile. It is so cool to see the joy and self-confidence when a patient sees their new smile at the end of their treatment," he said to the chamber. "I love the challenges of designing a treatment plan to efficiently move the teeth and then partnering with my patients to make their results stunning."

Having originally started in 2008, Schlicher relocated his business to a larger location on Stoneridge Drive in 2017. According to the chamber, it's more than just orthodontics to his team — it's about engaging with patients "in a way that creates a practice where patients feel listened to, respected and encouraged."

Some of the ways they do that is by handing out goodie bags when people get their braces taken off, supporting the schools through donations, putting together toy drives and collecting donations for others in need.

• **Excellence in Business (Large Company): Omron Robotics and Safety Technologies.** Omron Adept Technology is a multinational corporation that has its headquarters in Pleasanton. The company focuses on industrial automation and robotics, including software and vision guidance.

According to the event script, the company's mission is to improve lives and contribute to a better society. It was established in 1933 in Kyoto, Japan and now has more than 29,000 group employees and net sales totaling more than $750 billion.

The company was recognized for its academic collaborations with colleges and high schools in the area like when it sponsored and supported the Foothill High School Robotics Club, creating a talent pipeline for intern and career placement.

It also established a partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District's Adults with Disabilities Internship Program. Company employees also recently packed 9,600 meals for Pleasanton's Kids Against Hunger nonprofit organization. ■

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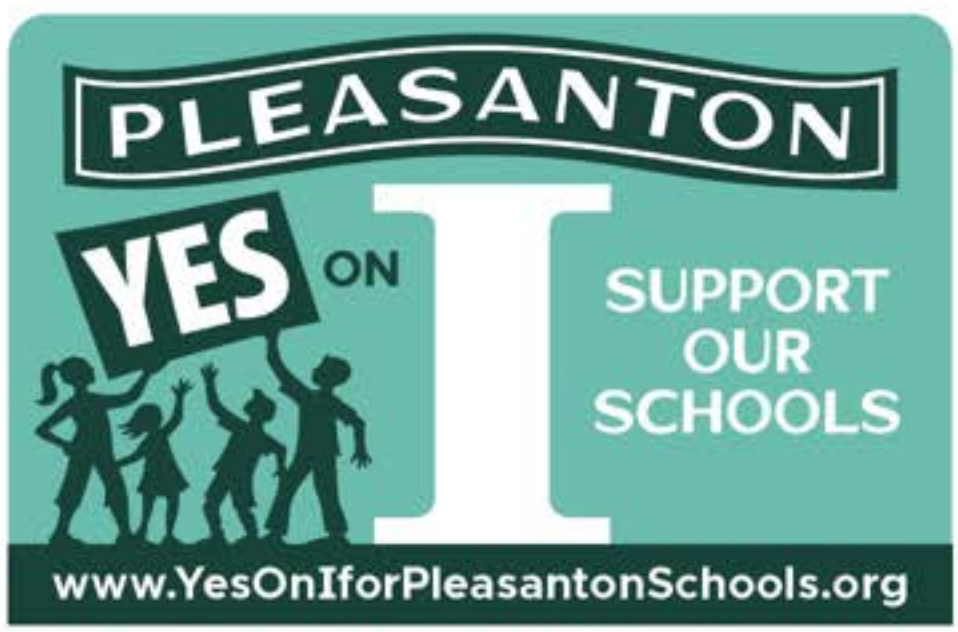
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Amador featured on Wikipedia main page

Pleasanton school among 'best articles' for day

By Christian Trujano

Amador Valley High School now has one thing in common with medieval rulers, aquatic arthropods and American rapper and singer Doja Cat — all were featured on Wikipedia's front page last week.

Featured articles are considered some of the best articles on the massive online encyclopedia as determined by Wikipedia editors, according to the website.

The Pleasanton school was spotlighted on Wikipedia's English-language homepage from Oct. 19-20.

"While we know our Amador Valley students understand the importance of using verified, credible sources for their research; it is humbling to be featured on a nationally used website," said Jonathan Fey, Amador Valley high principal.

These articles, which are written and edited by volunteers, are reviewed for accuracy, neutrality, completeness and style before getting featured on the main page. After meeting the necessary criteria, the articles are then featured on the main page and are even used by editors as examples for writing other articles.

"Many featured articles were previously good articles (which are reviewed with a less restrictive set of criteria)," according to the Wikipedia website. "There are 6,156 featured articles out of 6,563,921 articles on the English Wikipedia (about 0.09% or one out of every 1,060 articles)."

The Wikipedia article goes into how the school, which was founded in 1922, was originally named Amador Valley Joint Union High School and the history of how it developed over the years. It also highlights notable alumni and achievements like the school's civics team winning the 2022 national We the People tournament. ■



FILE PHOTO

The front of Amador Valley High School earlier this academic year.

Pleasanton Rotary to host annual Halloween Spirit Run

Costumes encouraged for fundraiser to support youth scholarships, community grants

By Christian Trujano

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is hosting its 29th annual Halloween Spirit Run this Sunday, a popular community event downtown that raises money toward funding student scholarships.

"Based in large part on the proceeds raised at last year's Spirit Run, this past spring, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton awarded $76,500 in scholarships to Pleasanton students to further their education," according to a news release from the club.

Steve Van Dorn, president of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation, told the Weekly that the event also helps with funding community grants and international projects.

"Last year we awarded community grants in the amount of $36,600 to local nonprofits like Sunflower Hill, Valley Humane Society and Goodness Village," Van Dorn said. "The international projects include purchasing wheelchairs for those in need that live in our sister city Tulancingo, Mexico, and the building of toilet facilities for schools in Nigeria and other international locations."

The race, which begins at 8 a.m. Sunday (Oct. 30), will start and end in front of Workbench True Value Hardware (652 Main St.). Participants can choose to either run or walk the 5K or 10K routes, which will go through downtown Pleasanton and the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

There will also be a kids challenge on Main Street at 9:30 a.m. for ages two to eight where they will receive a race T-shirt, goody bag and medal.

The club is encouraging everyone of all ages to run or walk in costume so that they can also participate in a costume contest that will be held after the run where there will be different categories and prizes. To close out the event, the club will also be giving out awards based on age groups and will be holding a raffle at 10 a.m.

Residents can pre-register online and in-person by visiting spiritrun.pleasantonrotary.org or going to Fleet Feet Pleasanton, located at at 234 Main St. Pre-registration is available through Saturday (Oct. 29) but participants can also register the day of the race from 6:30-7:45 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to Workbench.

The first 750 people to register will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt, according to the news release. ■





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Longtime Rotarian Larry Annis (above) poses in costume before last year's Spirit Run. This year's event is set for this Sunday morning.

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water supply. The remaining drinking water is purchased from the Zone 7 Water Agency.

The design plans for the PFAS treatment and wells rehabilitation project were originally set to be done by next summer, but on Sept. 6 the council authorized staff to pause the project in order to look at different alternatives. The idea was to treat and rehabilitate wells 5, 6 and 8 in Pleasanton and to create a new centralized treatment facility for PFAS treatment, disinfection and fluoridation.

One of the main reasons for that decision was because the estimated cost to build such a center was about $46 million, which included design, construction and supporting services.

So while the treatment center is still one of the options, city staff will be using the money from the newly authorized capital project to pay environmental firm Brown and Caldwell and other legal services to determine other options that might be less expensive.

The firm will be paid $263,755 to develop a full list of alternatives and then work with the city to rank and compare each one.

"There's a technical analysis where we'll be looking at the alternatives and developing those alternatives and prioritizing them," Repp told the council on Oct. 18. "There's also a portion of the project that's dedicated to legal analysis as well."

Some of the water supply alternatives that staff will be looking at during the next eight to 12 months include either using the city's current groundwater or purchasing the remaining water through outside water suppliers.

"I don't love the fact that we're waiting ... but I do think that the information that's going to come out of this project is very important and I'm glad that we're pursuing this," Pleasanton resident Jill Buck said during public comments. "But I would really like to see this project happen as fast as humanly possible."

Apart from looking at the treatment center, staff will also explore using other areas in the city that are not affected by the PFAS bloom and drilling new wells there or getting Zone 7 to pump the water for the city.

The legal services, which the city will be setting aside up to $100,000 for funding, will look at water laws in terms of the city's different contracts with agencies like Zone 7.

"We'd like to have our attorney team take a look at our existing water supply agreements so we can understand what are our obligations under that agreement," Repp said. "We also are very interested to understand the details around our pumping allotment."

According to the city website, Zone 7 has been blending groundwater wells and treating groundwater at its Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Facility to ensure that all drinking water is safe to drink. Zone 7 test results showed no detection of PFAS in their water supplies.

Other than authorizing the new capital project to look at different alternatives, the council also made several recommendations for staff to either look into, or to take care of after the meeting finished.

Councilmember Kathy Narum, who is on the council's Water Liaison Committee, told staff that there first needs to be a focus on strengthening and promoting a robust conservation program with existing landscaping.

"If it's tearing out yards, you know, whatever it is, needs to be part of this ... because that can help us with this gap that we're going to have potentially with water," Narum said.

Councilmember Jack Balch agreed with the motion and said that his main concern was wanting to bolster water conservation for next summer, so that the city doesn't have to utilize the wells or utilize them in minor amounts.

"Figuring out what we're going to do for summer 2023 is most critical to bridging the gap from what I see right now, given the amount of water used for outdoor irrigation alone in our community," Balch said. "We have to address that in some manner."

Tamara Baptista, interim director of operations and water utilities for the city, said the goal is to have these alternatives evaluated before next October so the city can have a plan implemented before then.

One thing Balch suggested was enhancing the city's lawn conversion rebate, which awards residents up to $2,575 in rebates for switching up their lawn plants to native ones that don't need much water.

He also said the city needs to look at the housing growth and look at prohibiting turf for new homes.

Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin added to that saying that the city should look into backyard rebates to further incentivize residents on using less water.

Another motion made by the council was to have staff look into a two- to three-year plan of what they think the city's water needs are going to be assuming the wells are shut down.



CHUCK DECKERT

Outdoor piping connected to Pleasanton city well operations.

The California State Water Resources Control Board, which investigates drinking water sources, extended a general testing order back in 2020 that the city is expecting to receive some time soon.

That order will contain information on the city's contamination levels in the water. If those levels exceed the maximum amount of contaminants, it would force the city to either shut down its drinking wells entirely or to have to send notifications to residents on the levels of PFAS in their drinking water.

Councilmember Julie Testa asked staff that because the city already has an idea of the levels of chemicals in the groundwater, if residents should start filtering their water — to which City Manager Gerry Beaudin said no.

He said that the city will continue to follow guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency and that residents, for now, shouldn't worry about changing their drinking water practices.

But with the new numbers coming soon, the council made a point to work as fast as possible to look at these alternatives to the water supply and to do so while also thinking about budgeting in advance.

"We're going to be studying for a year, we're going to be designing some portion of the solution we choose after that, and then we're going to be building," Balch said. "So I think we need to also be looking at financing and budgeting techniques so that we can be able to afford what we ultimately decided to do."

That also included telling staff to work closer with Zone 7 in speeding up the process of obtaining data so that the environmental firm can use it for its analysis. Up until now, staff said they are still waiting on a formal response from Zone 7 on possibly getting them to commit to helping the city pump water.

Beaudin said that because the annual water cycle just started, the city is positioned in a way where he wants to work on developing a plan so that the city doesn't have to renew water purchases every year.

"We currently go annually and ask for a water allocation or a water volume," Beaudin said. "Our plan here is to create some runway for ourselves in these discussions with Zone 7. Obviously we have to get through this first year but we're not going to wait until next October or late in the year to ask again. We need to get some clarity on our water supply relationship with Zone 7 and our legal team and our consultants can probably help with some of that as well."

Mayor Karla Brown also said she wanted to see Pleasanton work with other neighboring cities to address the Tri-Valley's shared water problem.

Communicating these efforts was also a big priority for the council as many of them stated it's important to bring in residents into the conversation so they know what is going on with their water.

Whether it's adding informational packets in people's water bills or creating a website similar to when the city went into labor negotiations with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, the council felt that residents deserve to be informed.

"We will make sure that we have direct outreach so that folks know what's happening along the way," Beaudin said. ■



CHICK-FIL-A

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the development of the Hacienda Crossing location, filing a formal application to demolish the current structure and begin construction. With a current site in Pleasanton, one opening soon in Livermore and another planned for Pleasanton, the Dublin location could mean four Chick-fil-A locations in the Tri-Valley region.

Seeing the Hacienda Crossing site through to completion would take multiple logistical and municipal procedures, however. These include traffic studies and examinations done by both the city and developer.

Passing five strictly outlined phases from the Dublin development projects, receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission and approval from City Council would be required before the new restaurant can take shape.

"For the Hacienda Crossings site, the city is waiting for the applicant to resubmit their application in response to the city's comments," Jackman said. Comments from the city had been provided in July and officials now await feedback from the applicant.

"Once the application is deemed complete, then the site development review permit will be reviewed by the Planning Commission," Jackman added.

The city of Dublin plans to release more information as the development process continues for the Chick-fil-A drive-thru site, according to Jackman. ■

County appoints Dawal as new chief probation officer

Rose through ranks with 23+ years in department

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last week to appoint the county's interim chief probation officer as the newest permanent chief following a nationwide search, county officials said.

Marcus Dawal served as interim chief since May of last year and has more than 23 years of experience with the county's probation department.

He started his career in the department as a group counselor and rose over the years to deputy probation officer, unit supervisor, division director, deputy chief and assistant chief before serving in the interim role.

"The board is please to announce the unanimous appointment of Chief Probation Officer Dawal after a national recruitment," Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson said in a statement. "We are confident he will continue to provide the leadership to advance the department's vision, evidence-based programs and collaborative partnerships." ■



Marcus Dawal

—Keith Burbank, BCN

FINANCES

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money from individual donations apart from the $1,000 he received from the real estate PAC.

The largest donation from an individual Liu received, which was $999, was from Ta-lin Hsu, founder and chairman of H&Q Asia Pacific, an Asian private equity firm which was a branch of the investment bank Hambrecht & Quist.

District 3 challenger Jamie Yee, who is running against Liu and incumbent Councilmember Julie Testa, had brought in $9,296.

The two union PACs — Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104 and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595 — that contributed to Wallace also contributed $1,000 each to Yee.

Yee also received a $2,500 contribution from Raindrop Investments LLC in Livermore.

Yee's and Liu's competition, Testa, only received $1,350, according to her 460 filing on Sept 29, and four of the five contributions did not exceed $500.

Another person in a similar situation is District 1 candidate and Wallace's opponent, Jeff Nibert. He received $1,840 in donations from individuals and mainly showed in his filings that more than anything, he borrowed money from himself to pay for marketing and advertising tools.

Mayor Karla Brown, who is running unopposed, also received separate $1,000 donations from organizations like the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters, Pleasanton Physical Therapy Services and Diagnostic Biosystems to add to her total of $15,196.84.

However, a little over $13,000 of those donations were transferred to this year's filings from Brown's last election campaign in 2020.

PUSD candidates and Measure I

Two of three candidates for the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees have also been spending the later half of this year, campaigning for two open spots on the board. However, Area 2 candidate Urvi Shah had not filed any campaign finance forms.

Shah's opponent for Area 2, Laurie Walker, has received $5,301 in contributions as of Sept. 30 but her 460 filing showed no expenditures made.

While most of her smaller contributors range from $100 to $500, Walker's the biggest contribution of $1,000 comes from Carina Cortez, a resident of Pleasanton and the Chief People Officer at Glassdoor, an American website where current and former employees anonymously review companies.

Justin Brown, the only candidate for the Area 5 seat, didn't have much campaigning to do given the fact that he ran unopposed and is already set to be appointed. Nevertheless, he did receive $3,950 in contributions and had few expenditures, similar to Walker.

Apart from the school board candidates, residents will also be voting on a $395 million school bond, Measure I, which will help fund ongoing school infrastructure construction and rebuilds of facilities that are in need of repair.

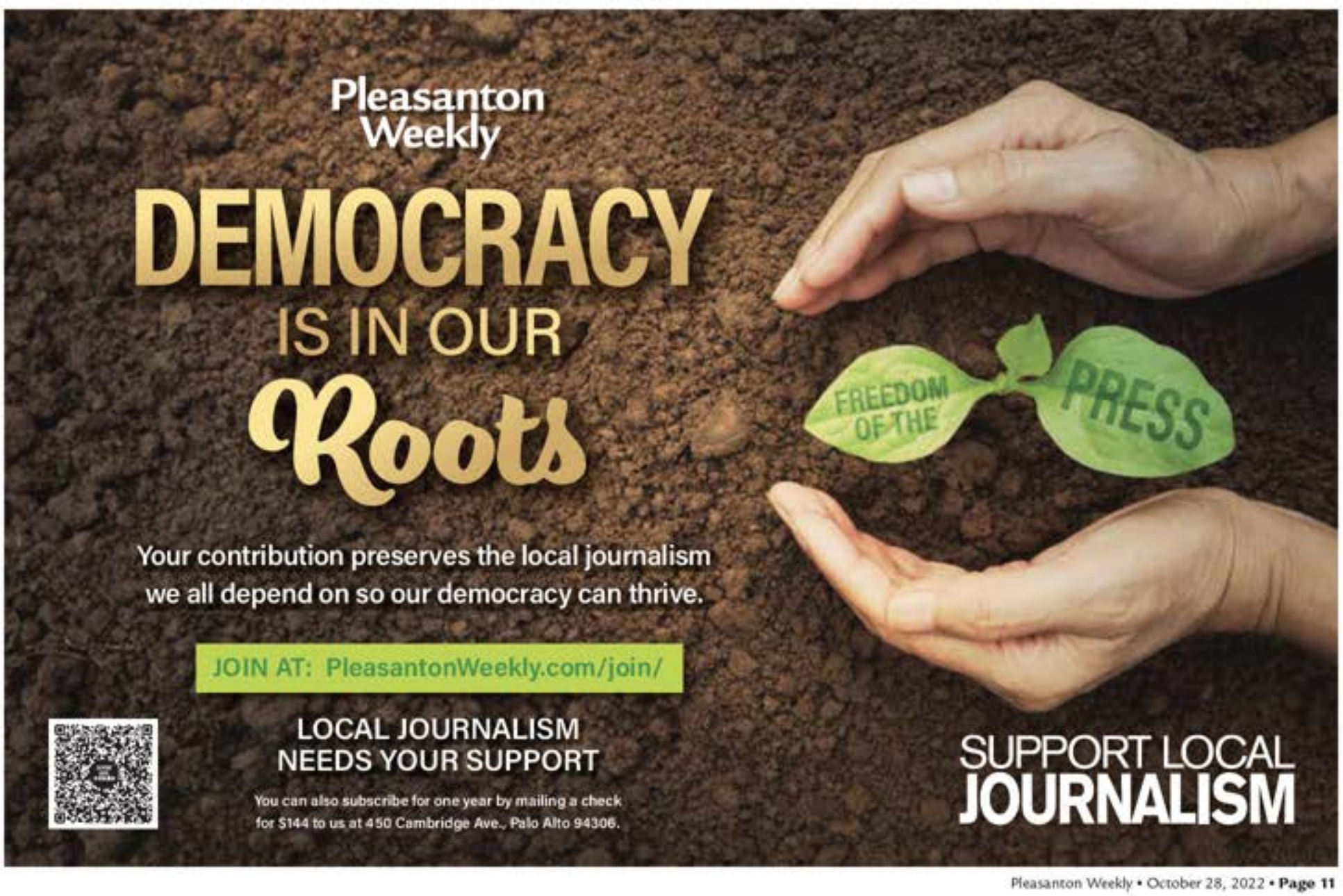
While the bond measure has been somewhat contentious in garnering support on both the for and against arguments, the only campaign listed in the FPPC website was the Yes on I committee.

There are several names on the committee's FPPC 460 filing and 497 contribution reports that were expected, such as multiple parent-teacher associations from various schools; those contributions don't exceed $2,000.

Instead, several architect and construction firms are listed as the top contributors for the controversial school bond, which added up to $85,154 in contributions.

The highest contribution came from Van Pelt Construction Services, a business management consultant in Fairfield, which donated $15,000 to the campaign.

The other four top contributors that contributed $10,000 each were: Sugimura Finney Architects, a general architect firm in Campbell; Arntz Builders, a general contractor firm in Petaluma; LPA Design Studios, a design firm based in Irvine; and Robert A. Bothman Construction, a Concrete contractor in Santa Clara. ■



The story of saving Shakespeare's works

Las Positas College theater students performing 'The Book of Will'

By Jeremy Walsh

It really could have been "to be or not to be" — literally.

Bay Area playwright Lauren Gunderson explored the real-life story of two actors who strived to preserve key works by their late friend and mentor William Shakespeare in her historical dramedy "The Book of Will", which arrives on the stage in Livermore for the next two weekends as the fall production for the Las Positas College Theater Arts program.

"It isn't necessary to love the theater, or even Shakespeare, to connect to this work," said Titian Lish, LPC's theater and performing arts coordinator. "It is enough to have loved anything or anyone, ever. Gunderson uniquely connects audiences with historical and complex storylines in a charmingly accessible and humorous way."

The play dramatizes the true story of Henry Condell and John Heminges, two actors and contemporaries of Shakespeare who work to compile and publish "The First Folio" and ensure half of the legendary English playwright's works would live on after his death in the early 17th century. Without their efforts, it's very possible those plays would not have survived.

"But, of course, they'll have to borrow, beg and band together to get it done," LPC officials said in describing the plot. "Amidst the noise and color of Elizabethan London, 'The Book of Will' tells an unforgettable true story of love, loss and laughter. It sheds new light on a man you may think you know."

Zac Furber-Dobson stars as Henry Condell and Rikki Martinez as John Heminges in the LPC production that features 16 actors, including Lysander Sahagun as Richard Burbage, Ava Balbin as Elizabeth Condell and Jasmine Guerrero as Rebecca Heminges.

"It's just been such a humbling, collaborative experience, and I couldn't be more grateful to tell such a beautiful story with such incredibly talented people," Martinez said in a statement ahead of opening night.

"The Book of Will" will be onstage at the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts black-box theater in Livermore this weekend and next weekend, with shows on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between today and Nov. 6.

Tickets range between $10-$20 and are available online via laspositascollege.edu or at the door as supplies last. Opening night tonight (Oct. 28) features a special "pay what you can" performance designed to make the theater more accessible and affordable to all audiences. ■



AARON BURG

The large cast starring in "The Book of Will" at Las Positas College in Livermore for the next two weekends.

Pleasanton Art League members' exhibit

Show opening this weekend at Harrington Gallery

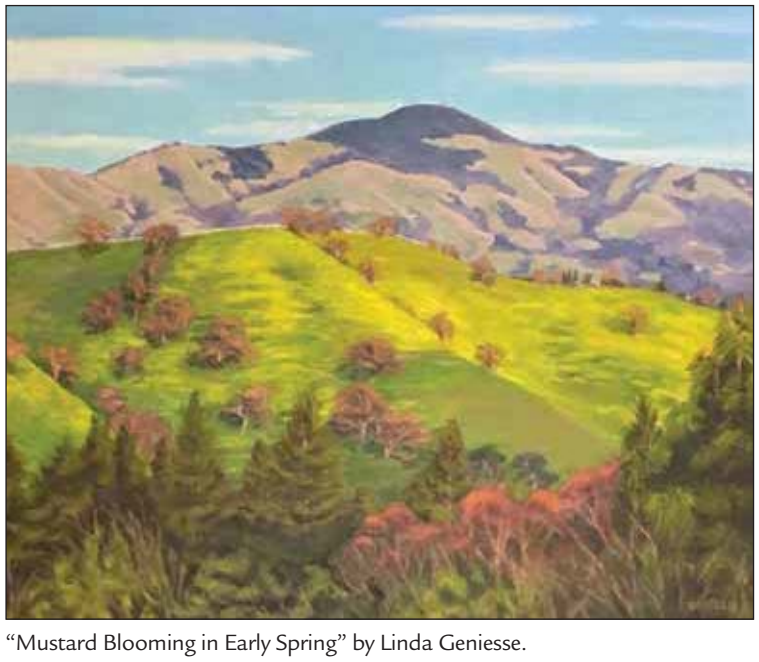
By Jeremy Walsh

The talents throughout the Pleasanton Art League will be on full display this autumn as the group's 15th annual "Fall Members' Show" comes to the Harrington Gallery in downtown starting this weekend.

"PAL artists will exhibit a variety of 2D and 3D art including oils, acrylics, watercolor, linocut, pen and colored pencil, pastels, encaustic hot wax, fused glass, porcelain art and more," organizers said ahead of this Saturday's show opening.

For the first two weeks of the exhibition inside the Firehouse Arts Center, visitors can vote on their favorite PAL artwork for this year's new People's Choice Award. The winners for all awards will be announced during a special reception at the gallery from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 12.

During the reception, PAL is partnering with Cantabella Children's Chorus for performances from the singing group's honors choir and chamber choir, which feature ensembles of students in seventh through 12th grades.



"Mustard Blooming in Early Spring" by Linda Geniesse.

Other awards will include Best of Show, two Merit Awards with one presented by Livermore art supply business Way Up Art & Frame, and four Honorable Mention Awards.

Multiple live artist demonstrations are also due to be scheduled on select weekdays and Saturday during the exhibit's run in the Harrington Gallery. The final calendar is still pending.

The "Fall Members' Show" opens this Saturday (Oct. 29) and runs through Dec. 17. For more information, visit www.pal-art.com. ■



"When Life Gives You Lemons" by Ranjini Venkatachari.

EBRPD eyes purchase of large property adjacent to Mount Diablo State Park

Option to acquire 768-acre Finley Road Ranch land announced at recent gala

By Jeanita Lyman

The East Bay Regional Park District has entered into an agreement to consider purchasing a 768-acre Finley Road Ranch property, the largest portion of unprotected open space adjacent to Mount Diablo State Park.

News of the agreement was announced by outgoing EBRPD Director Beverly Lane at Save Mount Diablo's 50th anniversary gala last month.

"In a lot of ways this is my opportunity to say goodbye to the park district with another great success," Lane said in a statement. "There have been many successes but among them, the development of the Iron Horse Regional Trail, the creation of Thurgood Marshall Regional Park in Concord, and now the opportunity to conserve Finley Road Ranch and its promise of a future staging area will be among the most important."

Lane, of Danville, announced earlier this year that she would be retiring from the district at the end of her current term in the EBRPD Ward 6 seat at the end of the year. John Mercurio is the sole candidate in an uncontested race to replace her on the district's Board of Directors.

The Finley Road Ranch property is near Riggs Canyon in the southern portion of Mount Diablo, extending into the park and the Morgan Territory Regional Preserve.

"Finley Road Ranch is an opportunity for the public to easily reach Mount Diablo and Morgan Territory Regional Preserve," Lane said. "It's a spectacular property, most of it unseen by anyone other than the owners for over a hundred years."

The option to purchase the property cost EBRPD $200,000, with the pricetag for the property set at $11.4 million should they move forward with the purchase. The deadline for the purchase is Nov. 22, with the option to extend it through March 24 for an additional $200,000.

"We are so pleased to support our good partners at the park district by donating $50,000 as 25% of the at-risk option payment to help secure the purchase option for Finley Road Ranch, which will provide time to raise the funds needed to acquire and protect the property," said Ted Clement, Save Mount Diablo's executive director

In addition to assisting with the $200,000 payment, Save Mount Diablo supported the acquisition through advocacy work with elected officials and funding agencies.

"Finley Road Ranch is the key to letting people into Riggs Canyon. Its views are splendid, too — the valley, the mountain, it's one of those spots that people are going to be eager to hike to and enjoy," Lane said. "Thank you to Save Mount Diablo for their important contribution toward the purchase option."

The acquisition would mean that EBRPD would have a site to develop a staging area at the mouth of Riggs Canyon, and increase access to the network of trails in the remote area.

"This property will open up Riggs Canyon and make many miles of trails and thousands of acres easily accessible so that the public can better connect with nature," Clement said. "We also stand ready to help the park district raise the remaining funds required to acquire this special landscape." ■

'The Radium Girls' picked for Livermore Reads Together

Book spotlights women's rights, social justice

By Nicole Gonzales

The Livermore Public Library recently announced its selection for the 2023 Livermore Reads Together program.

Community members voted for the New York Times, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller "The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women" by Kate Moore. Livermore Reads Together, an annual community program that is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library, will take place in March of next year.

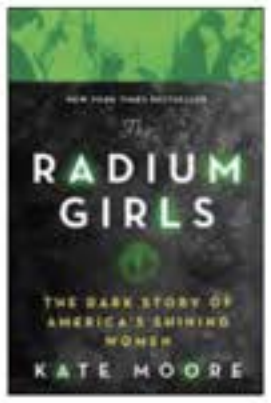


Kate Moore

"The annual reading program has found success in promoting literacy," said Paul Sevilla, librarian with the Livermore Public Library. "We get good feedback from the community every year. It really helps to create a sense of community about reading, and it brings attention to the library."

Residents of Livermore are encouraged to join the library in the discussion and reading of the book selection for the 17th annual Livermore Reads Together next year.

"The Radium Girls" is a historical nonfiction novel about women who contributed to better American working conditions with hazardous chemicals. Women working closely with the toxic element radium began to experience severe illness and side effects in the early 20th century. Major themes of the book include social justice and women's rights.



"It's a heartbreaking story about labor exploitation that still resonates today," Sevilla said. "The story illuminates the young women exposed to the lethal substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations that ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

The book selection was chosen from members of the community via an online and in-person voting system. Residents had the ability to choose between several book titles that were presented by the Livermore library staff. "The Radium Girls" beat out all other titles for the win.

Sevilla explained how library staff chose the theme and top books for the public to vote on.

"We chose the theme of women's history. We asked staff members to suggest books written by women authors. The library management team narrowed it down to a few finalists, and we asked the public to vote," he said.

In March, the library plans to host events celebrating themes throughout "The Radium Girls" and Women's History Month. Specific details for these events are to be announced at a later date and will be free to the public.

"We are especially interested in collaborating with groups and organizations in the community for Livermore Reads Together programming and encourage those groups to reach out to the Livermore Public Library," Sevilla said. ■

A journalism legend



COURTESY LVA

Just days before the general election, the Bankhead Theater is hosting Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and best-selling author Carl Bernstein for a presentation as part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series. Bernstein is best known for his work at the Washington Post alongside Bob Woodward to break the Watergate scandal and ensuing coverage of President Richard Nixon's downfall from office in the 1970s. Their book "All the President's Men" was adapted into an acclaimed movie starring Dustin Hoffman as Bernstein and Robert Redford as Woodward. Earlier this year, Bernstein published a memoir, "Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom". Bernstein is scheduled to speak at the Bankhead in downtown Livermore next Thursday (Nov. 3) at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, visit livermorearts.org.



POLICE BULLETIN

Police detonate suspicious device in U-Haul parking lot

Law enforcement destroyed a suspicious device that a person spotted in a Pleasanton parking lot and thought it looked like a man-made bomb on Sunday, according to city police.

"The device was safely detonated and they determined it did not contain any explosives," Pleasanton police said.

The situation began unfolding around 11:30 a.m. Sunday in the parking lot of U-Haul Storage of Pleasanton on Sunol Boulevard, with police receiving a report of a suspicious device. "According to a caller, it had foil and wires sticking out of it, which looked like a man-made bomb," police said.

Police responded along with the bomb squad and an unmanned aerial vehicle team from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to investigate. The incident also led to police blocking off the area near Sunol Boulevard and Valley Avenue, until the strange device was safely detonated.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• The Livermore Police Department is hosting its first-ever gun buyback event next weekend, in partnership with Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore and First Presbyterian Church.

The program, which is open to anybody regardless of residency, will see city police accept firearms no questions asked from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 5) at Cornerstone Fellowship at 348 North Canyons Pkwy. in Livermore.

"People can anonymously hand in unwanted firearms and receive $100 Safeway gift cards in return, while supplies last. No questions will be asked about who owns the guns or where they came from," police said. "Livermore police will accept non-operable guns, ammunition and magazines, but will only supply gift cards for operable firearms."

The City Council signed off on the firearm buyback program in September.

—Jeremy Walsh

• Someone is posing as a Danville police officer to scam callers, Police Chief Allan Shields warned residents on Monday.

Callers are told that they have missed jury duty and that they need to pay a fine or a warrant for their arrest will be issued, Shields said.

The chief posted a YouTube video advising the public of the scam, it can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/cQPWS6GOvo0.

In the video, the chief plays a sample of one of the calls. "I have documentation that's been forwarded to my department that needs immediate attention," says the person posing as a Danville police officer, who then gives out a phone number.

Shields said they learned of the recent scams from someone who received a call and thought it sounded suspicious.

"Good job, Danville," the chief said. "Continue not taking that bait." ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 21

Theft

- 2:10 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop
- 2:20 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 2:34 p.m. on the 3800 block of Stratford Court
- 5:05 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 6:26 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:47 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

- 5:53 p.m. on the 6200 block of Camino Del Lago
- 10:51 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Oct. 20

Catalytic converter theft

- 9:31 a.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle
- 10:06 a.m. on the 5100 block of Monaco Drive

Drug violation

- 12:14 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

- 12:51 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 9:35 p.m. on the 9300 block of Benzon Drive

Oct. 19

Theft

- 9:29 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 11:34 a.m., 200 block of Kottinger Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 12:02 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 4:48 p.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 8:22 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fire

- 8:18 p.m. on the 3000 block of El Charro Road

Oct. 18

Drug violation

- 12:24 a.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 6:51 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 4:03 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 7 a.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; catalytic converter theft
- 1:15 p.m., 7500 block of Stonedale Drive; theft from auto
- 3:15 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 3:55 p.m. on the 4900 block of Hopyard Road
- 5:31 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- 5:50 p.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; catalytic converter theft

Graffiti

- 10:46 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Warrant arrest

- 10:47 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Domestic battery

- 1:13 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue
- 11:16 p.m. on Rosewood Drive

David Carlson

December 12, 1964 – October 1, 2022



On Saturday, October 1, 2022, David "Dave" Carlson, loving husband, father, son, and brother passed away. He was born on December 12, 1964 to Beverly and William Carlson in Downingtown, PA. He emigrated to California where he met and married Kimberly Thompson in 1999. Together they raised three wonderful children: Will, Zachary, and Rita.

Dave was known for his sense of humor and his love of playing games. Dave's passions showed up in the variety of collections he had from Despicable Me's Minions to magic tricks to collecting Magic the Gathering cards. Dave loved to be of service, specifically to BSA Scouts and Sierra Service Project. Dave was the Cubmaster of Pack 943 in Pleasanton for eight years as his sons progressed through their ranks. He also helped lead the Twin Valley District Pinewood Derby build day for many years. Finally, Dave loved to serve as a camp counselor and attend Sierra Service Project, https://www.sierraserviceproject.org/, for more than ten summers with his children to help "build faith and strengthen communities through service to others."

Growing up, Dave spent many of his formative years in Hemlock, NY, where his family moved in 1972. It was there that his love of and dedication to Scouting began. Very active in the local Scout Troop, he participated in many winter campouts at Camp Samwood. Through various activities with the troop, he earned money for his first trip to Philmont. He enjoyed a now obsolete job--paperboy--for the Times-Union, Rochester, NY and then in Easton, MA The Boston Globe and the Brockton Enterprise where his family moved while Dave was in high school.

Dave graduated from Oliver Ames High School, Easton, MA and later attended the University of Evansville (Indiana). Part of his college experience included a semester in England. This began his interest in literature, art and especially history. It also was the beginning of his world travels, which he continued at various times with his family and in his working career.

Dave is survived by his wife, Kimberly; his children: Will, Zachary, and Rita; his parents, William and Beverly Carlson of North Easton, MA and two sisters, Jean Carlson of Chevy Chase, MD, her husband Michael Beriss and Marilyn (Missy) Burton, North Easton, MA and her husband Jeffrey Burton, and uncles, aunts, many cousins and nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held for David Carlson on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 2:00 pm at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

If you would like to make a donation in Dave's honor, please donate to Sierra Service Project:

https://www.sierraserviceproject.org/donate-in-memory-of-dave-carlson/

PAID OBITUARY

Helen Hunter Bountis

August 5, 1954 – October 15, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY

Helen Hunter Bassett Hess Bountis passed into the hands of God on October 15th 2022 in her home at Portola Gardens, San Francisco at the age of 68 after difficulties with dialysis and end stage renal disease. Helen was born August 5,1954 in Manchester, NH to Jean and Apostolis (Nick) Bountis, the third of five daughters. In her youth Helen excelled in academics, gymnastics and piano. Every summer she enjoyed flying from California to Manchester, NH, and Paris, IL for family vacations spending time with her Greek and American grandparents, as well as all her cousins. After graduating from Amador HS in 1972 she attended Stephens College majoring in Early Childhood Education and received an AA degree. Helen continued her education at UCLA, Chapman College and the World Campus Afloat.

Helen had a beautiful smile and infectious laugh, she was fun-loving with a sense of humor and wit that delighted everyone. She became an accomplished pianist performing for friends and loved ones. Her thoughtfulness, kindness and superb memory for details was amazing. She never forgot a name. Helen loved people, she had a genuine interest in everyone she met whether it was a new neighbor or a bedouin at the foot of the pyramids. Sadly, depression and bi-polar illness plagued her for a significant part of her adult life. Notwithstanding Helen was determined to live a full life of love and generosity which she showered on her family and friends.

In 1982 Helen married attorney Warren Bassett (deceased) and in 1990 she married William Hess, the love of her life. Helen had no children but enjoyed the company of her many nieces and nephews throughout her life.

Helen is survived by her sisters Sandra, Jane, Betty and Linda as well as her second husband William Hess of Santa Barbara.

A graveside service was held at Memory Gardens in Livermore at 2:30PM on Saturday October 22nd, where family and friends attended.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Vote for Terry Wiley, best choice for new Alameda County DA

Civil rights attorney Pamela Price and veteran prosecutor Terry Wiley are vying to succeed retiring Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley. The race is on the November ballot because none of the candidates received the majority of votes to win outright in the June primary.

Wiley is the candidate with the requisite experience and knowledge to fill the role of the county's top prosecutor and lead a $100 million government agency with approximately 425 lawyers, investigators and administrative staff members.

Wiley has positioned himself as a "public safety" candidate, and has the record to back that up.

With more than 32 years in the county's DA office, Wiley was promoted to Assistant II District Attorney in 2020. He has vast criminal law experience, has had many different assignments over the years and has prosecuted everything from misdemeanors to murders. He has shown he will stand up for justice regardless of the person committing the crime, including prosecuting rouge police officers like the Oakland "Riders" in the early 2000s.

A strong advocate for criminal justice reform and fighting inequalities in the adult and juvenile justice systems, Wiley is the director of the DA office's new Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which is focused on prosecuting crimes while making sure everything is carried out fairly and with integrity.

Wiley's managerial background includes his current role as the director of human resources at the DA's office and his previous position leading the felony trial team, which boasted a 93% conviction rate.

Wiley's opponent, Price, has never prosecuted a case.

Price has run her own civil rights litigation practice for roughly 30 years and advocates criminal justice reform by creating a "collaborative" criminal justice system that offers solutions to reducing crime other than incarceration, such as jail diversion and restorative justice programs for young offenders.

While Price says she wants to decrease incarceration of young people, a laudable goal, she has no record of executing programs that produce results. On the other hand, Wiley led a nationally recognized juvenile division, where he addressed ethnic disparities of juveniles in custody and worked with the probation department to cut incarceration rates by two thirds.

We agree with Price that the grievous concerns at the county's Santa Rita Jail, such as in-custody deaths and alleged abuse by guards, must be addressed immediately.

She has tried to blame Wiley for the issues at the jail, but the accusation doesn't hold up to scrutiny; implying he is guilty simply by being part of the DA's office is absurd. In fact, Wiley is the best person to address the problems at the sheriff-operated jail because he has a track record of taking action as opposed to lamenting problems and pointing fingers.

Price has also tried to distance herself from "progressive" DAs like San Francisco's recently recalled Chesa Boudin. She has said "I am not Chesa Boudin," but many of her ideas mirror Boudin's, like prohibiting the use of the "three strikes" law and "gang enhancements" to increase sentences.

There is no doubt that change will be a welcome sight, but it will be more effective and timely when implemented by someone who knows the office and the job.

Alameda County needs and deserves a DA with prosecutorial experience who has also initiated programs addressing ethnic disparities and has actually led programs that have reduced incarceration rates without affecting public safety. That candidate is Wiley.

Vote for Terry Wiley for DA. ■

LETTERS

Vote Wallace and Liu for Pleasanton's future

Pleasanton's future requires compassionate leadership, dedication and inclusive policies to address our numerous challenges ahead.

Because Pleasanton residents deserve leadership by example, we are proud to endorse Dean Wallace for Pleasanton City Council District 1 and Joel Liu for Pleasanton City Council District 3 and encourage you to do the same.

These two candidates have demonstrated compassion and empathy while also exhibiting the leadership qualities we should demand of our locally elected officials. They have exemplified listening to all perspectives — from residents, city staff, industry experts and regional partners so as to truly understand the challenges we face going forward and the importance of compromise when needed.

They both know first-hand the challenges our community is facing, from the perspective of a young professional such as Wallace, and those of a young family with children in our schools such as Liu. They understand that the politics of polarization neither benefit us nor deliver the results Pleasanton deserves and needs for our future, regardless of how long or short you've called Pleasanton your home.

We ask you to vote for Dean Wallace for Pleasanton City Council District 1 and Joel Liu for Pleasanton City Council District 3. To learn more, visit their websites at www.DeanWallace.com and www.VoteJoelLiu.com.

—Kathy Narum, Pleasanton councilmember
—Jack Balch, Pleasanton councilmember

Jamie Yee for City Council

Pleasanton needs Jamie Yee on our City Council. As a fellow school board trustee of Jamie's for six years, I have witnessed first-hand the passion, courage and skills she brings to her endeavors. She has the right blend of practical compassion, open-mindedness and assertiveness to make profound improvements in policies and practices.

And she has the right set of priorities for our city — safety, school district collaboration, small business support. While these priorities are shared by other candidates, Jamie brings the necessary temperament, governance experience, and realistic approach to solving the challenges.

The Weekly got it right when they chose to endorse Jamie for City Council. They also got it right when they stated incumbent Julie Testa's "entrenched focus seems to cloud her perspective." Relentlessly calling for a 10th elementary school in the face of declining student enrollment and escalating costs, and focusing attention on fighting for local housing control at the exclusion of dealing with the realities of current law are two examples.

Jamie Yee has lived in Pleasanton almost her entire life, so she knows what's best for our town. She's the most experienced candidate for District 3, with a proven track record in getting things done within a government structure.

And, for me, the city's relationship to our school district is key. Jamie knows better than anyone what the district needs, so, if you value our schools, your only choice is Jamie.

—Mark Miller, PUSD trustee

Karla Brown for mayor

Vote for Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown to continue her tireless work to make Pleasanton a safe and thriving community.

Karla advocated for leading-edge healthcare technology and now Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley in Pleasanton is a designated Level 2 Trauma Center. Karla's leadership with the City Council upgraded Fire Station No. 3 on Santa Rita Road.

Refusing to take contributions from builders or developers, Karla is a "clean money" candidate who is not beholden to those who would angle to make a profit on degrading Pleasanton's unique quaint character.

Listening to public safety concerns and supporting police and fire, Pleasanton now has an alternative mental health option. A licensed and trained mental health tech can respond to a crisis call with a Pleasanton police officer.

Karla sits on numerous local and county liaison committees which impact Pleasanton's transportation, business, waste and recycling, and water. She stands firm in providing the cleanest and safest water to Pleasanton residents. Her efforts immediately shut down Pleasanton Well 8 when PFAS were found in the water and led the council to approve a $43 million water treatment restoration.

With the intent of expanding the life sciences and the business sector, Karla supports the 150,000-square-foot building on Stoneridge Mall Road that will bring 1,400 new jobs in research and development. Vote to continue the work of Karla Brown for Pleasanton mayor

—Janice Coleman-Knight

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Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. Oct. 30. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this summer/fall.

We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us, and anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to letters@pleasantonweekly.com.

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Recommendations for regional representatives

Here are the Weekly editorial board's endorsements of candidates for State Assembly and U.S. House of Representatives positions representing the southern Tri-Valley. We reached our decisions based on email interviews on endorsements, and our review of past reporting and other research, including candidate forums where applicable.

Assembly District 16

The bulk of the Tri-Valley remains connected to much of Walnut Creek and the Lamorinda communities in State Assembly District 16 after redistricting last year. That continuity is key toward achieving shared local and regional goals, and incumbent Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan has our support to carry on that important work in Sacramento.

It has been invigorating to watch the Orinda Democrat grow into an effective legislator — to the point she had 15 original bills signed into law during the 2021-2022 session. That collection included legislation on big-picture priorities such as women's rights, mental health care, fire safety and the environment.

Bauer-Kahan's accomplishments this term also featured helping to secure funding for Tri-Valley priorities such as Tesla Park preservation (more than $31 million), Valley Link ($5 million), firefighting technology (over $3 million) and the all-abilities playground in Dublin ($1.4 million). She has proven herself to be a responsive and engaged elected official — increasingly rare traits at the state level these days.

Challenging her, for the second general election in a row, is Republican businessman Joe Rubay out of Alamo. (Bauer-Kahan defeated Rubay easily two years ago, and finished well in front in this June's primary.) We would have expected a more rejuvenated campaign from Rubay this time around, but again his candidacy seems centered on hammering home statewide and national talking points rather than inspired and detailed legislative proposals. Without specificity, it's hard to see much substance.

We recommend Bauer-Kahan for reelection to District 16.

Assembly District 20

With the redistricting process resulting in portions of western Pleasanton and Dublin being carved out and placed into the 20th Assembly District, the Tri-Valley finds itself with the unexpected but very exciting opportunity to finally again put a local resident with elected experience into the State Legislature.

And that's certainly not the only reason to support outgoing Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai for election to AD20 in his runoff against fellow Democrat Liz Ortega of San Leandro. The seat is wide open after incumbent Bill Quirk opted against a reelection bid.

Kumagai represents an experienced elected official with a demonstrated record of policy and project accomplishments at the local level in Dublin in vital areas like public safety, affordable housing and small business support, to name a few. We have no doubt he would be able to make an immediate impact for the betterment of the Tri-Valley and the state as a whole if elected.

Kumagai faces an uphill battle though, with many unions and prominent state Democrats, including the California Democratic Party itself, endorsing Ortega — a union leader who finished nearly nine percentage points ahead of the Dublin councilman in the four-candidate primary election.

But Ortega's lofty campaign priorities of reproductive freedom, housing, neighborhood safety and environmental justice seem to lack the type of associated policy proposals necessary to achieve those goals that we like to see, especially from a candidate who has never held elected office before. We're also not confident in her institutional and community knowledge of Pleasanton and Dublin.

We recommend Kumagai, the Tri-Valley's representative, for District 20.

Congressional District 14

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore), who has strong ties to the Tri-Valley as a former Dublin High School student, city councilman and county prosecutor, is running for a sixth straight term representing this part of the Tri-Valley in the newly reassigned 14th Congressional District.

As one of the most prominent liberal congressmen in the country, thanks in part to his presence on social media and national TV interviews, Swalwell has become a lightning rod for some people in and out of his district. But regardless of criticisms of his persona or political approach, Swalwell is the only candidate with legislative qualifications and tangible objectives on this congressional ballot — and that is where we must draw the line.

We acknowledge in particular that during his current term Swalwell has advocated for key Tri-Valley priorities including pushing Valley Link, demanding an investigation into appalling abuse at the FCI-Dublin women's prison and securing federal funding for an Iron Horse Regional Trail bicycle-pedestrian overcrossing in San Ramon, Veterans Park in Livermore and the Axis Bridge mental health urgent care pilot program.

Opposing him on the ballot this time is Alison Hayden, a Republican special education teacher from Hayward who also faced Swalwell in November 2020 and lost convincingly. Hayden, who has no elective office experience, returns in 2022 with a very similar campaign of ostentatious goals centered on national buzzwords and no actionable policy proposals to boot. Hers is not a viable congressional candidacy.

We recommend Swalwell for District 14. ■

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Vote for Julie Testa

I hope you will join me in voting for Julie Testa for Pleasanton City Council, District 3.

Julie is dedicated to the residents of Pleasanton rather than developers and special interest groups.

She has worked to make sure the city is able to make the decisions that will affect our citizens rather than the state making decisions for us. Nowhere is this more evident than in how tirelessly she worked to scale back — not stop — the affordable housing project in the downtown on Harrison Street. Julie continues to be an advocate for affordable housing for Pleasanton residents. She also realizes it needs to be done right and fit in with the neighborhood.

The Harrison Street project should be a wake-up call for all of Pleasanton. Because of SB35 our City Council and citizens have no say over a five-story building with 46 apartments and 1,300 square feet of retail and no on-site parking being built in a downtown neighborhood! If we can't retain city control over projects like this, this project will not be the last one of its kind.

Pleasanton needs the leadership Julie Testa can provide to keep Pleasanton moving forward in the right direction.

Vote for Julie Testa on Nov. 8

—Mary Hart Reding

Vote Joel Liu for City Council

In the last two weeks, over 30 Pleasanton District 3 families volunteered to distribute Joel Liu's campaign door hangers to more than 5,000 residents.

Joel puts safety first. My family moved to Pleasanton at a time when Nextdoor posts were all about lost-and-found dogs and cats. Now we see many more posts about break-ins, stolen cars and catalytic converter thefts than before. Safety is a nationwide issue that may take a toll on your doorstep.

An alarming agenda item brought up by Julie Testa flooded the meeting with 85 activists backing the removal of school resource officers (SROs), whose duty it is to ensure school safety, from schools in July 2021. In spite of the heated discussion that followed, the City Council members fortunately took a moderate approach, deciding to improve the SRO program instead of simply removing it.

We need more moderate voices like Joel Liu in the City Council to counter the radical ideas that may put our children in danger.

Joel strongly advocates for sustainability. As the chairperson of the city's Energy Committee, Joel focuses on taking action to make the city's green energy policy work. He also supports city financial sustainability and workforce affordable housing.

Joel works with people collaboratively! We need a City Council member who can bring people together and bring the town to a better future.

Vote Joel Liu for Pleasanton City Council member.

—Grace Li

Vote Yes on Measure I

As the founder of We Are Pleasanton, a parent with two children in our school district and a business owner that hires students, I have personally seen the overwhelming need for school facility improvements.

My decision to co-chair Measure I came from my direct interaction with the district on projects at Amador and Foothill. I have toured our school sites and have seen firsthand the benefits from Measure I1, the only bond in 25 years to pass in Pleasanton. I have also seen what neighboring communities have done with similar bond measures. It is time to invest in our schools.

I have witnessed complete misinformation regarding arguments against school bonds. Enrollment is down and a 10th elementary school is simply not needed. There is a bond oversight committee, which is legally required, with great people like Arne Olson and Doug Miller assuring these funds are used as promised with further independent audits.

A master plan committee made up of 60 plus community members, teachers and principals identified over a billion dollars in need and yet this bond only addresses a fraction of it. I have worked with and trust the people closest to our schools and they do care about our kids and educators.

Everything this bond can improve will cost more if we continue to kick the can further down the road. Better schools make for a better community. Our kids, teachers and coaches deserve these improvements, and every penny stays in Pleasanton. Please vote Yes on Measure I.

—Todd Utikal

Dean Wallace for District 1

Pleasanton will benefit greatly by electing Dean Wallace for City Council District 1. Dean is open-minded, prudent and smart.

As evidenced during the candidates forum, he was the one candidate that actually provided actionable items relative to the concerns of Pleasanton residents. It is easy to state that you want to fix things. Dean steps up with his well-grounded assessments of how to fix those things.

Dean brings "Experienced Leadership with a Fresh Perspective", meaning that he is willing to challenge the status quo and initiate productive debate to assure that decisions are in the best interest of our City. With his experience in state and local politics, he knows how to work effectively with other council members.

Yes, he is young. That gives him the first-hand experience of the housing challenges for young individuals and families who wish to reside in Pleasanton. Please vote for Dean Wallace.

—Les Duman

Thoughts on elections

The Washington Post's famous mantra of "Democracy dies in darkness" epitomizes a subtle warning to the United States. The more uneducated American voters are, the further we are plunged into darkness. Only an educated body of citizens will light the path for the United States. Knowledge truly is power.

My realization that knowledge enlightens our democracy encouraged me to learn about politics in California. I gained insight into two policies, one statewide and one local, that I support: Proposition 31 and Measure I.

Prop 31 is a policy that combats the tobacco industry's attempts to restrict the prohibition of tobacco sales. Measure I is a local bond measure that aims to increase school funding.

As an advocate for student voice and wellness, knowledge of these two policies gave me the excellent opportunity to meet amazing people who share the same values. Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, Mayor Karla Brown and Jamie Yee are the people who champion my values in different aspects of politics.

Figure out your values and specify your moralities by enlightening yourself with knowledge. It is in the hands of the people — not the government, that will lead America into a guide of light, not a shroud of darkness.

—Connor Lam, Foothill High sophomore

EDITORIAL

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Vote Yes on Measure P, Livermore sewer extension

Livermorians take pride in the city's bustling wine region and recognize its value to the city and the broader Tri-Valley area, which is likely why the "South Livermore Sewer Extension Project" has received widespread support from various stakeholders, bolstering our decision to recommend Yes on Measure P.

The project's goal is to protect groundwater from contamination and allow a limited expansion of wine country-related business uses. We've reviewed the text of the measure, the official pro argument in the county voter guide, statements from proponents as well as the numerous reader opinion submissions expressing support for the project, which led us to our conclusion.

With the county contributing 80% of the construction funds ($6.5 million) and the city's affirmation that its existing wastewater system has the capacity to process the additional wastewater, it's difficult to see a downside to moving this project forward.

In addition to sustaining the health and vibrancy of the wine country and protecting groundwater, the land-use restrictions put in place by the South Livermore Valley Area Plan and Measure D — passed two decades ago to protect open space — would remain in effect with the sewer line expansion.

Should the measure be approved, sewer services would be extended along Buena Vista Avenue between East Avenue and Tesla Road, down Tesla Road and south along part of Greenville Road. However, property owners in that area reserve the option to choose whether they want to connect to it, so there is no imposition on those who don't. (Although, we don't see a reason why they wouldn't want to.)

The need for this expansion stems from the fact that wastewater services in unincorporated areas south of Livermore are served by septic systems and the county has restrictions on the use of septic tanks because of high nitrate concentrations that contaminate groundwater.

These constraints make for limited and expensive wastewater treatment options for commercial and residential land uses. If property owners — including small, family-owned wineries — can't afford to operate in the Livermore Valley, what will they do? Leave or close up shop altogether. Needless to say, that outcome would be detrimental to the local wine industry.

In its argument opposing the county's Measure D, the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association referenced Measure P, asserting that "Big Wineries" would be the only ones to benefit from the sewer line extension and that small property owners in the area would be left out. However, we've seen a pattern from this group of using sensationalized, tangential arguments as scare tactics to justify their positions in the absence of real evidence or facts.

In addition to the city of Livermore and the Tri-Valley Conservancy — which initially proposed the initiative — Measure P is supported by several other organizations including the chamber of commerce, Visit Tri-Valley, Greenbelt Alliance, the Livermore Valley Wine Community, citizen group Friends of Livermore, Zone 7 Water Agency and now LivermoreVine.com.

To preserve the wine region, groundwater and open space, vote Yes on Measure P in Livermore. ■

No on Measure I

It seems that Pleasanton USD thinks they have found "deep pockets" in Pleasanton's electorate in their wish for a $395 million bond issue. Well, we have turned them down once and now it's time to turn them down again.

Notice how they insert the word "safe" in the Measure I ballot statement. Multiply your assessed value of your residence by $49. That's an added tax on your property. It's more taxes and call it a bond measure; it's a tax.

Why artificial turf on all fields? I believe that natural turf is actually safer.

According to the Weekly, the city owns the Amador Theater. Why, then, is the PUSD planning to spend $35 million on it? And they want to build a performing arts center. What is Amador Theater if not a performing arts center?

All of this and more at a time of high inflation, rising gas prices and groceries.

Vote No on this added tax.

—Paul Ebright

Support Michelle Petersen

Mom and retired firefighter Michelle Petersen is a strong leader who can be trusted with the health, safety and education of our kids. She has the courage of a firefighter (and is also married to a firefighter), leads Moms Demand Action and is a PTA president.

Michelle convinced us that she cares about gun violence prevention particularly in our schools, the impact of the pandemic on our kids and she will stand up to those who attack our educational system with racist, homophobic, extremist rhetoric.

Please join Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer Kahan and I in supporting Michelle Petersen for San Ramon Valley School Board Area 1.

—Ellis Goldberg

Vote Jamie Yee

Some of my friends have voiced concern over my endorsement of Jamie Yee for City Council. Having previously served on the council my decision was easy. This is the first election we will be choosing candidates by districts, not citywide. However, once on the council most of the policy issues dealt with are citywide in their effect.

Jamie previously spent 12 years on the Pleasanton Unified School Board, an elected position which was won citywide, before districts. That's 12 years of listening and responding to Pleasanton voters. Jamie has dealt with salary negotiations, pension issues, fiscal issues and has a good understanding of government accounting rules. I think she can hit the ground running as a councilmember.

State of mind is most important as a councilmember. Jamie has no single agenda. She will consider issues, listening to voters, weighing the facts.

—Arne Olson, former Pleasanton councilmember

Testa for District 3

Julie Testa deserves to keep her D3 seat on the Pleasanton City Council. She has been serving this city for 30 years, has the knowledge, experience and contacts, both local and state, to advocate for all our citizens. She continues to fight to keep the historic charm of our downtown and promotes reasonable growth, advocates for the care and safety of our residents with mental illness, the insecurely housed, senior citizens and families of every type.

Julie has promoted partnerships to add schools to our district to ease overcrowding, add sports fields-most recently a cricket pitch in the sports park-and has promoted a new or expanded library. She works very hard to make Pleasanton a better place for its residents, not developers or others who only seek to benefit from it.

Vote Julie Testa in District 3 on Nov. 8.

—Laura Danielson

Support for Yee

Please join me in supporting Jamie Yee for Pleasanton City Council District 3. I met Jamie years ago when she was a PUSD trustee. I sent Jamie an email and although she did not know me Jamie promptly replied. She then suggested a face to face meeting to discuss and address my concerns.

Jamie is open-minded, reasonable and accessible. She makes fact-based decisions after gathering input and information from constituents, staff and subject matter experts.

Jamie is highly experienced in how local government works having previously served as a PUSD trustee and on numerous other Boards as well as being employed by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. She is well-versed in the issues affecting Pleasanton.

Pleasanton will benefit by having someone with Jamie's experience, knowledge and collaborative approach on our City Council.

—Bruce Henry

An outstanding mayor

Mayor Karla Brown is an outstanding mayor who has served Pleasanton and its citizens selflessly and tirelessly since serving on City Council. Her knowledge of civic administration, city planning, and the issues affecting Pleasanton and its citizens has catapulted Mayor Brown to another term unopposed.

Mayor Brown's achievements are many, particularly during a time overshadowed with the challenges of COVID and national political discourse. Mayor Brown worked to support Pleasanton restaurants with parklets and other dining expansions; supported zero interest rate loans to businesses during the pandemic; supported business development and growth; and supported the safety and protection of our police and firefighters.

Downtown Pleasanton is alive and

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THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at https://www.tri-valleytv.org and https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton.

- **Public Hearing** – Adopt and waive second reading of Ordinance No. 2241 to amend Title 20 and Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to adopt by reference the 2022 Edition of the California Code of Regulations Title 24, including the 2021 International Building, Existing Building, Residential, Fire, Property Maintenance, and Swimming Pool and Spa Codes; the 2021 Uniform Plumbing and Mechanical Codes; the 2020 National Electrical Code and the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code; with local amendments including provisions of Reach Code
- **Public Hearing** – Adopt a resolution approving the City of Pleasanton's Five-year Permanent Local Housing Allocation Plan and authorizing the City Manager and assigned staff to submit an application to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development for Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program funds
- Receive an overview of the 2022 State legislative session and key housing related bills signed into law

Human Services Commission Meeting – Joint Workshop with cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Remillard Room, at 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton

- The workshop will feature an introduction of the update to the 2011 Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment.

Library Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Review and Discuss Pleasanton Public Library Programming Status
- Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events of Interest

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well and thriving!

Mayor Brown works successfully with Pleasanton city staff and City Council to continue to make Pleasanton an award-winning city and maintain its warmth and countrified feel. She remains committed to smart growth policies, an issue she has supported since she was a member of City Council. She worked to support and vitalize historic downtown and added a new downtown parking lot.

She approved updating and modernizing Fire Station 3 to better serve our community. Recreational improvements include six new pickleball courts in Muirwood Community Park. The committees, commissions and boards that Mayor Brown sits on are too numerous to mention. Of note, however, is her work with Zone 7 water and her opposition to drinking recycled wastewater.

In light of these accomplishments, Mayor Brown deserves our gratitude and support for her next term.

—Carol Cohen

Nibert is the choice

Jeff Nibert has our support as the best choice for City Council in Pleasanton's District 1 .

Jeff is a resident of Pleasanton for over 30 years and his three children have all attended Pleasanton schools. Jeff is thoroughly committed to preserving Pleasanton's small-town appeal, and to balance the demands for growth with environmental and infrastructure needs.

Jeff has had a long career as an engineer and project manager at large companies. Jeff has routinely managed multimillion-dollar budgets. Pleasanton has an annual operating budget of over $220 million dollars, so Jeff will bring critical experience for carefully managing this large fund.

Jeff has worked as a planning commissioner for the city of Pleasanton on the Housing Element Update. The Stoneridge Mall framework project is in Jeff's District 1 and his experience with the planning commission will be invaluable for this important development.

Jeff has the endorsement of Pleasanton voters, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, former mayor Tom Pico, a majority of the City Council, former councilmember Cindy McGovern and the California Sierra Club. Further, he is not taking donations from developers or builders.

Jeff has integrity and years of experience and will have the best interests of Pleasanton residents in fighting to preserve the character of our city.

Please visit VoteJeffNibert.com for more information.

—Fred Carter

Our Star Program

White Pony Express (WPE) is launching their third annual Star Program with the help of local businesses. This unique holiday program uplifts lives throughout the county during a season where warmth is meant to be shared.

Each star is hand-decorated and lists a specific item needed by an adult or child experiencing challenges. Your business can display the stars in any creative way you choose. Your clients and friends can select a star and purchase the item listed on the star. White Pony Express will schedule a time to pick up the gifts which will be beautifully wrapped and then delivered with love to our neighbors in need.

In this way, we can all make the holiday season sparkle a little brighter! To request your Star Program kit, please contact Mandy at mandy@whiteponyexpress.org or call 925-322-0604, ext. 4. All of us taking care of all of us. Learn more at www.whiteponyexpress.org.

—Steve Spraitzar, White Pony Express

Support Pleasanton school bond

Please join me in voting Yes on Measure I — the Pleasanton school bond in this election.

1. All bond money stays in Pleasanton.

2. Bond money can only be spent for buildings and capital improvements.

3. Bond money cannot be spent on programs, salaries, benefits and other operating expenses.

4. We have top-tier performing schools but many facilities are low-tier.

5. Look at your recently received Alameda County property tax bill — only 3.6% goes to Pleasanton schools.

6. Top-tier facilities help recruit and retain high-performing teachers and coaches.

Thank you for your time, consideration and voting Yes on Measure I.

—Brad Hirst

On the rodeo front: Score one for the cows

On Oct. 18, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to ban the rodeo's cruel, sometimes fatal and blatantly sexist "wild cow milking contest", following their 2019 ban on the children's "mutton busting" event. Neither is a sanctioned event. Kudos!

This same board outlawed the Mexican charreada's brutal "steer tailing" event back in 1993, the first such in the nation.

Now's the time for some statewide legislation to ban these abuses throughout California. Some likely authors: Senators Nancy Skinner and Scott Wiener, Assemblymembers Buffy Wicks and Mia Bonta. Let them (and others) hear from you.

As Tennessee Williams famously wrote, "Cruelty is the only unforgivable sin" ("The Night of the Iguana").

—Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals

Unsafe drivers by school

I reside across the street from Pleasanton Middle School and am writing to express my disgust and appall at the persons picking up students at 3 p.m. I have observed the following:

* Cars speeding down Case Avenue like it is the freeway.

* Cars going around the crossing guard at marked crosswalks to avoid stopping for students. This action puts the crossing guard in a scary position — very dangerous.

* Cars parking along the sidewalk marked in red, again obstructing the view of the crossing guard.

Apparently, the police department is under-staffed; therefore, no police are available to enforce laws and assure the safety of students. Apparently, no staff at the school are available or interested in also assuring the safety of these students.

I hope that no one's child is injured or heaven forbid, killed, by these speeding cars.

I have observed these actions every day. I hope this will be published to ensure the safety of our student population.

—Stella Parlante

Thank you, Livermore Vine

Thank you Gina Channell Wilcox for your Around the Valley article last week regarding the groups of many names. It is accurate and pointed information that makes for a better understanding of the shenanigans that we have been tolerating in Livermore from Joan Seppala and her friends over many years now.

That woman and business owner needs to be revealed to the community. She is a nuisance and continues to maintain a stronghold on our community as a result of her ownership of The Independent newspaper. Her manipulation and extortion of our City Council and city administration is criminal. It infiltrates our elections, our city progress, and our peace.

I, for one, am sick and tired of the frivolous lawsuits and governance manipulation that she continues to invest in and lie about. I think about the good that she could have done with her money over the years and the taxpayers money used to fight her selfishness that we could have used in positive ways to support the community, and it makes me sick. The taxpayers should be livid with her actions!

Don't be surprised if picketers start on the corner of Livermore Avenue and First Street right in front of her business. It's time we let her know the rest of the community doesn't want her BS anymore!

—Sherri Souza

Halloween display

Halloween is in the air. With my friend, who has helped me since 2012, celebrated the 10th anniversary, with some of the neighbors, on a seemingly warm October evening.

As I look back to the beginning of 2012, when "The Cemetery" was formed out of an idea in 2011. The Cemetery, here at 4165 Pomona Way in Livermore, has grown. It houses some of the most famous names of horror actors, actresses and writers. I'm definitely looking forward to this year's Halloween, as those, like last year, drop in.

—Robert Lee

Vote for Jeff

We first met Jeff Nibert shortly after he arrived in Pleasanton and have known him and his family in the 30 years since. In volunteer work we have observed him to be a wise and caring leader. On other occasions he has served as a hardworking and cooperative team member.

We wholeheartedly support him as a candidate for the Pleasanton City Council and urge Pleasanton voters to support him as well. Please vote for Jeff.

—Mary and Jack Reaugh

Hallelujah Night

At Hallelujah Night, an annual community event benefiting local nonprofits, 200 women, girls and young women enjoyed an evening of service to support local charities.

Many of the dresses, bags and blankets were made in advance and other projects were completed that evening. Donations were made to the following nonprofits:

• Dress a Girl Around the World, 80 dresses.

• Big Bay Ray, 37 tote bags.

• City Serve, 330 handmade holiday cards and 100 painted pumpkins.

• Tri-Valley Haven, 66 sewn tote bags with toiletries and toys.

• Ryan's Case for Smiles, 45 pillowcases.

• Magic Yarn, 24 skeins of yarn to be made into wigs.

• Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Muslim Community Center and Alameda County Foster Parent Association, 90 hand-tied fleece blankets.

• Hively, diapers and gently used clothing and toys

• Speakers for the evening included Suzanne Beck from Dress a Girl and Gretchen Kyle, founder of Big Bay Ray.

Many thanks to all the loving hands who served and supported this event to help many families in our local communities. The event was sponsored by the Livermore Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

For those interested in volunteering for these and other nonprofits, see www.JustServe.org.

Or attend the Make a Difference Festival at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Jan. 14, where over 40 nonprofits will have booths to explain their volunteer opportunities.

—Ken Mano

Yee for District 3

Jamie Yee is the choice for Pleasanton City Council District 3.

Jamie always delves deep into topics and demands that she completely understand the choices before she makes her decisions. That is why I trust her decisions to be knowledgeable and fair. Jamie looks at situations from all sides and considers every opinion and consequence before making a decision.

Others mention vibrancy downtown. Have they talked with downtown property owners? Jamie has. They talk of strengthening the school-city partnership. Have they talked with the superintendent? Jamie has. What about fighting for local control? Do they have working relationships with state officials? Jamie does.

What about your interests over special interests: Any of them ask you for your opinion? Jamie has. What about local business owners, new residents, high school students, first-responders? Jamie has reached out to communicate with those individuals and many more.

This is a time for solid leadership skills and decision making. Just as Jamie says, I don't plan to move and the decisions made by the council today will affect me the rest of my days. Please join me in voting for the council member that will make the best decisions for us all ... vote Jamie Yee!

—Ken Benhamou

Elect Jeff Nibert to Pleasanton District 1

Pleasanton, we have a highly qualified candidate for City Council at a time of complex and tough decisions, Jeff Nibert.

Housing and water in particular bring dynamic problems requiring thoughtful experienced individuals to properly navigate. Jeff, a longtime Pleasanton resident and community volunteer, experienced manager, and planning commissioner, knows how to address our housing needs as well as the state's overreach on local control.

Regarding water, Jeff will also call on his experience as an engineer, honor the science, and make reasonable choices for our health and welfare. We have several complicated infrastructure issues before us; as a believer in our motto, Jeff will use his considerable experience, knowledge and skills to keep "Pleasanton, The City of Planned Progress".

As a resident of Pleasanton, I support Jeff Nibert and look forward to his presence on the council.

—Laurene Green, director, Zone 7 Water Agency

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BRUCE BAESEMANN

Could the Foothill and Amador Valley football teams be flopping divisions next season?

Football season winding down with Foothill, Amador going in different directions

EBAL division realignment on the horizon

There are two weeks left in the East Bay Athletic League football season and our two local teams — Amador Valley and Foothill — are moving in opposite directions.

Or are they?

Foothill stands 3-0 in the Valley Division, with their final game this week against Granada. A Foothill win and the Falcons have their second straight Valley title.

Amador is 0-3 in the Mountain Division and a loss to California in the Dons' final game (they play De La Salle this week in a game that does not count in league) would leave them 0-4 in Mountain play for the second straight year.

The two divisions are set on a competitive equity, with the Mountain set as the higher level division and the Valley as the lower division.

I have written about this before, that there are two sets of all-league teams and two banners that can hang as league champions.

The divisions are usually reset every two years — think of an English soccer promotion/relegation system.

So, while Foothill appears on its way to a second straight league title, the Falcons are likely on their way to a promotion to the Mountain Division and will join San Ramon Valley, Monte Vista, California and Clayton Valley if the Eagles are back in the EBAL next year. There is also De La Salle as part of the Mountain. While the Spartans don't compete for an EBAL banner, teams are required to play De La Salle every so often.

Conversely, while Amador may be on the way to a second straight winless Mountain campaign, the Dons could find themselves in the Valley next year with Livermore, Granada, Dougherty Valley and Dublin.

Personally, I am in favor of dividing the two divisions geographically like all the other sports do, limiting the amount of travel and keeping established rivalries in place.

That would leave the Mountain as Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley, California, De La Salle/Carondelet and Dougherty Valley.

The Valley would be made up of Amador, Foothill, Granada, Livermore and Dublin.

It works in other sports, so common sense says it should work here as well. Then again, logic can go south when it comes to high school sports.

From what I hear, Clayton Valley leaving EBAL football is likely happening when the North Coast Section meets again in December to vote on realignment proposals.

I would guess anything is possible before the fall 2023 season starts, but the way things are set now, it does give fans cause for pause.

Foothill girls' volleyball

The Falcons may have gone 1-2 last week, but the Falcons' two losses came in five sets to two of the top three seeds in the NCS Division I playoffs.

The week started off solid with a 25-17, 25-21, 24-26, 25-12 win over Dougherty Valley.

Foothill got great play from Paige Bennett (23 kills, 14 digs), Katie Salonga (36 assists, 20 service points) and Lulu Hoenninger (6 kills, 3 blocks).

Next up was the EBAL regular season finale against crosstown rival Amador. It was the usual battle, with Foothill falling 25-21, 17-25, 19-25, 25-14, 11-15.

The highlights came from Bennett (24 kills, 18 digs) and Kaycie Burdick (12 kills, 10 digs).

That brought up the EBAL playoffs where the second-place Falcons from the Valley Division faced the Mountain Division top seed, San Ramon Valley.

Once again Foothill left it all on the court, falling in the semifinals 23-25, 25-18, 25-16, 22-25, 9-15.

Good play came from Salonga (39 assists, 10 service points, 7 kills), Bennett (18 kills, 23 digs), Burdick (17 kills, 7 digs) and Hoenninger (7 kills, 6 blocks).

EBAL took the top four seeds in NCS with Monte Vista (1), San Ramon Valley (2), Amador (3) and Foothill (4). ■

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

RG MEDIA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 592514
The following person doing business as: RG MEDIA, 2150 Portola Avenue, Ste D #1077, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: RG MEDIA LLC, 2150 Portola Avenue, Ste D #1077, Livermore, CA, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by RG MEDIA LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Rogelio Aranador, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 6, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4 2022.)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RONALD J. OSTOVICH, SR.
Case No.: RP22131610 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RONALD J. OSTOVICH, SR. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ALISON CULLEN in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: ALISON CULLEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. in Dept.: 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Glen L. Moss, Moss & Murphy, 1297 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541, 510-583-1155. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 14, 21, 28 2022.)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Magno Antonio De La Cruz
Case No: RP22131607 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAGNO ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Rhonda Soukup in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: RHONDA SOUKUP be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Glen L. Moss, Moss & Murphy, 1297 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541. 510-583-1155. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 14, 21, 28 2022.)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 22CV019830 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner [redacted] filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: [redacted] 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: December 2, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Dept. 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2022. Judge Charles A. Smiley, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Halloween

Pirates Of Emerson Haunted Theme Park Get ready to scream at Northern California's Premier walk thru haunted attraction. Tickets are all sold online through Oct. 31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Pumpkin Carving Social Carve a pumpkin with a fun and eerie group of Halloween co-carvers and wear a costume. Pumpkins, tools, and refreshments included. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Oct. 28. $22R/$24/NR. 925-373-5700. Robert Livermore Community Center.

Kidz Town Halloween Hayday Livermore's tradition for families with children 5th grade and under. The day includes a Costume Contest, Trick or Treating at participating downtown businesses and fun kids' games and activities with more trick or treating at Stockmen's Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 29. Visitlivermoredowntown.com/events.

Pleasanton Halloween Spirit Run The 29th Annual Halloween Spirit Run starts and finishes on Main Street with proceeds supporting scholarships for Pleasanton students and community and international projects of The Rotary Club of Pleasanton. Costumes encouraged. 8-10 a.m., Oct. 30. Visit pleasanton.org.

G&M Farms Pumpkin Patch Harvest fun for all ages at G&M Farms Pumpkin Patch. Now through Oct. 30. 487 East Airway Blvd. Visit gmfarms.com.

Joan's Pumpkin Patch Joan's Farm and Pumpkin Patch officers a unique family experience in the Livermore countryside. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 1-30 Closed Mondays. 4351 Mines Rd. Visit joansfarm.com.

Halloween Parade at Dublin Library Preschoolers are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes for a non-spooky parade around the library where trick-or-treaters can collect small goodies. Free bags will be handed out for all participants.11-11:45 a.m., Oct. 31.

Festivals & Fairs

Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show The festival is celebrating its 50th anniversary and features American handmade art & crafts of wall art, fine and fashion jewelry, metalwork, wood art and more. Oct. 28-30. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Halloween Brew Crawl Stroll or crawl through haunted Downtown Pleasanton and sip on craft brews and ciders while enjoying tasty bites along the way at over 25 downtown locations. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes. 4:30-8 p.m., Oct. 29. Visit Tickets $50. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

I 'Oe E Ka L Hula Festival & Competition This festival and competition at the Alameda Fairgrounds is the longest running Hula competition outside of the Island of Hawaii. Nov. 4-6. Tickets $15-$25. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Diwali Festival of Lights at Bankhead Plaza This free celebration is an ancient Hindu festival that marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year. Diwali Festival of Lights features traditional cultural performances and booths. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 6.

Entertainment

Courtyard Concert featuring Chris Rogers Band Join under the early evening sky to kick off the weekend with drinks and the music stylings of singer/songwriter Chris Rogers. 5:30 p.m., Oct. 28. Tickets $10. The Madden Courtyard. Visit livermorearts.org.

The Book of Will at Las Positas College The true story of two loyal friends who band together to save the literary works of the most famous and beloved playwright in history, William Shakespeare. Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Tickets $10-$20. Visit showtix4u.com/event-details/66388.

Creatures of Impulse: Nightmare 2022 In this live improvised horror show, watch through terrified fingers as audience suggestions inspire Creatures of Impulse to create nightmares onstage. Oct. 27-29. Tickets $10. Visit firehousearts.org.

Harmony Fusion Chorus This women's a cappella show chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International present their musical show "Back By Popular Demand" at Our Savior Lutheran Church. 3 p.m., Oct. 29. Tickets $10-$25. Visit harmonyfusion.org.

Bankhead Presents Dia De Los Muertos Admire the diversity of how Mexico celebrates Dia De Los Muertos from state to state since the pre-Hispanic era with Ballet Folklorico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno. 3 p.m., Oct. 30. Tickets $50. Visit livermorearts.org.

High School Cabaret Villains Cabaret teens present classic and contemporary songs from musical theatre's greatest villains. Join for a variety of fun and evil songs from the Tri-Valley's talented group of high schoolers. 7 p.m., Nov. 5. Tickets $10. Visit firehousearts.org.

Talks

Hacienda Park Toastmasters Virtual Open House Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere while improving public speaking, confidence, listening and leadership skills. 12 p.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 3. Visit haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org.

Bankhead Presents Carl Bernstein Veteran investigative journalist Carl Bernstein has authored or co-authored six books and has served as a political analyst and commentator for major television networks. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3. Tickets $135. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

Tapestry of Remembrance Exhibit Kiana Honarmand's solo exhibition is reminiscent of the Persian rugs of her homeland. The exhibition explores themes of memory, longing and familial history. Now through Nov. 5. Visit firehousearts.org.

Modern Expressionism Exhibit at the Bankhead Shape, Form and Color: Modern Expressionism is an exhibit around the depth and expanse of Surrealism, featuring works by Alexander Calder and Joan Miro. Thursday-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through Dec. 4.

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

A Zest for life

Zest is an active and vibrant, senior German Shepherd mix. A big boy at 75 pounds, he has youthful energy and he's always ready to play or go for a nice, long walk. A home with experienced adults only is recommended due to his size and exuberance for his toys. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is sponsoring his adoption fee, neuter surgery and senior panel bloodwork fees on Senior Sundays at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin. Visit tvar.org.

Fundraisers

Concert for Hope Chest of Hope is a non-profit whose purpose is to rescue, provide emergency housing, transitional housing and counseling resources that assist victims and survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence. Join Concert for Hope at Wente Vineyards 5:30 p.m., Oct. 29. For more information and tickets visit chestofhope.org.

Harmony & Healing Benefit Concert David Victor, formerly of Boston, brings his San Francisco-based Supergroup whose mission is to bring live music from world-class musicians to patients' bedsides, community spaces and their loved ones in healthcare facilities. 6 p.m., Nov. 5. Livermorearts.org.

Farmers' Markets

Pleasanton Farmers' Market The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. W. Angela St. Visit pcfma.org/pleasanton.

Livermore Sunday Farmers' Market Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J and L streets.

Support

NAMI Tri-Valley Family Support Group This family/caregiver hybrid support group meets on the 5th Monday, instead of the 4th. 7 p.m., Oct. 31. Visit nami-trivalley.org.

Meals on Wheels Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). For more information call 925-931-5385.

Volunteer for Tri-Valley Haven Volunteers field calls on the crisis line, advocate for survivors, take care of children, distribute food or work at the Thrift Store. For more information visit trivalleyhaven.org/volunteer.

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