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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

Bit of youthful culture at council meeting



JEB BING
Kyler Juarez (left) and Frances Tang.

Teenagers from Pleasanton's two high schools added a bit of youthful culture to Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Kyler Juarez, a junior at Amador Valley High School and Frances Tang, a senior at Foothill High, were named the city's teen poet laureates for the 2015-16 school year. In their new posts, they will provide appropriate poetry at upcoming civic events and promote the appreciation of the literary arts in the community.

The program aims to promote writing among today's youth and to help them develop and foster an appreciation for composing, reading, reciting and listening to poetry. They are also asked to help coordinate casual poetry readings and gatherings on their school campuses and can organize their own poetry events as official city teen poet laureates. They will serve with no remuneration for their services, although the Community Services Department has \$2,000 allocated in its budget to pay any expenses incurred.

Juarez, who holds a silver award in the Girl Scouts, has played soccer in the RAGE girls league for the last 10 years, leaving the game this year to handle the increased classroom workload in AP Psychology. Tang, a member of the Foothill marching band for four years, also has participated in the city's "Open Mike" programs.

The teen poet laureate position is relatively new in Pleasanton, starting just two years ago. However, the city created the position of official poet laureate in 1998, with eight individuals appointed to that position over the years. Sandra Harrison Kay's term as the most recent poet laureate expired last May and no successor has yet been named.

At Tuesday's council meeting where speakers usually talk about traffic, zoning and even crowded schools, council members and those in the chamber sat back and listened with enjoyment to poems written for the occasion by the new teen poet laureates.

"Lemonade," by Frances Tang

As time has passed,
habits come and gone,
you have never ceased to love
lemonade.
I've never been a fan of the overly sour
yet extremely sweet taste,
quite like how I've never been the big-
gest fan of your overly stoic
yet energetic ways.

But I never pass a lemonade stand
without stopping
Because I will never forget
the sunny afternoons at the corner,
just you and I.

And even when we are apart
I will continue to stop
Because the way you love lemonade
is how I will always love you.

"The Virtue of Innocence," by Kyler Juarez

Life seemed so simple
When we hung by our knees
Dangling by a thin line above the
concrete
When naps were thoughtful
And a cold sandwich was bliss
When garlands of flowers,
With Petals soft and stained,
Tumbled from our heads;
Our hair a disarray

When fun was found amongst the
grass,
An ever changing battle of siege and
attack
When we rarely thought of the future
Or a life away from play
When reaching the tallest branch was
our goal for the day

When work was little
And worries small
When we'd bet all we had for a wad of
partly chewed gum
When we pretended to be grown
And couldn't wait to be free,

For we felt trapped behind the jungle
bars,
Confined to the end of the street
We paraded in our mother's clothes,
Tried on our father's shoes,
Praying to grow an inch or even two

Little did we know,
That the sun would one day set,
That life wouldn't always be simple
And we'd always regret,
That those days we spent yearning
For the seriousness of routine
Would haunt us forever in cherished
memories. ■

Say Goodbye to Nerve Pain



Your nerve system is involved in everything your body does, from regulating your breathing to controlling your muscles and sensing heat and cold. Because your nerve system is so critical for your health when things go wrong with it you may experience excruciating pain and/or some very strange symptoms...

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3. Sensory nerves. These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations. Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that

are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Too much sweating or too little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Dry eyes and mouth
- Constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy
- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Sensitivity
- Numbness
- Tingling or prickling
- Burning
- Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different un-expected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

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The 2015 Tri-Valley Heroes recipients. Standing, left to right: William Doerlich, Tony Macchiano, Kim Chew (Pleasanton Youth Commission rep), Sue Stephenson (on behalf of DSRSD), Youth Commission reps Jonathan Pearce, Louisa Dubose, Samu Tiumalu, Russell Ambrosiewicz and Megan Slonkis, Christina Adams and Becky Hopkins (Youth Commission rep). Seated: Ellen Aguirre with in-training guide dog Diesel, Josh Burger and Arlie Smith. Read more about our honorees on Page 14. Photo by Mike Sedlak/mike@digitalsight.com. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What tricks do you use to remember things you tend to forget (like birthdays, names, places, directions or appointments)?



Jeffrey Klei

High school student

Repetition, repetition, repetition! I find that if I repeat something enough times or look at something enough times, eventually it sticks.



Danny Farkas

Educator

I tend to forget names, so when I meet someone for the first time, I say their name in my head three times. And then in my conversation with them, I address them by name a few times. That usually works great. (Well, most of the time.)



Bonnie Brown

Retired

One of my favorite “tricks” I use when I want to remember something, but am not at home, is to call my home phone and leave a message for myself on my answering machine so it will be waiting to remind me when I get home. So long as I remember to check my answering machine regularly, this trick works like a charm.



Faisal Akbar

Sales associate

The best way for me to remember things is to make a record of them in my iPhone. So I use Google reminders a lot and my phone’s calendar. When I’m feeling a bit less high-tech, I’ll rely on Post-it notes, which I stick on my fridge.



Nate Marpuli

Cashier

I tend to use mnemonic devices. It works best when I make up the mnemonic device myself, but sometimes I use common ones that already exist, like ROY G. BIV to remember the colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet).

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Lund Ranch delay

A public hearing originally scheduled for last Tuesday on a bid by Greenbriar Homes to build 50 houses on the now-vacant 195-acre Lund Ranch II site in the hills south of Sunol Boulevard was postponed.

Councilman Jerry Pentin requested the delay while Pleasanton City Attorney Jonathan Lowell seeks a determination by the state Fair Political Practices Commission about whether Pentin lives too close to the areas affected by Greenbriar's bid to participate in the discussion and vote by the council.

Depending on how soon the FPPC's decision is made, the council will reschedule the public hearing for either Nov. 3 or Nov. 17.

The Planning Commission approved the plan Aug. 26 in a 4-1 vote, ruling that the upscale home development could be accessed only by a new 24-foot-wide road that Greenbriar must build to connect to Sunset Creek Lane, which homeowners would then use to reach Sycamore Creek Way and Sunol Boulevard.

Brew Crawl

Downtown merchants and local breweries will come together for a night of beer tasting at 31 locations tomorrow night for the Pleasanton Downtown Association's fifth annual Halloween Brew Crawl.

Guests, who are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes, can sample more than 50 craft beers and appetizers, according to the PDA.

The event runs downtown from 5-8 p.m. tomorrow, with tickets redeemable from 4:30-7 p.m. at the starting location, the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Ave. For tickets and other information, visit www.PleasantonDowntown.net.

Dillon Day

Raley's Pleasanton is hosting Dillon O'Leary Day tomorrow with food, music, a silent auction and other activities to help support 11-year-old O'Leary, who is recovering after becoming violently ill and collapsing at the start of a Pleasanton Foothill Little League game in May.

"With a tremendous 'superhero' spirit, Dillon has made it out of intensive care and has begun to relearn how to speak, eat and dress himself. He's made tremendous progress, but still needs lots of support and rehab work for his condition to continue improving," organizers of the fundraiser event said.

Dillon O'Leary Day is set to feature a performance by country music artist Nick Tyrrel. The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the shopping center on Sunol Boulevard. For more info, call 846-4471. ■

Pleasanton earns business leaders' top rating

Survey shows 91% say city is excellent/good place for their operations

By JEB BING

A new survey of business attitudes toward operating in Pleasanton showed that more than 90% of those queried find the city an excellent or good place to do business.

The survey, conducted by JD Franz Research and presented to the City Council on Tuesday, reported that business representatives cited "the city's positive environment, convenient and central location in the region and friendly people, including customers" as reasons they like doing business

here and why they plan to stay.

"More than nine in 10 of the businesses surveyed anticipate that they will still be in Pleasanton two years from now," said Pamela Ott, the city's economic development director. Ott heads the Economic Vitality Committee that hired Franz to conduct the survey.

"These findings certainly reinforce what we already believed to be true," Ott said.

According to the survey:

- 91% of respondents rate Pleasanton as an excellent or good place to do business.

- 92% of those surveyed indicated their business would definitely or probably be in Pleasanton in two years, up from 87% in a 2012 survey, which asked the same question.

- Ratings of Pleasanton as a business location are above-good in attracting and accessing customers and vendors.

- Ratings of Pleasanton's infrastructure — roads, electric utility services, and water and sewer services — are good.

- Pleasanton's amenities, including public schools, recreational activi-

ties, variety of restaurants and community events, are also good.

- Nearly 63% of respondents rated the permitting process as very or somewhat easy, up from 51% in a 2012 survey.

"While we're very pleased with the results, we also learned there's room for improvement," Ott told the council. "When 57% of those participating in the survey indicate the city should play a role in developing and improving Internet and cellular service to some under-

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Volunteers practice Dandiya dances, which will be presented during the Dandiya Night 2015 on Nov. 7. Lessons will also be offered at the event, where participants can learn simple steps to Indian dances.

COURTESY OF VIJI MANICKAM

Diwali celebration to shine light on PUSD music program

Indian holiday festival aims to raise money for district band, orchestra programs

A celebration of the Indian holiday Diwali is coming to Pleasanton next month to help raise money for the school district's band and orchestra programs.

Dandiya Night 2015 will feature a celebration for Diwali, a Hindu festival called the "festival of lights," with dance performances and food to fundraise for the Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation, event coordinator Viji Manickam said.

The Nov. 7 event, set for 5-10 p.m. at Amador Valley High, will feature five styles of classical Indian dancing, as well as a Bollywood performance by Amador Valley students. Short dance classes will be taught between performances, and dinner will be served.

"We also want to bring awareness to the community's diversity," Manickam said. "It's for the whole community to experience. The event is not (just) for the Indians; it's for the whole community."

Manickam, a 15-year Pleasanton resident, said she's never seen an Indian holiday publicly celebrated in town, and she wants to share the liveliness and energy of Indian celebrations with the community.

She said Indian American children rarely get the opportunity to see all of India's classical dances, and the fundraiser will bring in artists from across the Bay Area to cover as many dances as possible, including bharatanatyam, kuchipudi, kathak, odissi and mohiniyattam, as well as the modern Bollywood dances seen

in popular movies.

She said the money raised will go toward buying instruments for Pleasanton Unified School District's music programs so students don't have to purchase their own instruments to participate. Funding will also go toward some Indian cultural clubs at Pleasanton schools, such as Amador Valley's Bhangra and Bollywood clubs.

Tickets can be purchased online at Event Brite by searching "PUSDandiyana 2015." Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are free for children 3 and younger.

Manickam said food will not be available for those who buy tickets the day of the event. ■

—Meredith Bauer

McCoy hired in Dublin

PUSD's HR director picked as new assistant superintendent

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Pleasanton Unified School District's director of human resources has been named as an assistant superintendent at Dublin Unified.

Mark McCoy was selected as Dublin's new assistant superintendent of human resources by that district's school board last week.

Pleasanton interim superintendent Jim Hansen said he is happy for McCoy and his step up the administrative ladder, saying "this promotion is well deserved."

McCoy's last day is Oct. 30, and the district hopes to have a new director in place by Nov. 3, Hansen said. McCoy could not be reached for comment.

In Dublin, McCoy will succeed Keith Rogenski, who left in August for the same position at the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Dublin Unified superintendent Stephen Hanke told the Dublin school board McCoy will start "just as soon as we can get him here."

McCoy, who has a 19-year career in public education, has been a long-time fixture at Pleasanton Unified.

A 30-year Tri-Valley resident, McCoy taught for 10 years as a science teacher at Pleasanton Middle School before he was hired in 2007 as Foothill's vice principal.

As director of human resources for five years, he supervised public debate on proposed calendar changes, oversaw discussions with parents and teachers regarding new principal search processes and managed collective bargaining with employee groups.

He has a bachelor's degree from San Jose State and a master's degree in education from Cal State East Bay. ■

Google Expeditions to take Pleasanton students on virtual field trips

Mars, ocean and historic Pennsylvania among destinations for new immersive program

BY MEREDITH BAUER

Students often enjoy field trips to educational destinations like the Oakland Zoo or the nation's capital, but what if they could visit impossible places, like Mars or medieval England?

The Google Expeditions team hopes to do just that through virtual, immersive field trip simulations, and four Pleasanton Unified schools are scheduled to take part in the program's kick-off tour.

Hart and Harvest Park middle schools are set to participate in the Google Expeditions program on Monday, and Vintage Hills Elementary and Pleasanton Middle School are set to take part Tuesday. Select schools nationally and internationally were chosen from a pool of applicants for the program's first year of presentations, which are free to schools.

Google Expeditions uses smartphones and a hand-held viewfinder, called Google Cardboard, to show children places, people and cultures that they are learning about in their classrooms, said Scott Padway, instructional technology coach for Pleasanton Unified School District.

"We've been taking students on



COURTESY OF GOOGLE

Students participate in virtual field trips, like those coming to select Pleasanton schools next week, by looking through cardboard viewfinders at mobile phones.

field trips for a very long time. It's just taking it to another level," he said. "Before you know it, you're

standing under the Eiffel Tower; you can go to medieval castles."

While Google Expeditions don't replace physical field trips, they do allow students to go places they wouldn't be able to go otherwise due to time, cost and physics — such as traveling back in time.

The expeditions allow children to wander around areas like deserts, Roman ruins or 1770s Pennsylvania without leaving their school campus. Students put the smartphone in the cut-out viewfinder, put it to their eyes and gaze

around while a teacher narrates the adventure. Content boxes appear on the phone while the student looks around.

Google staff bring mobile phones with them to the expedition presentation, and students take a cardboard viewfinder, put the mobile phone inside and hold it up to their eyes. With the light blocked out, all the students can see is the program's app displayed on the phone, which shows panoramas of the places the students are exploring and moves around as students

turn their heads.

"If you're taking your class scuba diving and all of a sudden a sea turtle appeared, you could have the content pop up and explain sea turtles," Padway said.

Cheri Weinhagen, who teaches computer, technology and robotics classes at Hart, plans to lead her sixth-grade class on a tour of Mars, as seen from Mars rover "Spirit."

"I'm always trying to get my students to think 'out of the box' about different ways they can use technology to improve their own experiences and make the world a better place. This project is a perfect example of how that's done in real life," she said.

Weinhagen said she hopes these expeditions will help students visualize the subject at hand in a more interesting medium than a documentary or black-and-white photos.

"The expedition immerses students in the virtual field trip which generates enthusiasm and engagement," she said. "For my classes, the expedition is an added bonus because one of my main objectives is to help students understand that engineering and technology is not just for building rockets and bridges, but it can be used in many different applications and settings to improve our quality of life."

Pleasanton teachers were able to choose from expeditions to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., Mayan civilizations, the depths of the ocean, a Dubai skyscraper and the landscape of Mars, among other trips. ■

Teen Leadership Conference coming to Pleasanton

Nov. 14 event to focus on management, leadership skills

The city of Pleasanton is hosting a Teen Leadership Conference in early November to help high school students develop and test their leadership abilities.

The daylong workshop will be held Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. The event is open to all high school students, regardless of residency, according to a city statement.

At the conference, teens will be put into teams to tackle projects based on marketing, event conception, project management, finance or presentations. Participants will present their project plan at the end of the conference.

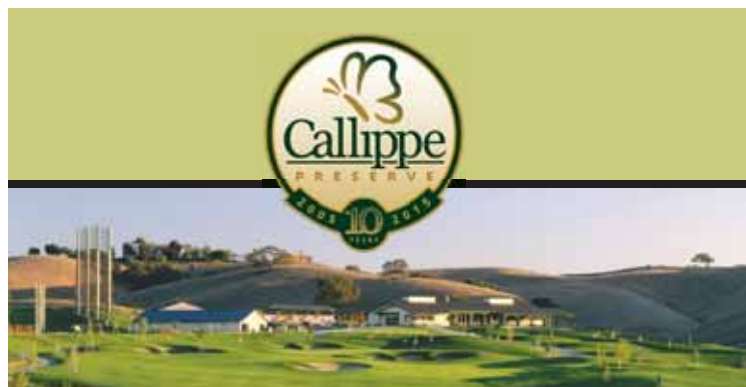
Laurie Bodine, of START Leadership, is the keynote speaker

for the event. Bodine has studied what skills are needed in business leadership and family leadership, particularly related to cultivating respect and empowering future leaders. Bodine has worked for 3M, Workday, Wells Fargo, UCSF and the San Mateo County Office of Education.

Lunch and a post-workshop mixer is included with registration, which can be completed at PleasantonFun.com under course 60857. The workshop costs \$40 for Pleasanton residents and \$44 for residents of other cities.

For more information, contact David Weisgerber at 925-931-3474 or email at dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

—Meredith Bauer



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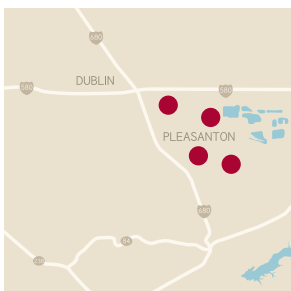


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Celebrate Halloween with a grave walk

Learn about pioneers on visit to cemetery

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

What secrets to the past lie buried in Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery? Join World Walk to Wellness on the morning of Oct. 31 to find out.

Dolores Bengtson, former head of the city's parks and recreation department, has researched the names carved into headstones that date back to the 1800s.

"I've had a good time looking for 'fun facts' suitable for Halloween," Bengtson said about what she had dug up — figuratively speaking — in researching the tombstones. "So far, a murder mystery, some white collar crime, and a strong lady who took a gun to some outlaws. Quite an interesting bunch of early residents."

Meet Bengtson at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., to join in the two-hour walk. There will be an optional stop at a coffee shop on the return trip.

World Walk to Wellness, founded by W. Ron Sutton, has been meeting for group walk 'n' talks every Saturday morning for five years to help people take the 10,000 steps per day recommended for maintaining wellness. The group also offers out of town op-



MICHELLE SUSKI

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Kids feeding kids

Alisal Elementary students Gavin Halter (left) and Jalen Alami (right) scoop vegetables into a Kids Against Hunger meal packet, which will be shipped to Haiti to feed families. Alisal students raised funds for the event, and the entire school participated in assembling the meals earlier this month, making 11,708 meals.



COURTESY OF CITY OF PLEASANTON

A new survey conducted on behalf of the city showed that more than 90% of those queried find Pleasanton is an “excellent” or “good” place to do business.

BUSINESS

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served business communities, that’s a signal that we need to continue working on this effort.”

Franz conducted the survey in two stages, starting with focus groups with small and medium-size companies, and then following up with telephone interviews of 352 respondents.

Those surveyed said they are having more trouble attracting qualified employees today than they were in 2012, when last asked the same survey question. Finding appropriate business space also is an increasing problem here, Franz said.

Those surveyed were especially pleased with city services, rating

public safety here as top notch, along with citing excellent schools as a main attraction for businesses and their employees.

Ott said the survey also found some business leaders want the city to play a greater role in improving cellular and Internet connectivity speeds in the city, which still vary in different parts of the community.

She said 74% of those in the business community who were asked to participate in the survey cooperated in that effort, an increase from 64% three years ago.

“A cooperation rate of such magnitude for a survey of this nature is very good, and likely reflects a considerable amount of support among members of Pleasanton’s business community,” a Franz researcher told Ott. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Resident jumps in car being stolen, hits culprit until he flees

An attempted car theft closed some streets in the Laurel Creek area last week after a homeowner started beating up a man who was trying to drive away with his car, according to Pleasanton police.

The homeowner who lives in the 9200 block of Klemetson Drive opened his garage at about 6:55 p.m. Oct. 15 and went inside his house for about five minutes while his garage door was open, the man told police.

When he returned to the garage, a man was sitting in the homeowner's 2010 Range Rover, and the engine was running. The homeowner jumped into the car's passenger seat and hit the man in the face, police said.

The stranger sped down the driveway but then stopped the vehicle and fled the area on foot, running west down Klemetson Drive and across a field, police said.

The homeowner told police that as the man ran, he looked east toward a black car that was sitting outside a neighbor's home without its lights on. As the man ran, the car drove away, and police think that vehicle may be related to the crime.

The man suspected of trying to steal the car was identified as a white man of "stocky build" about 35-40 years old with a bald head and no facial hair. The man was not apprehended, and no arrests had been made as of Monday.

In other police news:

- Police arrested two men on suspicion of breaking into a Pleasanton home last week.

Officers responded to a 9-1-1 call from a resident of a Laurel Creek Drive home around 10:26 a.m. Oct. 13 after she heard loud shattering glass and movement of someone inside her home, according to Pleasanton police.

She ran out the front door and called 9-1-1, and officers arrived soon after. Officers heard someone moving around inside and saw two men jump a rear fence into the fields behind the home, according to a police statement.

Officers chased the men through the field for about

10 minutes and caught them in a creek bed near Dublin Canyon Road, police stated.

Oakland residents Vidal Eduardo Torres, 25, and Israel Diaz-Rondan, 22, were arrested on felony charges of burglary and conspiracy and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Police were reportedly investigating whether the two men were involved with similar burglary incidents that have occurred in the area. Detectives did a probation search of Torres and Diaz-Rondan's homes and found "numerous items of suspected stolen property," according to Pleasanton police.

Both men were taken to Santa Rita Jail, and both were still in custody at the jail as of Tuesday afternoon.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Pleasanton police at 931-5100.

- An Alameda County judge decided to downgrade the felony conviction of a lawyer who admitted hitting and killing a man with his car in Dublin in 2012, reducing the felony hit-and-run count to a misdemeanor.

Spencer Freeman Smith, who lived in San Ramon at the time of the crash, pleaded guilty last month to felony hit-and-run and misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, and he was sentenced to one month in jail, 11 months of electronic monitoring and five years of probation.

However, Judge Michael Gaffey granted a defense request on Oct. 9 to reduce Smith's felony to a misdemeanor and allow him to serve his month in jail after undergoing electronic monitoring — rather than serving his jail time first. The defense motion was granted against prosecutors' "strenuous objection," Alameda County District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Teresa Drenick said.

Smith was arrested in May 2012 in connection with the hit-and-run death of Chinese national Bo Hu, 57, who was bicycling on Dougherty Road near Fall Creek Road in Dublin, a section of road that did not have bike lanes.

Smith didn't stop and drove back to his San Ramon home, where police later found his damaged black 2012 Mercedes-Benz CLS55, according to authorities.

- Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted. ■

—Meredith Bauer

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 10

Domestic battery

- 2:13 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Theft

- 3:36 a.m., 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 10:15 a.m., 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Domestic battery

- 7:46 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

Residential burglary

- 9:58 p.m. in the 2100 block of Goldcrest Circle

Oct. 11

Assault/battery

- 1:37 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

Commercial burglary

- 10:41 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue

Theft

- 11:49 a.m., 800 block of Palomino Drive; theft from auto

Missing person report

- 6:01 p.m. on Amoroso Court

Oct. 12

Rape

- 6:21 a.m. on Muscat Court

Residential burglary

- 10:51 a.m. in the 7500 block of Ivy Court

- 2:22 p.m. in the 600 block of Abbie Court

Theft

- 3:04 p.m., 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 4:46 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall
- 5:59 p.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Robbery

- 4:49 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

Oct. 13

Fraud

- 7:33 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 8:46 a.m. in the 3300 block of Vermont Place

Residential burglary

- 10:26 a.m. in the 6000 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Theft

- 12:32 p.m., 3700 block of Treney Drive; theft from auto
- 1:15 p.m., 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 7:37 p.m., 5000 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

Oct. 14

Domestic battery

- 1:11 a.m. on Oak Creek Drive

Theft

- 7:05 a.m., 1000 block of Malaga Court; theft from auto
- 3:06 p.m., 7100 block of Corte Balboa

Fraud

- 10:05 a.m. in the 2600 block of Monarda Court
- 12:12 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Oct. 15

Residential burglary

- 7:11 a.m. in the 9200 block of Klemetson Drive

Fraud

- 11:16 a.m. in the 3900 block of Fairlands Drive
- 3:07 p.m. in the 6300 block of Arlington Drive

Assault/battery

- 7:25 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

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Foothill, Amador Valley pull off big wins

Teams keep East Bay Athletic League championship hopes alive

In arguably the biggest week of local prep football in some time, Amador Valley and Foothill pulled off big wins, keeping alive East Bay Athletic League championship hopes.

The Dons used a late defensive stand to upend California 17-14, with the Falcons running out to a 21-0 lead before coasting to a 35-27 win over Monte Vista.

Amador Valley moved to 2-1 in EBAL play and 5-2 overall. The Dons play at San Ramon Valley tonight, then host Livermore the following week before facing Foothill in the regular season finale.

Foothill is 4-0 in the EBAL and 8-0 overall. The Falcons play at California tonight, then have a bye before hosting the Dons on Nov. 6. If both teams continue winning, the finale could have the added luster of being for the EBAL title.

In their win over Cal, Amador Valley got touchdown runs from Ronnie Jones and Patrick Loughnane to jump out to a 17-0 halftime lead. Cal rallied and was on the verge of taking the lead and the game, but the Don defense brought down Cal quarterback Jack Gerlach just short of the end zone on the final play.

For Foothill, it was business as usual as the potent offense got big plays from a number of weapons.

Isaiah Floyd had three touchdown runs and threw a touchdown pass on an option play to lead the

way. Ruben Mercado made a high-light-reel grab of the Floyd pass for the score, and Matt Gates hauled in a Ben Wooldridge pass for the other Falcons' touchdown.

Volleyball

The Foothill girls went 2-0 last week beating Amador Valley and Livermore.

The Falcons were led by senior middle blockers Olivia Larsen and Valerie Esomonu in the win over the rival Dons. Larsen finished the match with 11 kills and six blocks, and Esomonu racked up 10 kills and four blocks.

Kellie Hughes had an excellent match directing the offense with 39 assists and six service points.

Against Livermore, senior libero Taylor Campbell led the way 14 digs and 13 service points. Sophomore outside hitters Andreera Paduraru and Hana Okurhara had outstanding matches. Paduraru finished with nine kills and eight digs, while Okurhara added six kills and four blocks.

The win left the Falcons 16-6 overall and 6-2 in league play.

Cross country

The Amador Valley cross country teams had a busy week, running in a pair of meets for the first and only time this season last week.

First off was an EBAL Center meet on Oct. 14, and the Dons closed out the week with the Farmer Invitational last Saturday.

In the Center meet, the girls varsity team finished fourth paced by an excellent run from Melodie Leroudier who finished fourth overall. Kaitlin Cartwright was fifth, surpassing her personal best on the course by 31 seconds. Sadie Grozier, Isabelle Smedley and Bliss Bergmark rounded out the Dons' top five.

On the boys' side, the Dons got a big team effort to finish third, as the five scoring runners for the Dons finished just 23 seconds apart.

Alex Laurence was 15th and the top Amador Valley finisher, but Sean Carrick, Thomas Gallagher, Jarod Moyers and Drew Helmers came in close together.

At Hayward, Leroudier led the way, finishing fifth and bettering her personal best on the course by 33 seconds.

She was followed by Cartwright, who knocked 37 seconds off her previous best. Smedley, Grozier and Karly Laffer rounded out the top five for the Dons as they finished second, one point behind Liberty.

On the boys side, Gallagher bounced back from his rough Center race to finish 12th. Laurence also backed up his performance by finishing 18th Saturday. Helmers, Carrick and Jovan Perez completed the scoring for the Dons, who also finished second.

Next up for the Dons is the EBAL Championships at Shadow Cliffs on Nov. 6, starting at 1 p.m. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Tennis stars: The local women's 40 and over 3.0 USTA team took a trip to Gold River for the USTA Northern California Sectional Championship at the Gold River Racquet Club, progressing through regular season, playoff and district competitions to reach sectionals, where they finished second. Kathy Althoff, Debbie St. John, Estelle Canoy, Tiffany Tran-Carper, Sylvia McCarriston, Nina Betts, Yuan Li, Nancy Owens, Barbara Brooks, Sheri Baldwin, Nicole Cring and Tami Price took the Pleasanton Weekly with them for their run.

Middle schoolers star at cross country meet

BY JEREMY WALSH

More than 300 cross country runners from nine Tri-Valley middle schools took part in the Tri-Valley Athletic League Championship Meet last week at Pleasanton Middle School.

Four age groups competed on the 1.7-mile course Oct. 14, according to Pleasanton Middle School coach Ann Cartwright.

Winning teams were Harvest Park sixth-grade girls, Mendenhall (Livermore) sixth-grade boys, Hart seventh/eighth-grade girls and Fallon (Dublin) seventh/eighth-grade boys.

The top runners for the sixth-grade girls race were Harvest Park's Maddie Benson, Ella McCarthy, Leila Lyons and Brooke Simpson

and Miya Yu of Livermore's East Avenue.

Top sixth-grade boys race were Nadeem Yassin (Mendenhall), Dillon Maheshwari (East Avenue), Vincent Giannini (Fallon), Daniel Thinfin (Mendenhall) and Tyler Eaton (Mendenhall).

The top finishers for seventh/eighth girls were Hope Bergmark (Harvest Park), Hailey Hayes (Hart), Aditi Jagannathan (Fallon), Paula Leigh (Mendenhall) and Taylor Trafton (Mendenhall).

Best-finishing seventh/eighth boys were Aiden McCarthy (Harvest Park), Darren Furtado (Fallon), Rohan Fonseca (Fallon), Chris Middleton-Pearson (Fallon) and Aiden DeMello (Mendenhall). ■

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Honoring Tri-Valley Heroes 2015

Story by Meredith Bauer. Photos by Mike Sedlak



Tri-Valley Heroes award trophies were handed out to each of the eight recipients at a ceremony Monday night.

The fourth annual Tri-Valley Heroes awards were presented by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com, on Monday evening at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club.

The awards recognize individuals and groups that go above and beyond to make a difference in their community and the lives of others.

"We look around us every day and see heroes who deserve recognition," Pleasanton Weekly president and publisher Gina Channell-Allen said.

"Our staff decided in 2012 to create a program to recognize those individuals, groups and organiza-

tions that stand out because of their actions, integrity and honor — whether that hero is a firefighter who rescues a child from a burning house, the girl who is courageously battling leukemia, the business that allows its employees to mentor teens for an hour a week or the neighborhood group that cleans up the creek," she added.

Award recipients were nominated by community members for excellence in eight categories.

The 2015 recipients were William Doerlich, Arts and Culture; Ellen Aguirre, Community Spirit; Josh Burger, Courage; City of Pleasanton 2013-14 and 2014-15 Youth Commissions, Environmental Stewardship; Dan and Rosalie

Gallagher/Dublin San Ramon Services District, Innovation; Christina Adams, Rising Star; Arlie Smith, Role Model; and Tony Macchiano, Lifetime Achievement.

"You're all heroes in your own way, and you walk around and you pick (people) up," Smith, a San Ramon resident who has multiple sclerosis and cancer, said to the audience. The 2015 Role Model recipient followed by saying, "It's not the number of years you live. It's the quality of your life."

About 125 residents attended the ceremony at the Pleasanton hotel, congratulating the honorees before the presentation and then watching as each accepted their award and talked about their efforts

in the community.

Elected officials in attendance included Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen, Pleasanton City Councilman Jerry Pentin, Dublin City Councilman Don Biddle, San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson, San Ramon City Councilman Harry Sachs and former Pleasanton Mayor Bob Philcox.

Also present were previous Tri-Valley Heroes Chris Miller, 2012 Community Spirit recipient, and Bob Williams, 2013 Arts & Culture recipient.

Each 2015 recipient received a Tri-Valley Heroes crystal award and signed certificates of recognition signed by Miley, Andersen, State Senator Steve Glazer and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

In recognizing those who support him in his life, Smith said he is constantly inspired by community members who "carry me on their shoulders."

Aguirre, Community Spirit recipient for her longtime involvement with Guide Dogs for the Blind, said, "I'm very passionate about the work that I do. It's really about helping people who are less fortunate than you or I. I've done it for 20 years without expecting anything back."

Each recipient was selected for exceptional contributions to their community, including the following accomplishments:

Arts and Culture

For achievements or contributions within the area of arts and culture.

Doerlich, a San Ramon resident and full-time real estate broker, was a member of the San Ramon Arts Advisory Committee for 10 years

and was on the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra from 1988 to 2001, serving as president for two years.

He has been a member of the San Ramon Arts Foundation since 2002 and is currently serving as its president, and has been a commissioner on the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission since 2013.

Community Spirit

For selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community.

Aguirre has been involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind since the 1990s, and established a Tri-Valley chapter in 2004. The Pleasanton resident provides training, organizes outings and fundraisers. She has directed the Pleasanton Pooch Parade, which is a fundraiser for the group, for the past 18 years.

Courage

For an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity.

Burger, of Pleasanton, has Atelosteogenesis Syndrome Type III, an extremely rare condition that impedes regular growth. Since graduating from a Pleasanton high school, Burger has used his disability to share his story of how God is using him in ways to change people's perspective on life.

He tells everyone life is precious and they should enjoy every minute and serve others.

Environmental Stewardship

For a group or individual committed to minimizing risks and conserving



Arlie Smith, recipient of the Role Model award, stood with his wife Shari and shared a few words about the community members who support him when he works as a Costco greeter and while he battles multiple sclerosis and cancer.



Pleasanton resident Josh Burger hugs Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell-Allen before accepting the Courage award from editor Jeb Bing.



Lifetime Achievement award recipient Tony Macchiano (left) receives a certificate of recognition from Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley.



Community Spirit honoree Ellen Aguirre discusses her experiences raising service dogs through the Tri-Valley chapter of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

and recycling, thereby reducing the impact of our business on the community and natural resources.

After two years of collecting information, the city of Pleasanton's Youth Commission put forth an initiative to ban smoking in Pleasanton parks and on trails because, not only is smoking and secondhand smoke a health hazard, smoking creates a fire hazard and cigarette butts create an environmental problem. The City Council approved the ordinance in July.

Innovation

For a person, group or business who apply innovative ideas or programs to enhance the community.

Dublin resident Rosalie Gallagher took the idea of providing recycled water to residents to her husband, DSRSD Operations Manager Dan Gallagher, who became its champion. More than 30 DSRSD staff members and their managers have been involved in creating and running the residential recycled water fill stations in Pleasanton and Dublin.

Between the opening day in June 2014 to Oct. 5, 2015, 3,440 registered fill station users have hauled home more than 25 million gallons of recycled water.

The Gallaghers were unable to

attend the ceremony. DSRSD community affairs supervisor Sue Stephenson accepted the award on their behalf.

Rising Star

For a young person whose services directly benefit Tri-Valley citizens through outstanding volunteer work, serving as a community role model and mentor or demonstrating random acts of kindness.

For her Girl Scout Gold Award, Adams, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School, gave less fortunate children an opportunity to learn how to ride a bicycle.

Then, through a series of events, the Danville resident raised over \$7,000 and purchased bicycles, helmets, locks, and other supplies to outfit 50 Tri-Valley sixth-graders with their own bicycles.

Role Model

For displaying common sense, compassion and wisdom while teaching, coaching and mentoring others with a vision for people to strive to be the best they can be.

Smith is a well-known greeter at Costco in Danville who has a smile and kind word for everyone, despite the fact he was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and then kidney cancer that has

metastasized to his bones.

The San Ramon resident also focuses on serving others and has raised over \$50,000 for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland through a Costco store fundraiser.

Smith was surprised earlier this year when Costco customers presented him with money they had raised to send him on vacation. He initially turned down the gift, wanting to donate it. He asked people to instead donate to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, including UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

Lifetime Achievement

Recognizes an individual or group for contributions, leadership, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts on behalf of his or her community and neighbors.

Macchiano, a Pleasanton resident, has used his passion for barbecuing to help raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Tri-Valley nonprofits over the past 30 years.

For example, he has been barbecuing for the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association for more than 30 years; the George A. Spiliotopoulos Invitational Tournament (GASIT), which provides scholarships for high school students, for more than 20 years; and for the 100 Club of Alameda County, which supports families of public

safety personnel killed in the line of duty, for over 20 years.

Backed by his award-winning Lickety Spit BBQ team, Macchiano plans, shops, preps and cooks, and sometimes even serves.

This year's Tri-Valley Heroes program was sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center; DoubleTree by Hilton, Pleasanton at the Club; Robert Half; Monterey

Private Wealth; Harrington Art Partnership; Phillip G. Vermont, Randick O'Dea & Tooliatos, LLP, Attorneys at Law; and Crown Trophy.

Profiles on each award recipient will run as a series in the Pleasanton Weekly and online at PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com this fall, starting in November. ■



About 125 community members gathered Monday night at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club for the 2015 Tri-Valley Heroes award ceremony.



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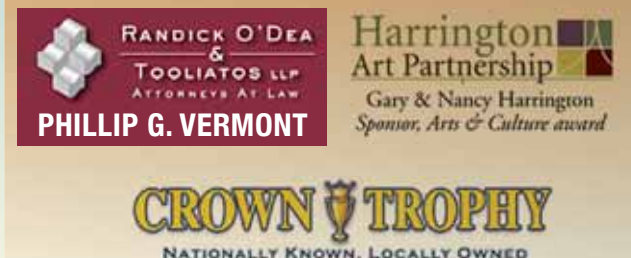
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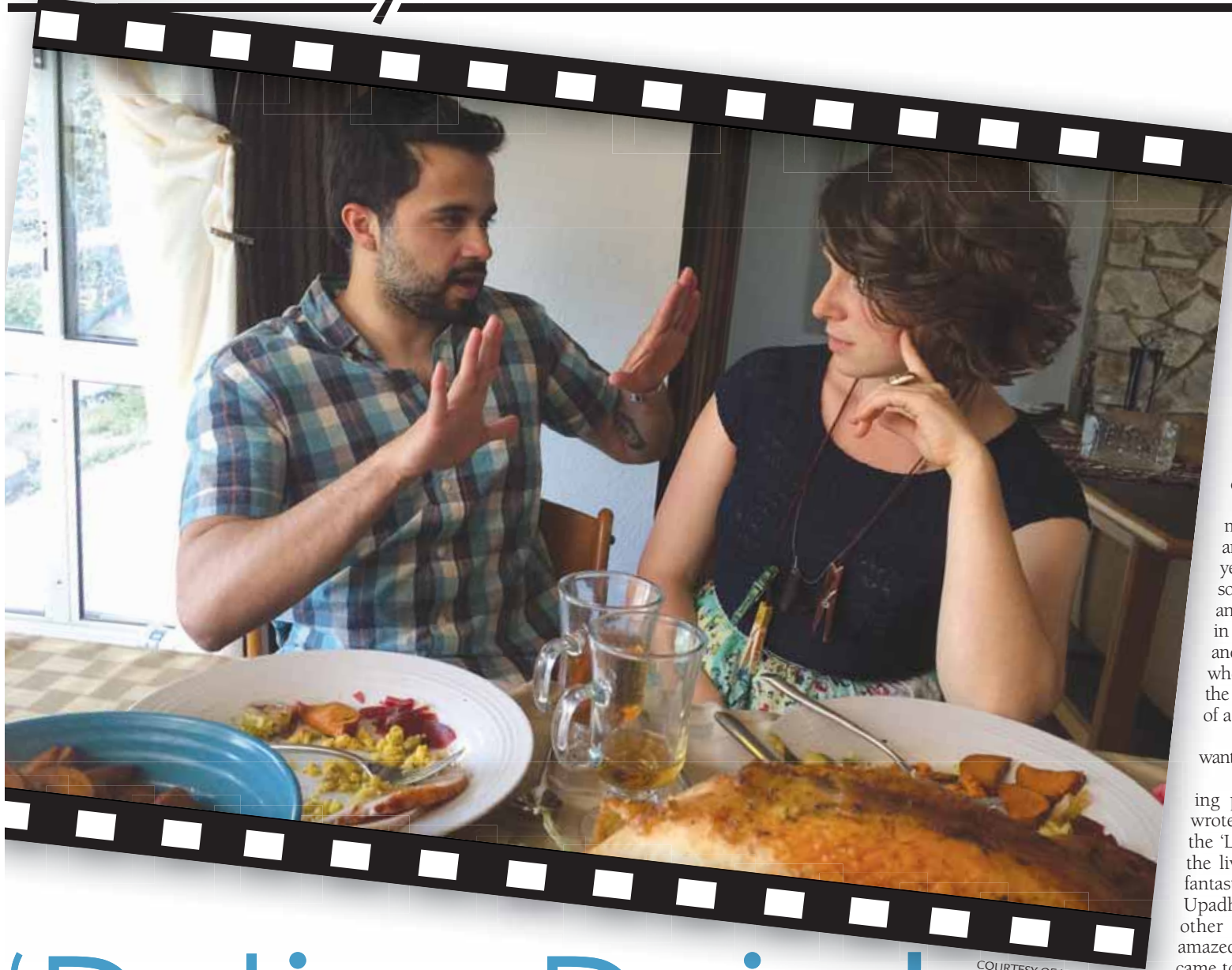


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Foothill High graduate Neel Upadhye directs Sascha Alexander (Daisy) at her family's Thanksgiving dinner scene during the filming of "Dating Daisy," which he wrote and directed.

Nike and Coca-Cola, and created live action and visual effects for critically acclaimed video games.

Upadhye was born in India and moved to Iowa before locating to Pleasanton halfway through his freshman year. At Foothill High he found creative soulmates, including Harding, Backes and Williams. They performed together in the school's production of "Grease" and the choir led by JoAnn Koobatian, whom he credits for inspiring them in the theater arts. Koobatian died in 2013 of a rare cancer at the age of 47.

Upadhye knew in high school he wanted to become a filmmaker.

"Lord of the Rings" was a turning point for me," he remembered. "I wrote in my application to USC about the 'Lord of the Rings' and thinking that the lives of those filmmakers were more fantastic than the fantasy characters." Upadhye, who had already written three other feature-length screenplays, was amazed by how quickly "Dating Daisy" came together.

"I started writing the script in December 2013. By March I had the first draft, and we put together a table read of it," he said. "The reaction was really, really strong, and we decided we should make this thing."

They went into development, started casting and by late September had enough funding, mainly raised online, to begin filming.

"We started shooting Oct. 30 last year, and it was in the can by Dec. 15, 2014," Upadhye recalled. "The fun thing is everyone is a professional in their own right and had other things going on."

Upadhye works as brand creative lead for Starwars Video Games at EA.

"I was in the office three days a week, then out shooting for four days a week. There was definitely a period in there where I thought I had lost it, but when everything was wrapped up, it was the best day of my life," he said. "I am lucky to be at a company that rewards and honors creativity."

Then began the technical work and editing, creating the trailer, promotions and another campaign of online fundraising. That \$20,000, a goal just reached Oct. 10, will go toward marketing and entry into film festivals for exposure, including the Slamdance in Park City, Utah, in January.

The movie was made on a shoestring, Upadhye said, albeit with a professional cast and crew. Tanner and Chase Boyajian of Dark Burn Media donated the use of its equipment, and Upadhye's team was able to negotiate with the actors union regarding salaries.

"The main reason the actors did it was because they were attracted to the story," Upadhye said, noting they were experienced pros, some who have been stars of TV shows.

"It's a symbiotic thing," he said. "They get to dig into material that speaks to them, flush out the character, own that process. I get amazing, talented actors."

A local contingent will be heading down to the Ahrya Fine Arts Cinema in Beverly Hills in early November to see the first screening of "Dating Daisy," the work of Pleasanton sons and daughters. Hopefully the rest of us will be able to enjoy it someday, too. ■

'Dating Daisy' couple gives love one more chance

Foothill grad's feature film is a wrap, thanks to friends

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Falling in love can be so easy — and wonderful. But what if the timing is really, really bad?

Screenwriter/director Neel Upadhye, a 2004 Foothill High grad, explores this idea in his film, "Dating Daisy," which will be screened for friends and family in Beverly Hills on Nov. 7. The non-traditional romantic comedy follows two passionate exes who secretly decide to give it one last shot.

Upadhye, who is just turning 30, drew on his experiences in his 20s to write the screenplay.

"I was forced to look very critically at my own relationships and things I had messed up and things I'd been blind to," Upadhye said. "It was fantastic therapy writing it."

In the screenplay, he also used his experience and observations about family dynamics.

"The thing I discovered in getting so specific about experiences that I've had, beautiful and painful experiences, it became universal," he said. "People have told me, 'That's my mom,' 'I've dated that girl,' or 'I've been that girl.'"

Upadhye made Michael, the male lead, Jewish to get away from his own specifics.

"I think a little bit of separation is good because it allows the characters to become themselves instead of me," he said.

Michael (Brennan Kelleher) is ambitiously pursuing a high-

tech career in Los Angeles, and Daisy (Sascha Alexander) is an adventurous spirit who wants a job that actually matters, regardless of personal cost. When Daisy's car breaks down, Michael agrees to drive her to the Santa Barbara suburbs for Thanksgiving with their respective families.

"There's a pretty unique structure for a romantic film," Upadhye noted. "I separate them, then they drive back at the end of film. You can see how their time with their families has changed them and is going to impact their relationship. Michael and Daisy have the perfect, best of relationships with the worst of timing."

A great part of working on this project, Upadhye said, was collaborating with two Foothill friends, singer/songwriter Melissa Harding, who wrote original songs for the film, and Alex Backes, now a professional actor and writer, who has a part in the movie.

"We've stuck together throughout our professional careers," Upadhye said.

He and Backes are also creators of a TV comedy pilot, "Shark Bites," which they developed with another classmate, Cody Williams, about a young guy whose hipster roommate happens to be a shark (played by a puppet).

After Foothill, Upadhye attended USC School of Cinematic Arts, and since graduation has been a film and commercial director and editor. He has made TV spots and trailers for

COURTESY OF 'DATING DAISY'

More about Daisy

See the trailer for "Dating Daisy" at www.datingdaisy.com. More information about the production and its journey for funding can be found at www.facebook.com/datingdaisy.

This is the moment for 'Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical'

TVRT opens tale of good and evil tomorrow at Bankhead

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Robert Louis Stevenson's story of Dr. Jekyll exploring his inner self and unleashing the evil Mr. Hyde has fascinated audiences since the novella was published in 1886, leading to adaptations for the stage and screen and a musical in the 1990s.

Now the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production of "Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical," conceived for the stage by Frank Wildhorn and Steve Cuden, is opening tomorrow night at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore to run through Nov. 8.

The acclaimed show introduces Dr. Jekyll just as he is on the brink of discovering the key to man's inner reality. One evening he experiments on himself and finds that his formula works.

As he is about to begin the experiment, Dr. Jekyll sings "This is the Moment," perhaps the best known song of the musical:

*This is the moment
This is the day*

*When I send all my doubts and demons
On their way!*

Unfortunately, his "real" self turns out to be the monster Edward Hyde.

Jekyll continues his research, spending more and more time as Hyde until this horrifying character takes over. Jekyll's fiancée and friends slowly become aware of the changes in him but are powerless to help. Jekyll himself finds it more and more difficult to keep Hyde at bay, and his initial appreciation turns to despair.

When Hyde brutally murders one of the young maids, he realizes his experiment has gone too far, and he takes the only course of action he sees left to him.

The musical thriller is directed/choreographed by Scott Maraj, with vocal director Sierra Dee, musical director Jo Anne Fosselman, assistant director/backstage manager Brian Olkowski and produc-

tion assistant Michelle Roque. It is being presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

The 35-member cast includes Christopher Sanders as Jekyll-Hyde, Morgan Breedveld as Lucy and Rebecca Davis as Emma.

For ticket information, call 373-6800 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org. ■

Alarming experiment

What: "Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical"

Who: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre

When: Oct. 24-Nov. 8; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

Where: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore

Tickets: \$43 regular; \$41 seniors; \$29 students/juniors. Call 373-6800; go to www.trivalleyrep.org; or visit the box office noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

An improvised 'Nightmare'

Teen improv troupe narrative intended to terrify

Creatures of Impulse will become creatures of terror as the teen improv troupe opens its sixth season at the Firehouse Arts Center with "Nightmare: A live improvised horror show."

Each season, the teens rehearse storytelling techniques and how to create characters that the audience can identify with and hopefully care about. Before the show starts, audience members will be asked for suggestions to help inspire the creation of the characters and storylines. From those, the cast will develop a fully improvised "play" each night.

"One year, two audience members had to leave the theater because they said, 'It got too intense,'" recalled Mark Duncanson, the group's founder and director. "They eventually went back in, but I consider that a huge compliment

for improvised horror — mission accomplished."

Long narrative performances such as "Nightmare" don't use props, sets, costumes or makeup, Duncanson explained. Just the imagination.

"We hope to give audiences another perspective on improv with our long-form narrative performances like 'Nightmare,'" Duncanson said. "Improv isn't just one-liners designed to go for laughs."

"We hope to create compelling stories and characters with audience suggestions, and then take them along for the journey," he added. "I love when the performers in Creatures of Impulse can make an audience wince and cover their eyes."

This year, Clay Robeson from the Un-Scripted Theater Company, a professional San Francisco troupe, was brought in to teach advanced

improvised horror techniques. He has long been an enthusiastic supporter of Creatures of Impulse.

The Tri-Valley troupe has 28 members this season, ages 14-18, with students from Amador Valley, Foothill, Livermore, Valley Christian and Cal High. The troupe is sponsored by Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Department.

A free preview show will take place this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The next shows will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday. Then on Saturday, Oct. 31, there will be two performances, at 2 p.m. and at 9 p.m., and costumes are encouraged. The Halloween evening performance is recommended for ages 14 and up.

Tickets are \$5 students, \$10 adults. For more info, visit www.firehousearts.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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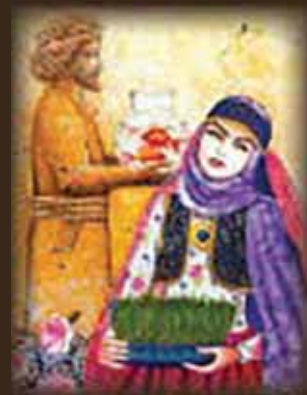


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Tooting our horn for the Heroes

We don't often toot our horn, but Monday's standing ovation by city, civic and business leaders at our fourth annual Tri-Valley Heroes awards ceremony makes this an exception.

The awards are a salute to the community members whose dedication to bettering the lives of local residents has helped make the Tri-Valley the special place it is today. Those given the awards in eight separate categories show the courage, outstanding achievements, noble qualities and remarkable contributions these individuals and groups are making in our communities.

The categories were Arts and Culture, Community Spirit, Environmental Stewardship, Courage, Rising Star, Innovation, Role Model and Lifetime Achievement.

The event was hosted by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly, PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

In a banquet room at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, packed by more than 125 well-wishers that included Alameda County and Contra Costa County supervisors, Tri-Valley mayors and other elected representatives, there was loud applause and laughter.

Even some tears were shed as Arlie Smith, a Costco employee at the Danville store for the last 22 years, received the Heroes' Role Model Award. Smith, who suffers from multiple sclerosis and has been diagnosed with cancer, told of his work in spearheading fundraisers to help others.

With his wife Shari at his side, he



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San Ramon resident Arlie Smith delivers an emotional speech after receiving his Role Model Award on Monday. He was joined by his wife Shari (right) while Pleasanton Weekly editor Jeb Bing and publisher Gina Channell-Allen watch on.

talked about his mission to help others, to brighten their day and to live life to the fullest while you can with a positive, caring outlook for others.

The Courage Award went to Josh Burger, a 24-year-old Pleasanton survivor of a condition called Atelosteogenesis Syndrome Type III. There are only a handful of cases recorded and five other survivors in the world. Yet, Josh — who gained new mobility at age 7 from his first special motorized wheelchair, donated by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton — has overcome the odds and as a 13-year-old raised enough money to sponsor 50 wheelchairs for others in need.

While his condition can be debilitating, Josh said he maintains a rigorous workout regimen to stay strong. Speaking from his newest wheelchair, funded by community contributions, he told the awards ceremony audience Monday that life is precious and

they should enjoy every minute and also serve others.

Others had stories to share. Will Doerlich, a 23-year resident of San Ramon and a full-time real estate broker, won this year's Arts and Culture Award. He said he gained an appreciation for the arts from his parents while growing up in New York. He serves on the San Ramon Arts Advisory Committee, was on the board of the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra, is president of the San Ramon Arts Foundation and was San Ramon's "Citizen of the Year" in 2014.

Ellen Aguirre, there with her guide dog in training, received the Community Spirit Award for her selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community. She has been a leader of the Alameda County Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club, established a Tri-Valley chapter of Guide Dogs for the Blind, and for the past 18 years has been the driving force behind the annual Pooch Parade during the August First Wednesday street party in downtown Pleasanton.

Members of the Pleasanton Youth Commission were given the Environmental Stewardship Award for

their work in studying the problems caused by smoking in public parks and their successful efforts to persuade the City Council last July to ban smoking in parks and on trails.

Also associated with the environment, in this case water conservation, Rosalie and Dan Gallagher received the Heroes' Innovation Award for their work in providing recycled water to residents through the Dublin San Ramon Services District, where Dan is the district operations manager. Since June 2014, 3,440 registered fill station users have hauled home more than 25 million gallons of recycled water.

The Rising Star Award went to Christina Adams, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School. Through her involvement with the Girl Scouts, she has helped less fortunate children through fund-raising efforts. She started a bicycling program for students at an Oakland elementary school, raised over \$7,000, and this summer was able to purchase enough bikes, helmets, safety locks, repair kits and spare inner tubes from local stores in San Ramon, Dublin and Livermore to outfit 50 sixth grade students.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award went to Tony Macchiano, who besides running the Pleasanton Garbage Service for nearly half a century, is probably best known for his community philanthropy. He's more comfortable being the grill master at fundraising events than wearing a tie at awards ceremonies, as he said Monday. He has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Tri-Valley nonprofits, including the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association, George A. Spiliotopoulos Invitational Tournament (GASIT) and the 100 Club of Alameda County, which supports families of public safety personnel killed in the line of duty.

All of these are good reasons to toot our horn. ■

LETTERS

Pleasanton takes a giant step backward

Dear Editor,

On a 4-1 vote with Karla Brown opposed, the City Council took a giant step backward in Pleasanton's "planned progress" and approved an amendment to the General Plan rezoning land, currently owned by and zoned for a church, to construct 25 new homes.

This marks a worrisome precedent for all Pleasanton residents. Of the 15,000-plus acres that span Pleasanton, just 65 acres are zoned for Public Institutional (P&I) zoning. All of our schools, religious centers, recreation and community facilities, cemeteries, libraries, government buildings and public safety

facilities are similarly zoned.

Land is much more valuable now than it was 20 or 30 years ago. Other churches may see the opportunity to cash in while the market is high. How can we allow one church to cash in and bar others from doing the same?

By eliminating even one such parcel, four members of the City Council have eliminated all future opportunities for such sites on that parcel. Pleasanton is growing and becoming more diverse. We are slowly eliminating the opportunity for other cultures to possibly secure a site for their own place of worship. Or a site for a second library. Or a school.

— Pleasanton Voters
Kelly Cousins, president
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P15-0364, P15-0365, & P15-0600 Lisa Sunderland, SCM Solutions, LLC**
Applications for Design Review, Conditional Use Permit and Sign Design Review approvals to construct and operate an approximately 614-square-foot drive-through Starbucks Coffee kiosk with related site improvements in the Rose Pavilion Shopping Center parking lot located at 4299 Rosewood Drive

- **P15-0429, Genius Kids**

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a preschool and daycare facility for Genius Kids at 3550 Bernal Avenue, Suite 100B

Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Drought Update
- Recycled Water Project Update
- Automated Meter Reading (AMI) Project Update
- Set the 2016 Committee Meeting Calendar

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, October 26, 2015

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information regarding this meeting.

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Events

10TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT AT THE PLEASANTON TENNIS AND COMMUNITY PARK Come in your costume for the 10th edition of Halloween Fun Night, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Ave. There will be carnival style games on the tennis courts and the spooky Haunted Hallway of Horror. Call 931-3449 or go to www.lifetimetennis.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE LIVERMORE During Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood to support cancer patients and others needing blood products. Donate from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the City of Livermore offices, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org.

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GHOSTS OF DUBLIN Brace yourself for a shocking glimpse into Dublin's past as author-historian Rita Szollos shares haunting stories. Bring a flashlight for a guided tour of the historic cemetery. Follow the luminaria path to peek inside the spooky Kolb house. A cup of hot cider makes this the perfect fall night. From 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 at Dublin Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Cost is \$5. Call 452-2100.

HARVEST CELEBRATION Join the fun at Harvest Valley Church for games,

prizes, music, puppet shows, face painting, hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, caramel apples, a chili cook-off and more, from 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact 484-2482 or info@harvestvalley.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE Would you like to build confidence while improving your communication and public speaking skills? Join

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PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Wheels is planning the future of transit in the Tri-Valley, and we need your input! The week of October 19th, we will be posting potential future Wheels route changes on www.wheelsforward.com

The following week, three public workshops will be held on Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin. Please view the proposed changes online and attend a workshop to help us design the best possible bus service for the Tri-Valley!

Pleasanton

Tuesday, October 27th
Amador Valley High School - Auditorium
 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton
Served by Routes 8 to 10
 7:00-9:00pm

Livermore

Wednesday, October 28th
Las Positas College - Building 2400
 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore
 (Park free in Lot E)
Served by Route 12
 6:00-8:00pm

Dublin

Thursday, October 29th
Civic Center - Regional Room
 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin
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SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

PRESENTS 'HELP! MY CHILD IS STRUGGLING IN SCHOOL'

Come to this free parent event from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Middle School MPR, 5001 Case Ave. Todd Gary, parent of a special needs child and special needs education advocate, will cover the Study Team Process, section 504 plans, programs and more. Contact

snc@pleasantonpta.org.
Go to www.pleasantonsnc.org

Fundraisers

DILLON O'LEARY DAY Join for food, fun, music featuring country artist Nick Tyrell, a silent auction, and more to help support Dillon O'Leary, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Raley's, 5420 Sunol Blvd. An unexpected medical emergency left 11-year-old Dillon in the pediatric ICU for an extended period of time. Dillon has made it out of intensive care and has begun to re-learn how to speak, eat, and dress himself. He's made tremendous progress, but still needs lots of support and rehab work to for his condition to continue

improving. Help Dillon and his family cover his medical expenses and support Dillon on his path to recovery. Call 846-4471.

Health

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR Get free medical advice on Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Women's Health, Ayurveda, homeopathy, nutrition and more at the annual health fair, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. Free flu shots and evaluations on blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and bone density. Contact Anand Gundu at 895-3659 or anand_gundu@yahoo.com.

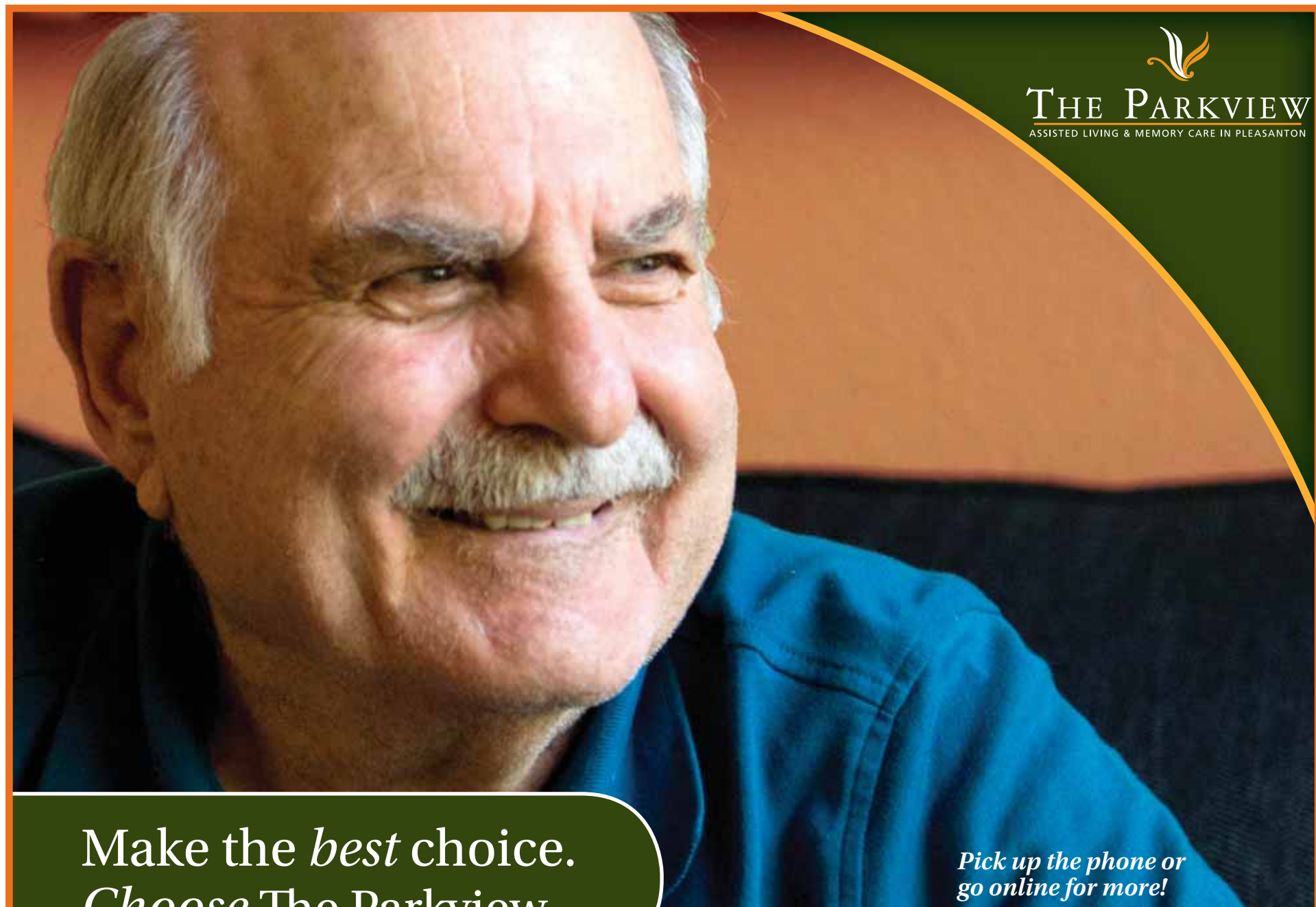
Spiritual

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INTERFAITH 'WOW' CELEBRATION "Witness Our Welcome" is an annual worship celebration highlighting God's inclusive love of all his children, whether gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or straight. This year's theme is "Love Will Guide Us," with Dr. Reverend Justin Tanis of the Center for Lesbian and Gay studies at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley preaching. The celebration will be at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Music will be performed by the Oakland East Bay

Gay Men's Chorus. Reception to follow. Call 846-0221.

Support Groups

BODY IMAGE ANONYMOUS (BIA/BDD) Body Image Anonymous is a support group for those living with Body Dysmorphic Disorder or other related body image disorders. Our goal is to restore our "true selves," finding self acceptance and recovery. Meetings are 3-4:30 p.m. the last Sunday of the month at the Pleasanton Library. Contact Lon at (209) 513-2319, or Tim at (408) 771-6620.



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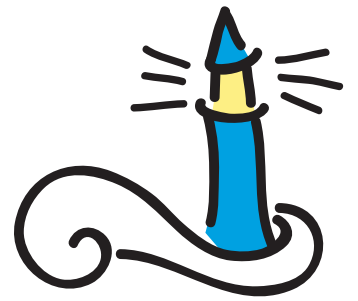
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EAST BAY ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 509306

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The following person(s) doing business as: LC CONSTRUCTION, 211 ELVIRA STREET, LIVERMORE, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LC Construction LLC, 211 Elvira Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 08/01/2015. Signature of Registrant: Joelle Cook, CFO, member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 09/28/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; 2015)

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Builders applaud court ruling suspending EPA water rule

By JEB BING

Local builders and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) last week commended the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for enacting a nationwide stay of the Environmental Protection Agency's final regulations that expanded the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act. "We applaud the Sixth Circuit for taking this action to suspend the EPA's water rule," said NAHB chairman Tom Woods, a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo.

"NAHB has been working diligently on the legislative and legal fronts to overturn this EPA rule that raises housing costs, tramples states' rights and adds unnecessary regulatory burdens to small businesses," he added. As required by law, the EPA failed to consult with state and local governments, confer with business stakeholders, comply with the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act or produce an accurate cost-benefit analysis, Woods said. In its ruling, the Sixth Circuit stated:

"A stay temporarily silences the whirlwind of confusion that springs from uncertainty about the requirements of the new Rule and whether they will survive legal testing. A stay honors the policy of cooperative federalism that informs the Clean Water Act and must attend the shared re-

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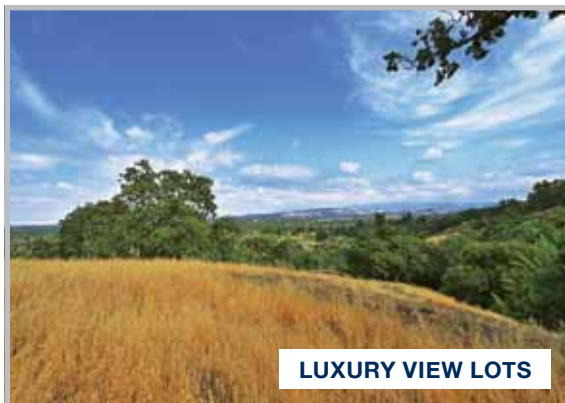
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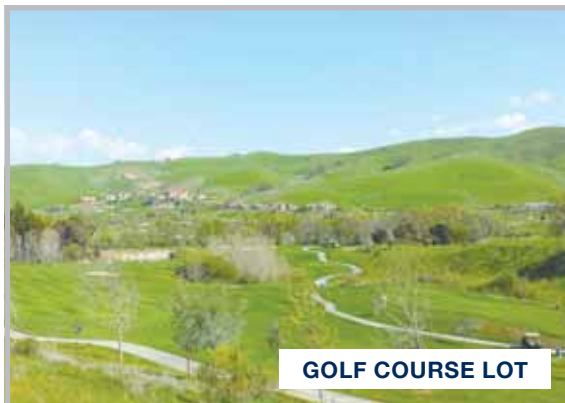
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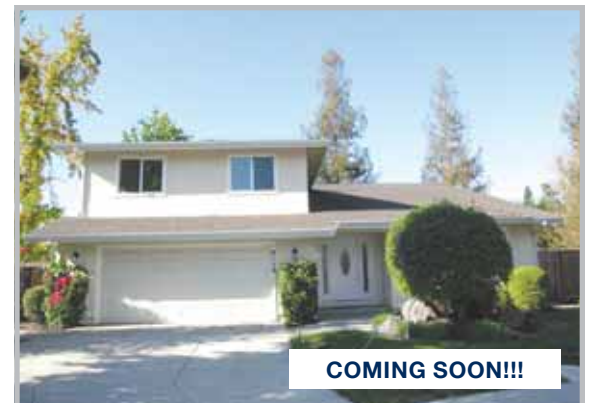
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