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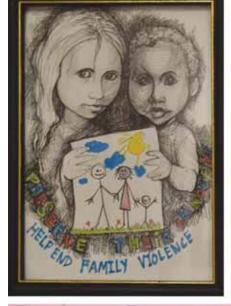
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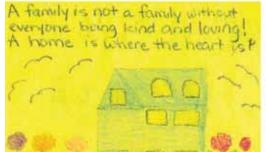
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BY JEB BING

Tribute to Laurel Williams set for next Friday

I has been 10 years since Laurel Williams was killed in a horrific car crash on Foothill Road, and her mother Kathy Pace-Williams hopes friends and family will join her next Friday, Oct. 20, for one last public tribute to her "fallen angel."

The observance will start at 2 p.m. at Moller Park at Foothill Road and Stoneridge Drive, where the entrance is around the corner at 5300 Pleasant Hill Drive. Students at nearby Foothill High School, where Laurel graduated in 2006, are expected to come to the park when classes are dismissed at 3 p.m.

It was Laurel's friend and classmate Katie McKewon who was at the wheel that Sunday morning Oct. 20, 2007, after the girls were headed home from a party held the night before. McKewon, driving with a blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit, veered over the center line on Foothill Road, crashing head-on into a Mercedes SUV, killing Laurel and seriously injuring the driver of the SUV.

McKewon served part of a fouryear prison sentence after being convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter. Paul Stonebarger, who provided the underage girls alcohol at that party, served three months in jail on a misdemeanor ruling.

"These two have moved on with their lives, but I haven't and can't," said Pace-Williams, who is now divorced from Laurel's father Ken. "We haven't talked for years. I'm alone, surrounded by photos and memories. I can't let 10 years go without another tribute to my beautiful girl."

The Williams family set up a foundation to provide funds for Las Positas College and Foothill High girls to continue their education at four-year colleges — as Laurel, a freshman at Las Positas when she died, planned to do.

Laurel Alice Williams scholarships had been awarded to four students before misfortune struck again.

The Tri-Valley Community Foundation, which was administering the scholarship funds that then totaled \$26,000, abruptly closed its doors in bankruptcy. Pace-Williams said \$13,000 was later restored in a court settlement, but the Williams foundation lost the rest, including a potential grant from Safeway Corp., where

About the Cover



Laurel Williams in Facebook photo posted by her mother Kathy Pace-Williams. Laurel was 19 years old when killed in a car crash Oct. 20, 2007.

she worked. Despite her efforts and numerous fundraising dinners, the memorial scholarship program was never revived.

"When that happened, it really took me down," Pace-Williams said. "I'm still so heartbroken. I wanted to keep Laurel's memory alive. She was a bright, spirited, beautiful vivacious young woman."

In the years shortly after the accident, Laurel's parents talked at high school programs to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving. Even though they don't condone it, they recognized that some teens are going to drink alcohol so they sought to establish a service for them similar to those offered by AAA and "safe ride home" organizations.

They had also hoped that McKewon and Stonebarger would share their guilt with students. But except for a brief meeting with some Foothill students after she was released from prison, Katie McKewon (who is now married) has been silent. So has Stonebarger. Nor has either one contacted Pace-Williams to express their sorrow.

"Laurel was a popular girl with many friends who gave me a lot of comfort as I worked to recover from her loss," Pace-Williams said. "But they, too, have moved on, finished college, married and are having babies."

"I understand that," she continued. "I just hope they'll come to my Moller Park remembrance to pay tribute once more to Laurel, the girl we all loved."

For more information, contact Pace-Williams at the email site she still maintains in her daughter's honor: angelkisses4laurel@ yahoo.com. ■

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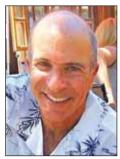


Livermore-based nonprofit Tri-Valley Haven has been working for four decades to support residents whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence, sexual abuse and homelessness. Photos by Erika Alvero or

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What touches do you add to your home to make it warm, welcoming and inviting to people?



Rick Altman Business owner

My best contribution to hospitality at our house is to let our dog Coco greet guests when they arrive at the front door. She always has a smile on her face and is a much better ambassador to our home

Becky Altman Technical writer

than I could ever be.

I have several very comfortable and inviting chairs out on our front porch. We enjoy sitting out there as we sip coffee or wine, and any time friends and neighbors pass by, we invite them to come join us.



Vivien Silber Retired

I always keep a large bowl of fresh fruit on the kitchen table. Apples, bananas, pears and oranges when they are in season. That way any time someone comes over, no matter who it is and whether I'm expecting them or not, I can offer them a nice piece of fruit.

Art Silber Retired

I often pour some vanilla in a pot, dilute it with water and heat it up on the stove. Then I let it simmer for a while until the entire house smells really great, as though my wife has just baked up a fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies.



Jim Tonka Pharmaceutical sales

My wife is mostly in charge of that department. She collects votive candle holders and has them placed all over the house. She puts artificial flickering LED lights in them to avoid creating a fire hazard. They really do give our home a wonderful feeling of warmth and comfort.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Newsfront

DIGEST

North Bay fires

The Tri-Valley experienced smoky conditions this week as a result of multiple wildfires burning in Napa, Sonoma and Yuba counties — which were among more than a dozen wildland blazes occurring in seven counties across California.

Strong winds have blown the smoke from the North Bay fires — which have burned tens of thousands of acres, damaged thousands of structures and killed more than a dozen people as of Tuesday afternoon — throughout the Bay Area, air district officials said.

As is the case with all smoke advisory conditions, residents were advised to limit outdoor activities and to set air conditioning and car venting systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from entering. Elderly people, children and those with respiratory illnesses are particularly susceptible to the smoky conditions and should take extra precautions, air district officials said.

Halloween hunt

Downtown Pleasanton is hosting a scavenger hunt for all the little ghouls, witches, princesses and superheroes next weekend in honor of Halloween.

This year's installment of the free annual Halloween Scavenger Hunt will take place next Saturday (Oct. 21) from 10 a.m. to noon. Children 10 years old and younger can come in costume and pick up instructions from the starting location outside of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St.

The kids will solve the clue in order to find the next downtown location, where they will be given a small goodie or treat. Parents will be given the clue and answer sheet to help children find the treat locations.

Participation will be limited to the first 600 children to arrive. For more info, visit www. pleasantondowntown.net.

Symphony awards

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association is inviting students who have made significant contributions to school and community musical activities during their high school years to apply for its annual \$400 awards.

Applicants must reside or attend school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin or San Ramon, or have actively participated as a Livermore-Amador Symphony musician.

The deadline to apply for the 2017-18 season awards is Monday, Oct. 23. Four recipients will be selected and presented with an award at the symphony's concert Dec. 2.

The application and additional information are at livermoreama-dorsymphony.org/awards. ■

School board approves second Measure I1 technology project

New management hires, Red Ribbon Week resolution also part of Tuesday meeting

BY JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board Tuesday night authorized expending \$31,000 in Measure I1 bond funds toward an AT&T fiber upgrade project.

As part of their consent agenda, trustees ratified a contract that will allow JD Cahill Electric to verify and install new raceways for an AT&T fiber upgrade at Alisal, Lydiksen, Mohr and Valley View elementary schools and Hart Middle School.

The contract approval came after the board last month unanimously

authorized spending \$432,000 in bond revenue on 450 Macbook Air laptops and 132 external DVD drives for K-8 teachers and instructional staff — the first Measure I1 project contract approved under the initial \$72 million issuance.

That revenue is set to go toward staff and student technology; the Lydiksen Elementary rebuild; paying off certificates of participation debt; modernizations qualifying for state funding; infrastructure, safety and security projects; and a new elementary school feasibility study. Other items approved as part of Tuesday's consent agenda were a \$45,000 contract for a new entry door at Valley View Elementary — which will be paid for with deferred maintenance funds — and a resolution recognizing Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31. The display of red ribbons "symbolize our unity against substance abuse," an excerpt from the resolution reads.

"We work in partnership with parents, places of worship, law enforcement agencies, and civic groups to encourage all students to choose lifestyles free of substance abuse," part of the resolution states.

In other action Tuesday, the board announced out of closed session the selection of Myla Grasso as director of maintenance, operations and transportation, and Edward Diolazo as assistant superintendent of student support services.

Grasso has over 20 years of experience serving in a variety of roles for PUSD, including public information officer and coordinator of

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Zone 7

A life-saving reunion

Local senior visits PPD officer who helped resuscitate him

By Erika Alvero

Viktor Glukhovskyy was a healthy 78-year-old Pleasanton resident who walked five miles a day with his wife. But after breakfast one day in late August, without warning, he fell unconscious, having suffered sudden cardiac arrest — his heart had malfunctioned and stopped beating.

"We were confused ... He had no problems," said Nadiya Tarasova, his wife of 42 years who remembered hearing his tea cup fall to the floor that morning when he lost consciousness.

Through the quick actions of Tarasova and Pleasanton police Officer Alex Koumiss, who was on patrol nearby, Glukhovskyy has defied formidable odds, and is now back to his (almost) former self.

"As a police officer, we don't always get this outcome," Koumiss said last week when reunited with Glukhovskyy during a meeting at Pleasanton Police Department. "These are the stories that stick with me."

After her husband fell unconscious, Tarasova immediately called 9-1-1. Over the phone, the operator told her to put Glukhovskyy on the floor, and then proceeded to instruct her in performing CPR.

"I don't know how I put him on the floor," said Tarasova, a former journalist from Russia. Her husband used to work as a policeman in Ukraine. It must have been the adrenaline, she added.

A two-minute drive away, Officer Koumiss was on patrol near the intersection of First Street and Kottinger Drive when he received a "code blue" medical call



Officer Alex Koumiss and Viktor Glukhovskyy met up last Friday for the first time since Koumiss helped save Glukhovskyy from sudden cardiac arrest on Aug. 21.

— meaning the person in question was unconscious and not breathing. It was 8:04 a.m., and by chance, the fire department, normally the first ones to arrive in a situation like this, was changing patrol at that very moment, making Koumiss the closest responder.

So he rushed over to the Stanley Junction Senior Apartments on Stanley Boulevard, where Glukhovskyy and Tarasova resided. Since it was a medical call, when he arrived on-scene, he brought his automated external defibrillator (AED). Every Pleasanton patrol car is outfitted with an AED, which allows responders to deliver an electric shock to the heart of someone who has just experienced sudden cardiac arrest.

Time is of the essence in these situations — according to the American Heart Association, for every minute a normal heartbeat isn't restored, a cardiac arrest victim's chances for survival drop by 7-10%. Doctors would later tell Glukhovskyy's family that the particular type of cardiac arrest he had suffered only has a 5% survival rate.

When Koumiss arrived on-scene, it didn't look promising, he said. Glukhovskyy wasn't breathing and had no pulse. In his 19 years of policing, Koumiss had seen many of these calls, and more often than not, the outcome wasn't good.

But the officer could tell by the color of Glukhovskyy's skin that the incident was recent, so he acted quickly. He administered the AED shock and began CPR at 8:07 a.m., three minutes within his time of dispatch.

Five minutes later, the fire department arrived to relieve Koumiss. Soon, with the advent of the fire department's more advanced medical equipment, Glukhovskyy began breathing on his own and regained a pulse, though he was still unconscious. An ambulance brought him to Stanford-Valley-Care Medical Center, where he

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general manager retiring Duerig has led regional

water agency for 10+ years

By Julia Reis

Jill Duerig, who has served as the general manager of Zone 7 Water Agency for over a decade, will retire early next year.

Duerig confirmed the news last week, two days after the Zone 7 Board of Directors discussed her retirement in closed session of a special meeting.

"I've always planned on an early retirement," Duerig said when asked about the decision Oct. 5.

Duerig was hired by Zone 7 in 2005 as an engineering manager after working for Scotts Valley Water District as its general manager/chief engineer. She was promoted to general manager of Zone 7 in February 2007.

Duerig said she could not comment further on the exact timing of her retirement or the process for replacing her.

In other news, the Zone 7 board is slated to discuss rates at their next regular meeting Wednesday, according to Duerig. In October 2015, the board approved increased water rates for retailers for a three-year period along with a drought surcharge. Last fall the board voted to continue that surcharge another year and implement a new fixed charge.

The Zone 7 board holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the agency's headquarters at 100 North Canyons Pkwy. in Livermore. To learn more, visit www.zone7water.com. ■

From Liuxia to Lydiksen

Pleasanton school welcomes visiting Chinese students, teachers

BY JULIA REIS

For the second year in a row, Lydiksen Elementary last week hosted students and teachers from Liuxia Primary School in Hangzhou, China.

Fourteen children, three teachers and a translator made the trek to Pleasanton, arriving in the Bay Area on Oct. 3.

Their visit is part of a "sister school" relationship that blossomed in spring 2016, when vice principal Janet Gates (now principal of Donlon Elementary) traveled to China to tour Hangzhou and visit Liuxia.

Then last October, Liuxia students and staff traveled to California, spending two days at Lydiksen amid sightseeing excursions in San Francisco and Los Angeles.



Lydiksen Elementary students watch a peer from Liuxia Primary School perform an aerobic dance routine during an assembly Oct. 5. Students and staff from the school in China visited for the second year in a row last week.

This year's visit followed a similar itinerary, as the group spent Oct. 4 and 5 at Lydiksen after taking in the sights around

San Francisco on Oct. 3. "A lot of our students speak

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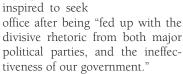
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St. John aims to unseat Democrat Swalwell as an Independent

BY JEREMY WALSH

A Pleasanton resident with a professional background in marketing for the medical industry has announced he is running to represent the Tri-Valley and the rest of the 15th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Brendan St. John, 49, will aim to oust incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) as an Independent during next year's election, saying he was incpired to ceak



Brendan St.

John

"Our government is close to dysfunctional," St. John said in an email interview this week.

"It was clear to me that if things were going to improve it would require an outside-the-Beltway, 'average' person to be willing to step up," he added. "I was raised that if you don't like how something works, don't just complain or expect someone to fix it: Roll up your sleeves and fix it yourself."

St. John is the first candidate to publicly announce a bid to unseat Swalwell, a 36-year-old Democrat who is serving his third straight term in Congress.

Swalwell confirmed this week he will seek reelection next year, saying he remains more passionate than ever about the work he's doing on behalf of the 15th District.

Eric Swalwell

"I have spent a lot of time these last few years visiting every corner of the Tri-Valley, where I grew up," he said by email. "It's where I get my best sense of how people are doing. While I'm hopeful for the future, it is also clear that more work is needed to expand opportunity for all Americans. That's why I'm running for re-election to Congress."

"My priorities in Congress continue to be the priorities that my constituents tell me are important: giving everyone a shot at prosperity, ensuring access to affordable health care, keeping seniors financially secure, providing good schools and useful skills to our kids, extending BART to Livermore and keeping the American dream within reach for every person in this country," Swalwell added.

Swalwell was a 31-year-old

Alameda County prosecutor and Dublin City Council member when he successfully unseated incumbent and fellow Democrat Pete Stark in November 2012. Swalwell won re-election comfortably against little-known Republicans in 2014 and 2016.

Though St. John has already started his campaign to challenge Swalwell, prospective candidates can't officially enter the race until the nomination period opens in mid-February. The top two finishers in the June primary will face each other in a runoff election for the seat in November.

A 20-year Pleasanton resident and married father of three teenagers, St. John acknowledges — and almost embraces — running for Congress with no prior elected or government experience.

"That's been one of the most positively received aspects of my candidacy," according to St. John.

As for goals in office, St. John said his top priority would be to represent his constituents.

"District 15 deserves the full focus and effort from their representative in Washington. Currently we are not receiving this level of commitment," he said.

"If elected, I will serve all constituents within the district regardless of party affiliation," he added. "As a non-party representative, I will have no party bosses to appease regarding legislative votes, and I will be able to work with both sides to craft and support legislation important to our district."

In terms of nationwide issues, St. John said his priorities would include addressing the national debt, health care and immigration — and he has plans laid out for each. Locally, he said he is "particularly passionate" about developing a new system to allow constituents to share their feedback quickly and securely.

"Getting things moving in the positive direction will take a different approach," he added. "Washington needs independent voices and representatives who want to bring Democrats and Republicans together. I will be one of those representatives."

St. John has lived in California since relocating as a young adult in 1990. He and wife Jessica moved to Pleasanton in 1997. They have a daughter in college, a son in high school and a son in middle school.

He holds a master's degree in marketing from Santa Clara University and his professional experience has been focused on marketing in the health care and medical device industries. He is also a volunteer leader with the Pleasanton Junior Football League and an active member of Canyon Creek Church in San Ramon. ■

Alameda, Oakland educators named county Teachers of the Year

Pleasanton's Hurtado falls just outside Alameda County's Top 2 for 2017



Mario Hurtado

A teacher from Alameda Unified and an educator from Oakland Unified last week were named county Teachers of the Year, a distinction that means they will now compete for the statewide award that will be handed out later this month.

Kevin Gorham, an AP government and economics teacher at Encinal Junior & Senior High in Alameda, and special needs teacher Stephanie Taymuree of Oakland's Redwood Heights Elementary received the honors at the 28th annual Alameda County Teacher of the Year awards ceremony in Castro Valley on Oct. 5.

Mario Hurtado represented the Pleasanton Unified School District in the countywide contest. Now a vice principal at Amador Valley High, Hurtado was working as a U.S. history, economics and leadership teacher at Village High School when he was selected as PUSD Teacher of the Year in the spring.

All 18 district winners in Alameda County were recognized at last week's ceremony, which was attended by close to 300 people. ■ —Iulia Reis

> Applications are being accepted now for Foothill and Amador Valley, with a deadline to apply of Nov. 13 and selection taking place mid-November. Village scholarship applications will be due at a later date.

school years.

The Community of Character Collaborative invites high

school seniors in Pleasanton to

apply for the annual Juanita

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each of Pleasanton's three high

schools who have been engaged

in civic activities and have mod-

eled Community of Character

traits throughout their high

Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships of \$1,000 will

Juanita Haugen was a longtime school board member for the Pleasanton Unified School District, and she inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. The annual scholarships recognize students who have demonstrated the



Time to apply for

Haugen scholarships

Community of Character Collaborative

continues outreach

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Annual scholarships honor the memory of late Pleasanton leader Juanita Haugen (shown).

traits of compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline.

Applications and guidelines are available at www.Communi-tyofCharacter.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Mandarin, so it's a great way for them to share who they are in a different way than they normally would," Lydiksen principal Jacob Berg said.

As part of the sister school visit, older Lydiksen students who speak Chinese served as "ambassadors," showing the guests around and helping with translation.

During the two-day visit,

students did calligraphy, took part in a special assembly and made presentations comparing and con-

trasting their schools. Liuxia sixth-graders Elsa Jiao, Andy Yin and Penny Wei said they were happy to be in Pleasanton.

With Lydiksen fifth-grader Sophie Tsai translating, Jiao said she especially liked Lydiksen's classrooms, Yin enjoyed the playground and basketball courts and Wei said she appreciated that "this school is quiet. Our school has a lot of noise." Liuxia teacher Huide Shi also had a positive experience at Lydiksen.

"The students in this school are happy and energetic," he said with a fellow teacher translating. "I think the teachers in this school have done a great job."

Berg said he hopes other Pleasanton schools could form sister school relationships.

"For our student population to have this interaction with students from another country is such a great thing for our students," he said. ■



Property tax bills in the mail

Must pay first installment by Dec. 11 to avoid delinquency penalty

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton residents are among the property owners throughout Alameda County starting to receive their property tax bills for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

More than 430,000 secured roll property tax bills are being mailed this month by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector Henry C. Levv and his office.

The taxes are due in two installments.

The first installment is due Nov. 1 but can be paid through Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. without penalty. Any payment after that time will be charged a 10% delinquency penalty.

The second installment is due Feb. 1 but can be paid through April 10 at 5 p.m. without penalty, after which the 10% delinquency fee will be added.

Of course, both installments can

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purchasing, warehouse and graphics. She had been working as interim director of maintenance, operations and transportation since August.

Grasso holds a bachelor of science in electrical and computer engineering from UC Davis.

be paid in full when the first installment is due.

Anybody who owns real property in Alameda County and does not receive a tax bill by Nov. 16 should immediately contact the Tax Collector's Office by calling (510) 272-6800, writing to the office or downloading an internet copy at www.acgov.org/treasurer.

Tax bills received for property no longer owned should be forwarded to the new owner or returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

Residents have several options available to pay their property tax bills:

• By eCheck, available 24 hours a day online at www.acgov.org/ treasurer.

• By credit card, available 24 hours a day by telephone at 510-272-6800, on the tax collector's website or mobile property app at www.

Diolazo most recently worked as director of special services for San Lorenzo Unified School District. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from UC Santa Barbara and a master's degree in counseling and clinical child psychology from Cal State East Bay.

Later in the meeting the board approved a contract for Diolazo acgov.org/mobile/apps.

• By kiosk, in the tax collector's lobby area at 1221 Oak St., Room 131 in Oakland, allowing taxpayers who visit the office to make payments via credit card or eCheck.

• By mail or in person at the Tax Collector's Office, 1221 Oak St. Room 131, Oakland, CA 94612, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, except for holidays.

County officials recommend payment online, by phone or via the mail to avoid delays at the cashier's window in Oakland.

They also remind residents that supplemental tax bills are additional tax liabilities due to a reassessment of property values and are due on the date the bills are mailed to property owners. People should check the supplemental delinquent dates to be sure to pay the taxes in a timely manner.

that will see him earn a base annual salary of \$197,000 through June 30, 2020.

The next school board meeting will be a governance workshop next Thursday Oct. 19. Further information on the special meeting was not immediately available. The board's next regular meeting is Oct. 24

TAKE US ALONG



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would remain for 11 days. Now Glukhovskyy feels "good," he said in Russian. His mental functioning is normal, with no memory loss or personality change. He plays chess and walks two to three miles a day with his wife ---not quite at five yet, but they're working on it.

"It's amazing," Glukhovskyy said. "A police officer saved the life of a police officer from another country." The quick response and AED use

Grandma Hewitt: Longtime Pleasanton residents Don and Frances Hewitt traveled to Sheffield, Ill., this month to help Don's grandmother Blanche Hewitt celebrate her 109th birthday on Monday.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly. com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

was a strong contributor to saving his life. Koumiss, though, credits Tarasova as being "the real hero in this event," he said.

"Because Viktor's wife immediately called 9-1-1 and did not waste any precious time is a big reason Viktor is still alive," Koumiss said.

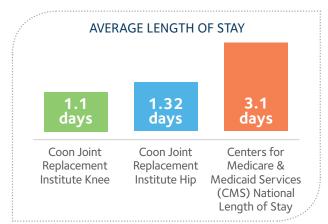
He also thanked the Pleasanton police department for equipping all patrol vehicles with an AED and training all officers in using the device. "Without my departmental provided training and equipment, this likely would not have had the same desirable outcome," he said. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton PD recognizes recently retired dispatcher

The Pleasanton Police Department is recognizing a dispatcher who retired last week after nearly 35 years of service.

Oct. 4 was Linda Reynolds' last day on the job. She was hired by the city of Pleasanton in 1982 as a police assistant, quickly advancing to the role of call taker.

Less than a year later, Reynolds became a

dispatcher. In 1984 she and the rest of the department moved from what is now the Museum on Main to the current facility on Bernal Avenue.

Reynolds was promoted to dispatch supervisor during her tenure. Later she self-demoted, taking on a part-time dispatch position until her retirement last week.

In a Facebook post, law enforcement officials thanked Reynolds for her contributions to the department. "She dispatched during the

Loma Prieta earthquake, listened

to hundreds (if not thousands) of citizens when they needed help the most, and helped to ensure our officers made it home to their loved ones every shift," the statement reads. "Some of the things we will miss most about her are her dedication to her fellow dispatchers, her calm demeanor on the radio and her passion for the history of Pleasanton PD."

In other news

• A young man has been arrested in connection with a hit-and-run that injured a group of bicyclists, including two from Danville, Saturday morning during a charity ride in unincorporated Marin County, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Aaron Paff, 21, of Novato, was arrested at his home just before midnight Saturday and booked into the Marin County Jail on suspicion of felony hit-and-run for a crash that some witnesses claimed looked intentional, CHP Officer Andrew Barclay said.

The four bicyclists injured in the incident were listed in stable condition in the hospital, Barclay said. One of them had been taken by air ambulance to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, he said. All four are expected to survive, the CHP officer said.

The crash occurred during the annual Jensie Gran Fondo, a fundraising cycling ride organized by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. ■ ——*Pleasanton Weekly staff* and Bay City News Service The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 5 Theft

- 1:53 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft recovery
- ■2:09 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:14 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- ■4:18 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 5:06 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- ■8:12 p.m., 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto Sex offenses
- Sex offenses
- ■8:45 a.m. on Bernal Avenue ■8:47 a.m. on Bernal Avenue
- **Robberv**
- 8:16 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road
- Child abuse
- ■8:14 p.m. on Sonoma Drive Vandalism
- 10:46 a.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Oct. 4

Theft

- 7:14 a.m., 4400 block of Newman Place; theft from auto
- ■10:33 a.m. on the 3400 block of Streamside Circle
- Vandalism
- ■9:51 a.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

SATURDAY

POLICE REPORT

Oct. 3 Theft

- ■11:29 a.m. on the 5200 block of Case
- Avenue ■2:38 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- ■3:25 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 10:48 p.m., 1400 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto DUI
- ■4:01 p.m. on Division Street at Main
- Street ■10:47 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- Assault/battery ■4:54 p.m. on the 4400 block of First
- Street Sex offenses
- ■7:33 a.m. on Sunol Boulevard
- Auto theft
- ■7:16 a.m. on the 600 block of East Angela Street

Oct. 2 Fraud

- ■7:51 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
 Vandalism
- ■4:54 p.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue Drug violation
- ■4:30 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue Theft
- ■11:04 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■1:49 p.m. on the 5600 block of Sonoma Drive

Oct. 1.

- Theft ■12:50 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- ■7:08 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Missing person report

■11:20 a.m. on Lotus Street Sept. 30

- Theft ■4:57 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- ■8:50 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- Alcohol violation ■ 3:44 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- Drug violation ■ 6:24 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Sept. 29
- Drug violation
- ■9:32 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Theft from auto
- ■12:14 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 5:22 p.m. on the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive

Burglary ■ 6:03 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Domestic battery 6:29 p.m. on Neal Street

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GUEST OPINION

from the state and developers to approve more

housing. A recent city meeting included a presentation on how Pleasanton could maximize housing on our current civic center site, despite a city survey showing 75% of our citizens do not support housing in downtown.

There is significantly more housing development in Pleasanton's future with a lack of infrastructure to support it. We will be burdened with more traffic, demands on our water supply and overcrowding at our schools. Our community should care

Pleasanton Unified School District has historically been unwilling to use available funding to build schools. In years past, the need for a third high school was identified and approved but never built. The students are here

but the land and funding are gone; the high school will never be built. Our school board is now discuss-

ing using taxpayer-approved money, designated for an elementary school, for alternative uses. A new school was used to get voters to approve the \$270 million bond; this is a dishonest bait and switch.

The result will be another capital asset lost to our community and additional debt for homeowners. Taxpayers should be angry.

The California Department of Education has a formula for best practices for school size. That best-practices formula was used when PUSD asked the city to identify school enrollment guidelines in our General Plan, which is Pleasanton's planning constitution.

Pleasanton schools at all grade levels currently exceed those limits. We like to think Pleasanton exceeds the state minimum standard — we don't.

PUSD has in essence abandoned any enrollment limits. All Pleasanton middle and high schools exceed city and district enrollment limits, with no plan to ever build additional 6-12 schools. As PUSD moves to abandon building the one taxpayer-approved elementary school, our city will grow with unlimited enrollment at our current schools.

Taxpayers should be angry, parents should

District employee costs, not students, families, or community, are the factors driving these decisions (think pension liability). Parents should be concerned.

Planning law makes clear and common sense dictates, comprehensive city planning requires building schools. In the past, there has been better cooperation between the city and school district that has resulted in schools getting built. Pleasanton needs to get back to that level of cooperation again.

Email your elected representatives. Tell our school board to honor their commitments made to the taxpavers, and act in our students' and community's best interests. Remind the City Council that housing without infrastructure is bad for Pleasanton; it is their responsibility.

BY JULIE TESTA

Taxpayers should be angry, parents should be concerned, our community should care.

Editor's note: A 30-year Pleasanton community advocate, Julie Testa is a former member of the Pleasanton Human Services Commission and has participated on various budget committees and planning task forces.



EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY Weekly changes policy on naming arrestees

oncerned about the lasting impact that online search engines have on the lives of individuals arrested for crimes, the Pleasanton Weekly is implementing new protocols regarding when the names and photos of arrestees will be published.

The new policy, now posted on PleasantonWeekly.com, states that, except in limited instances, news stories will not name those arrested until they are formally charged by the county's District Attorney.

"We have become increasingly concerned about the unfairness of stories naming people arrested for crimes remaining on the internet forever," Weekly Publisher Gina Channell said.

"Not only is an arrest not a conviction, but it is only an initial and often over-stated allegation against a person. What a person is booked for is often reduced by the District Attorney's Office and in some cases not prosecuted at all," she said.

"There is also an unfair, disproportionate effect on those with unusual names, since an internet search for an unusual name is much more likely to display a story on the arrest high in search results than if the person has a common name," she said.

The policy cites four exceptions in which the name of an arrested person will be named in a news story: • The arrestee is a prominent person

in the community, a public safety employee or a school employee. • The arrest was for a major violent crime.

The arrest was the result of an extended police or FBI investigation. • In the judgment of the editor, the crime was widely reported and is of broad public interest or concern.

In any story on an arrest, however, PleasantonWeekly.com will include a link to a law-enforcement agency's press release and booking photos, when available.

The updated policy was developed over several months, together with another policy, also posted on PleasantonWeekly.com, concerning when names in archived online content will be removed or edited.



COVER STORY

40 years on the front lines of crisis

Tri-Valley Haven devoted to residents affected by domestic violence, sexual abuse, homelessness





From top: Tri-Valley Haven's community building in Livermore has helped the agency increase visibility, in addition to providing a space for individual and group counseling sessions. The nonprofit's staff in front of the community building, which is located at 3663 Pacific Ave.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ERIKA ALVERO

aycie, a Livermore resident who works in Pleasanton, needed a support group last year. She wanted to connect with others who had been through trauma like she had — she who was still healing from having been molested as a child.

After perusing the internet, she found the Tri-Valley Haven, a nonprofit supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse and homelessness. The agency was right near her home, but she was hesitant about contacting them at first.

"It seemed like they were more geared toward just domestic violence victims," said Kaycie, whose last name is withheld for privacy reasons. "I was kind of apprehensive of even reaching out to them; I don't really fit the bill."

But after attending a few group counseling sessions, she realized that she connected strongly to many other women in the group. And that they shared similar post-trauma experiences: from feelings of shame and guilt, to family denial or worse, victim-blaming.

More than anything, Kaycie came to realize that it's crucial to know, as a survivor, you are not alone. And that trauma cannot be buried away.

"Waking up and hoping it would go away, it never actually does," she said. "And Tri-Valley Haven is amazing. I wish they had more services, for sure. But I think what they have right now is a beautiful thing. Because there's nothing else like it around this town."

Tri-Valley Haven is based in Livermore and serves the nearby Tri-Valley communities. The agency offers a multitude of services, including a 24-hour crisis line, individual and group counseling sessions, two shelters, a food pantry serving 1,700 families experiencing poverty, a thrift store, and programs at nearby jails and at local middle and high schools.

It's now celebrating 40 years in operation; four decades of growth and change, said Christine Dillman, director of sexual assault and counseling services. The founders, she said, could not have envisioned the Haven's current size.

"We're just so grateful we're able to serve the community," Dillman said. "We do deal with life and death. People are fleeing, often for their lives. So it's vital that we are here."

The organization was founded in 1977 by a determined group of women, including former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown. They began in a woman's garage, Dillman said, and used whatever resources were at their disposal.

"They started a crisis line," Dillman said. "They took women into their homes, which we certainly don't advocate today, for safety concerns. But you know, they did it."

And the need is great. According to a 2010-12 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one out of three women and one out of six men in the U.S. have experienced some form of contact sexual violence during their lifetime, and one out of four women and one out of seven men have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.

It often takes victims and survivors years before they're able to come forward and seek help. Like Kaycie.

As a child, she was molested by her cousin, who was five years older than her, when no one else was around.

"Being a Mexican-Filipino, basically family's everything," Kaycie said. "So I was around my family a lot growing up — particularly on my mom's side, my Filipino side. The culture is you never really talk about this type of stuff. When it was happening, I didn't realize it until I was 9 years old, because I really didn't know what sex was."

At that point, she told her parents, "And it was a big mess." She said her father first blamed her for not speaking up sooner, and then her parents brought the two of them together, so that her cousin could apologize. She still had to see him.

"It was a lot of psychological damage, with my parents being in denial about what happened to me," Kaycie said. "And they tried to put it out of their minds. And then they tried to make it not as big of a deal. And that was actually more damaging to me than the molestation."

"Until my 20s or so, I would have these panic attacks and flashbacks," she added. "And that's when I knew, I'm not normal, there's something really wrong with me."

With the help of a psychologist, self-help

Pace for Peace

Tri-Valley Haven's 20th annual Pace for Peace fundraising walk/run is set for this Saturday, with a 5K and 10K winding through Livermore Valley wine country on the Arroyo Mocho Trail and through Robertson Park. Runners of all ages can register online at www.trivalleyhaven.org.

at www.trivalleyhaven.org. "As the need grows, Tri-Valley Haven grows," Dillman said. "The Pace is a great way for the community to come to Tri-Valley Haven, it's a fun event. What we do is a really hard, difficult subject to talk about, but it's important that we are raising awareness and that we are doing things that make it accessible to the community."

books and an acquired passion for running, Kaycie says she is doing much better today. She was able to confront her parents in family therapy about the pain they put her through, and, through Tri-Valley Haven, she recently presented to a group of nurses at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Rosa about the experience of trauma from a survivor's perspective.

Kaycie shares her story to help destigmatize the conversation around sexual abuse and assault, and to support other members of her family who had very similar experiences.

"I've had other cousins come to me saying they were molested by another cousin," she said. "It's actually more common in my family than they understand or even know about. And it's scary because it seems like a re-occurring problem, that it's so 'hush hush,' no one ever stops it.

"So what I've tried to do in my own family, is expose — I didn't really want to make the victims known in my family. But I had to make it known that it is still happening with other people, and that it needs to stop."

Many people who come to Tri-Valley Haven are in similarly tangled and difficult situations, involving family, emotions and financial considerations.

"Sometimes, people think that if somebody comes to a shelter, doesn't do well or goes back to an abuser, that they must like it, they're never going to leave," said Vicki Thompson, domestic violence programs manager.

"When in fact battered women need to leave often as many as seven times before they get out and stay out. For many reasons. Not least of which the abusers very often will apologize, make promises they never promised before to get their partner to go back, and then the same old stuff starts happening again."

Thompson has been at the Haven for 31 years, longer than anyone else on staff.

She had been working in the corporate world when she began contemplating a career shift to the social services sector. To determine if she had an aptitude for the work, she started volunteering with Suicide Prevention of Alameda County, and ended up speaking with many victims of domestic violence on their crisis line.

"There is one that sticks with me to this day, who told me one night, 'I really want to die. I hope the next time, he hits me hard enough to kill me," Thompson said. "That really opened my eyes to how helpless and hopeless a person can feel when they're trapped in an abusive relationship."

At the same time, she was also managing the downtown Oakland office of a large



temporary help service, and would see that many of the women who came in to sign up for work were trying to make enough money to make a down payment on an apartment, in order to escape a bad relationship or leave a shelter.

These two experiences helped Thompson focus what she wanted to do next, and she began working for Tri-Valley Haven in August 1986.

She's seen the center grow over the years, and the landscape around it shift dramatically. The shortage of affordable housing directly impacts their work — the inability to pay rent or buy a home can prevent someone from leaving an abusive relationship.

As such, the Tri-Valley Haven's two shelters — a 16-bed homeless shelter and a 30-bed domestic violence shelter — are of utmost importance. And they both allow people to stay several months, Dillman added, giving families some stability and a chance to save money, while also offering rent, case management and counseling services.

They also permit teenage boys up to 17, unlike many other shelters. "We don't want a mother to have to make that choice," Dillman said. "Where she can leave a situation and leave her son there, or not leave at all."

Perceptions about the overall affluence of the Tri-Valley can pose challenges to their work, especially in terms of funding, Thompson said. The number of domestic violence reports received by the three police departments they work with — Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore — is much lower than in many neighboring cities, but still present, she said.

"There are different reasons here why people don't report," she said. "Not everyone who is abused is going to call the police or go to a shelter. For somebody — again getting back to the housing issue — when you have two people working full-time-plus to make the payment on that \$900,000 house, if one of them goes to jail and loses their job, they're both going to be homeless. That's a barrier to people leaving the situation."

The agency itself has seen plenty of positive improvements too, though, in terms of its capacity to meet the region's needs. They now have a community building, a home base located at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore, which helps increase visibility for the center.



From top: Executive director Ann King and Christine Dillman, director of sexual assault and counseling services, in one of Tri-Valley Haven's counseling rooms. In the hallway of the agency's community building, Dillman straightens a framed collage, one of the many works of art completed by participants in the Haven's counseling and therapy programs. Anne Zadra has volunteered for the Haven's food pantry for over 10 years. The pantry includes mobile service in the nearby area and serves nearly 1,700 families experiencing poverty.



They also have two new offices in Pleasanton, on Black Avenue.

"It has really increased the number of Pleasanton residents that we're able to serve," Dillman said. "Sometimes people can't drive all the way to Livermore for a counseling appointment. But they can come during their lunch and their partner won't know that they're coming to see us."

They've partnered with the nearby Santa Rita Jail and the Dublin Federal Correctional Institution to provide programs like intervention crisis counseling and art and writing therapy for inmates.

Every unit at Santa Rita has a phone that calls directly to Tri-Valley Haven's crisis line. And sadly, Dillman said, they have found in their work that a large majority of inmates have experienced trauma, that can be triggered by incarceration.

They work closely with law enforcement at Santa Rita and the Dublin institution, but also outside the jail — particularly in terms of sexual trafficking, though Dillman acknowledged that looks a lot different in the Tri-Valley than it does in Oakland.

Preventative programs are also crucial, she said. Tri-Valley Haven visits seventhand ninth-grade classes in the area, focusing on healthy relationships, anti-bullying and bystander intervention.

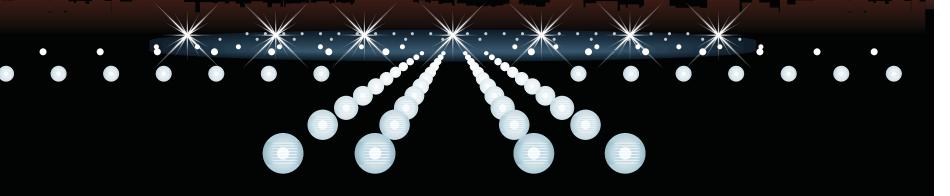
And finally, Thompson said, they need to ensure they take care of their own staff, who can experience vicarious trauma in their jobs, often leading to a high turnover rate in organizations like Tri-Valley Haven. Part of this involves reminding staff that

they may not always see the successes.

"We're seeing people at just one point in their life, it might be their lowest point," Thompson said. "But whatever we do, whatever they learn, whatever tools we can give them, it makes them stronger for the next time. Nobody's a lost cause." ■

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FEEDBAGS SEWN INTO SHOPPING TOTES – A COMMUNITY PROJECT

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

ove is in the bag," says Pleasanton resident Gretchen Kyle — love for horses and everyone who has come forward to help with her project.

About a year ago Kyle had the idea to collect bags that hold grain to feed horses, re-fashion them into reusable shopping bags and sell them to benefit Horses Healing Hearts rescue operations on Camino Tassajara in Pleasanton. "The bags hold 50 pounds and there are thousands of

them, in every trash can in every stable," Kyle said.

Kyle, 58, has had horses all her life and boarded them at Brown Ranch, where Melissa Austin founded the horse rescue operation in 2011.

"Melissa works tirelessly to help change the quality of life for any horse she is told about," Kyle said, adding that Austin herself goes in her truck and trailer to pick up neglected horses.



SHERRY MAAS PHOTOGRAPHY

Top: Gretchen Kyle (third from left) visits with owner/designer Irina Etinberg (second from left) of Kidz Kraftz, where her students are sewing shopping bags: (left to right) Pallavi Sengupta, 13; Athena Contos, 10; Maya Krishnan, 13; and Gabby Martinez, 12. Not shown: Keren Rivkin, 15; Lindsay Tsai, 10; and Vivian Huynh, 10. "I have seen her try for over an hour to patiently load a scared, weak horse into the trailer," Kyle said.

"We have now helped 300 horses," Austin said.

The group holds several fundraisers a year, and Kyle suggested the bags as a way to make money.

"She said, 'I love the bag idea but have zero money and zero time to make this happen," Kyle recalled. "I'm retired, and I've had horses all my life, so I've taken on the project."

"My goal is to give Melissa 50 bags to sell at one of her fundraising events, at \$20 a bag," she added.

Kyle decided the project should be all-volunteer so that when someone buys the final product, all the money goes to the cause.

"A guy said he would make them for me for \$8 each, but I felt I could do something more. I wanted the horses to have 100%," Kyle explained. "The money I spend on labels and threads, that is my donation. We need to get them made for free."

She arranged with Western Saddlery in Pleasanton to accept empty grain bags for her, including from Golden Gate Fields.

"I put them in the bathtub and wash them," she said.

She realized that even after washing, they might contain enough grain to trigger someone's allergies.

"I started calling the horse grain manufacturers, and they've given me brand new bags," she said.

L.A. Hearne, a grain company in King City, sent her 100 bags for free. Purina mailed her 75 bags with photos of baby chicks on them.

But Kyle also needed people to sew the bags since she herself is not a seamstress.

Kevan Turner of DesignCo marketing on Railroad Avenue printed a postcard at no charge to advertise her mission. Jermel Wells from Creatability in Pleasanton created the graphic design for the sticker, also not charging.

"I was going around to quilting shows and begging people, and going to sewing organizations and such," Kyle recalled.

She approached people in fabric stores, and mentioned with a laugh that some folks would run from her.

"My personality lets me beg people quite easily," she commented. "If you can sew a straight line, please call me." When Irina Etinberg, owner of Kidz Kraftz in Dublin, heard about it, she thought it would be a good project for her students.

"She said, 'Bring me 20," Kyle remembered. "She was one of the first ones to respond in this way, committing to doing it ongoing."

Kyle also called the Girl Scouts of Northern California, which put her in touch with Karen Rodriguez, volunteer development manager for Alameda County.

"I met with her, she showed me her bag and described the project," Rodriguez said. "She was invited to a leader meeting."

At the meeting in late August the leaders — who came from Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol — took 45 bags for their Scouts to sew.

"I was very excited that I was able to connect with Gretchen when she was looking for some avenues of support for the horses," Rodriguez said. "It is often very exciting to find different projects the girls can latch onto, not only for the community service but for their own growth and development."

Kyle ordered tags to go inside the bags that read, "Sewn with love by a Girl Scout" to give each one a personal touch.

She said the endeavor is a good example of how "it takes a village" to help others.

"What I found as I went on is that everybody loves the feeling of community. Everyone needs a bag now, and these are so strong — you don't have to be a horse lover to buy this bag," Kyle said.

But, she added, everyone should appreciate that purchasing the bags will help buy food and provide veterinarian and farrier services for a rescued horse right here in Pleasanton.

And Austin said she is thrilled with the unique collaboration and opportunity to offer reusable feed bags to the public.

"It's a great way to create awareness for our horse rescue — and great for the environment while making money for the horses," Austin said.

Contact Gretchen Kyle by telephone at 523-3133 or email BigbayRay16@gmail.com. For background on Austin's horse rescue operations, visit horseshealingheartsinc.org; for current news, go to Horses Healing Hearts, Inc. on Facebook. ■



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'Bullets over Broadway'

Tri-Valley Rep opens madcap tale at Bankhead next week

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is bringing the Roaring '20s back to life at the Bankhead Theater next week with showgirls and gangsters in a musical adaptation of Woody Allen's 1994 madcap film, "Bullets over Broadway."

David Shayne is a straightarrow playwright who plans to stand firm against compromising his work but quickly changes when his producer finds a backer to put his show on Broadway. There's just one catch, however: The backer is a mobster who sees Shayne's play as a vehicle for his ditzy, talent-free girlfriend.

Throw in an aging diva, a

savant hit-man and a bevy of beautiful chorus girls, and you have a six-time Tony-nominated musical. Music includes hits from the 1920s such as "Let's Misbehave," "Tain't Nobody's Bizness If I Do" and "There's a New Day Comin'!"

Shayne is played by Domonic Tracy, and Annmarie Martin portrays the girlfriend, Helen Sinclair. Other cast members are Eric Neiman (Cheech), Suzie Shepard (Olive Neal), Jim Rupp (Warner Purcell), Madison Genovese (Ellen), Jeff Seaberg (Nick Valenti), Christina Boothman (Eden Brent) and Michael Sally (Julian Marx).

Whimsy, cities, space robots

Johnny Botts displays upbeat, fanciful works

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

A whimsical new fine art installation by Bay Area artist Johnny Botts opened Thursday at the Firehouse Arts Center. Botts is known in California and beyond for his fanciful works featuring space robots, popular global destinations, and a healthy dose of humor.

The show was timed to occur during the free IGNITE! Festival celebrating innovative arts and technology that takes place in and around the arts center from 5-9 p.m. Saturday.

"Letting go is part of the fun," Botts said. "On impulse, I added a small cartoon robot to one of my paintings, and now robots have completely taken over my artwork." Botts said he is interested in painting, robots, flying saucers, aliens, cartoons, illustration, science and science fiction. His formal education is in engineering and business, and he was a Silicon Valley rocket scientist, designing equipment for outer space.

"Some of that seems to come through with the themes I choose," he noted with a laugh.

Botts has painted murals at Facebook headquarters, sold pieces to Capitol One, and had artwork published in the Arts and Entertainment section of the New York Times.

"When I'm painting, I think about the kinds of positive messages I want around me and put them into my work," he said. "From a young age I decided to approach life with a positive attitude. I want my world to be a place that is uplifting, encouraging and playful."

Harrington Gallery director Julie Finegan said she was pleased to find Botts to display at this time.

"I was looking for an artist whose work might reflect some of the activities of the IGNITE! Festival ... with a nod to technology in some way, and his is an interesting, cheerful and artful approach," she said. "Plus I love the fact that he was a bona fide rocket scientist in a past life, and that now he paints space robots."

Botts' works will remain on display through Nov. 4, in the Harrington Gallery's Atrium Gallery. ■

Producer is Kathleen Breedveld; director, John Maio; assistant director, Jeff Hutchins; musical director, Sierra Dee; and choreographer, Kevin Hammond. Male and female dance ensem-

bles round out the cast.

The show is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Showgirls & gangsters

What: "Bullets over Broadway: The Musical" Who: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre When: 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2

p.m. Sundays (and Saturday, Nov. 4); Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Where: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore Tickets: \$37-\$39. Visit the box office; call 373-6800; or go to www.lvpac.org.



Domonic Tracy (David Shayne), Suzie Shepard (Olive Neal), Eric Neiman (Cheech) and Annmarie Martin (Helen Sinclair)





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Puppets performing 'Alice in Wonderland'

DLUX Puppets are bringing "Alice in Wonderland" to the Firehouse Arts Center stage at 7:30 p.m., next Friday (Oct. 20) and at 2 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 21). The innovative puppet theater company, which was co-founded by a cast member of Beach Blanket Babylon and an elementary school teacher, presents a fun musical adaptation of the story with actors, high quality life-sized (and bigger!) puppetry and digitally projected scenery the whole family will enjoy. Tickets are \$8-\$16. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

<u>Sports</u>



PLEASANTON PREPS



BY DENNIS MILLER

High school sports can still provide that needed escape

Foothill football beats Granada; Amador Valley runs into SRV buzzsaw

For the second straight Monday, residents of Northern California woke up to horrific video. First it was the mass shooting in Las Vegas and then this week, the fires in the Napa and Sonoma vallevs

Our family over the weekend also had to deal with news from South Carolina that a pair of soldiers were killed and several others were injured in our son's basic training platoon when a truck plowed into their formation.

Throughout my life, sports has been an escape from the problems of the real world. For that brief time, you could try to forget all the bad stuff in the world by watching a sporting event.

For the most part that has been soiled as well. Professional sports have become a place for millionaire athletes to make political statements and college sports has become a business, with corruption running wild.

Even my beloved horse racing is falling victim to greed and selfishness, and appears intent on destroying the sport from within.

That leaves us high school sports. There are a lot of things that have threatened the last pure vestige of sports, but for the most part, it still does provide the escape from the darkness — if only for a little bit.

Writing this column is a blessing. Recognizing the hard-working prep athletes, many of whom are playing competitive athletics for the last time, is a good feeling.

I am always hopeful that helping these athletes and families build memories is something they can remember.

It was what made the long hours and low pay bearable through all my years with the Tri-Valley Herald. It has been a source of frustration to see how the local daily paper now ignores local sports. I am very thankful the Pleasanton Weekly has given me a forum to keep prep sports in the paper.

It's now up to the parents and the coaches in the area to keep this going. I can pretty much tell when a team wins and when they lose. When a team wins, the parents shower us with stories, but when they lose ... crickets.

Win or lose, let's make sure to turn in the results. Remember in the grand scheme of life, this can provide smiles in times we all need one.

Hopefully we can work together to build these memories and maybe provide for a brief respite from the real world.

Water polo

The Foothill boys varsity water polo team had a good run last week

The Falcons started the week with a 15-4 win over De La Salle in East Bay Athletic League play and then came back and went 2-1 in the Aptos tournament over the weekend.

Foothill beat Mountain View 12-10 and Willow Glen 10-8 and lost to league rival Monte Vista 20-7 in the tournament championship game.

Standouts in the two wins were Matthew Dotson with seven goals (three assists), Dylan Weiglein with three goals (one assist, three steals), Dylan Pottgieser with three goals (four steals), Ryan Weiglein and Drake Southern with three goals apiece, and Harrison Carter with a combined 27 saves in those games.

Nathan Williams starred for Foothill in the loss to Monte Vista with five goals.

Football

Things look really promising for both the Amador and Foothill football teams heading into this week.

Foothill, which dropped its first two games of the season, has run off four straight wins, including a 24-13 win over Granada last Friday. The Falcons have a tough test with De La Salle this week, but then take on Dougherty Valley and Livermore — two probable wins - before closing with Amador Valley.

Amador ran into the San Ramon Valley buzzsaw, losing 45-14, but the Dons have Dublin and Livermore left on their schedule good chances for wins - before closing with Foothill.

It's very likely the two teams will be 6-3 when they meet at Foothill on Nov. 3. At stake could be a home game in the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs. ■

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



Donovan Mayer (54) leads Jake Jackson (15) for Foothill against Granada in the Falcons 24-13 win over the Matadors last week.

Rugged Maniac back for second 2017 run

50-foot water slide, warped walls, fire jumps among 25 obstacles

Pleasanton is set to play host for the second time this year to an intense, athletically demanding obstacle course, along with thousands of revelers in a day-long festival, as the Rugged Maniac tour returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds this Saturday.

The Rugged Maniac challenge consists of 25 obstacles in a threemile off-road course, including underground tunnels, trampolines, fire jumps, warped walls, balance beams and a 50-foot-tall water slide.

The event also features a day-long festival for racers and spectators that includes live music, food, drinks and more.

Rugged Maniac, which brings its high-energy obstacle course to venues across the country, has come to Pleasanton for the past five years. This is the first time the event has stopped twice in town in the same year, following its May appearance at the fairgrounds.

The Rugged Maniac event is set to run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday at the fairgrounds on Pleasanton Avenue. The obstacle course costs \$100 to participate in, while the festival is free to attend for spectators. For ticket information, visit www. ruggedmaniac.com.

—Jeremy Walsh

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THE CHRIS SCOVILL BAND The Chris Scovill Band performs at the Main Street Brewery, 830 Main St., Saturday, Oct. 21 at 9 p.m.

Festivals & Fairs

ARTWALK LIVERMORE 2017

ArtWalk is Livermore's premier one-day arts fest. Over 150 artists display their works on sidewalks and plazas, in parks and galleries, surrounded by boutique shops, wine tasting rooms and restaurants in historic downtown Livermore. Peruse the many art booths, shop for treasures, stop by the Plaza for free live music and dance, have a glass of wine at the Bankhead Theater. Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., https://visittrivalley.com.

CROSSROADS DOLL & TEDDY BEAR **Show** Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Crossroads Doll & Teddy Bear Show & Sale. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Adults \$8; Child \$8; under 12 \$4; Seniors \$8; Military \$8 Parking: \$10 Discount: Discount Coupon Available at www.dolls4all.com. Contact: drake.dorothy@gmail. com. Phone: 775-737-1955. The sales floor exhibitors are the finest in the West with a great selection of dolls, teddy bears, antique toys, miniatures, supplies, books and accessories from Antique to Modern. Bring up to two dolls or teddy bears for verbal appraisal.

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Talks & Lectures

PUBLIC ART WALKJoin Nancy and Gary Harrington on their Pleasanton 2nd Saturday Public Art Walks the next two months. The first event takes place this Saturday starting at 9 a.m. in the Pleasanton Civic Center parking lot at 200 Old Bernal Ave. This two-hour free walk and talk will focus on public art on the north side of downtown. The Harringtons, whose Harrington Art Partnership has brought 23 public art pieces to the Tri-Valley. will also present their new book, "Pleasanton's Public Art," which is now available at the Museum on Main.

RENEE BONDI: KNOW HIM; LIVE HIM; MAKE HIM KNOWN Renee Bondi was in a bizarre accident that left her a quadriplegic and despite tremendous challenges, Renee trusted in the Lord and He has been faithful. Consider inviting the person in your life that needs an extra dose of encouragement. Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.,\$15.00 Per Ticket, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. https:// ccop.ticketleap.com.

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Family

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Community Groups

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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH 285 The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 285, a social/ philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to join them for a potluck and guest speaker evening at 6 p.m. the third Friday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Judy at 462-2487.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• Review 2017 Community Survey results

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

• Presentation, discussion and input regarding preliminary options and strategies for the Downtown Specific Plan Update

Housing Commission

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of the Annual Operating Budget for Ridge View Commons for 2018
- Introductory discussion on the City Council priority related to revisions to the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance

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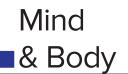


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File No.: 535406 The following person doing business as: Julia Hill Consulting Services, 1440 Wilton Road, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Julia M. Hill, 1440 Wilton Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Julia M. Hill an business is conducted by Julia M. Hill, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein September 14,2017. Signature of Registrant: Julia M. Hill, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 14, 2017.(Pleasanton Weekly, September 22, 29 and October 6 and 13, 2017.)

Jeannette's Consignment Consulting FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 535460 The following person doing business as: Jeannette's Consignment Consulting, 110 Mission Drive, Pleasanton, CA, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following a verse i courset to Coreio the following owner: Jeannette Osorio, 110 Mission Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an

Individual, Jeannette Osorio. Registran began transacting business under the

2017. Signature of Registrant, Jeannette Osorio, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 15, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2017.)

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File No.: 536017 The following pe File No.: 536017 The following person(s) doing business as: AAM Partners, 1085 Nolan Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the follow-ing owner(s): Shailesh Mangal, 34349 France Way, Fremont, CA 94555; Megha Lain 1085 Nolan Court Pleasanton Jain, 1085 Nolan Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Shailesh Mangal and Megha Jain, by Shailesh Mangal and Megha Jain, Individuals. Registrants began transact-ing business under the fictitious busi-ness name listed herein September 27, 2017. Signature of Registrant, Shailesh Mangal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 27, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017)

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File No.: 535660-663 The following person Crows Landing Plaza, LLC doing business as: Crows Landing Road Plaza, Crows Road Plaza, Crows Plaza, Crows Landing, 35699 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the fol-lowing owner: Crows Landing Plaza, LLC, 35699 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536 This business is conducted by Crows Landing Plaza, LLC, Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein Crows Landing Road Plaza, Crows Road Plaza, Crows Plaza, Crows Landing. Signature of Registrant, Harpreet Grewal. Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Sept. 21, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017.) IOAN'S ON MAIN

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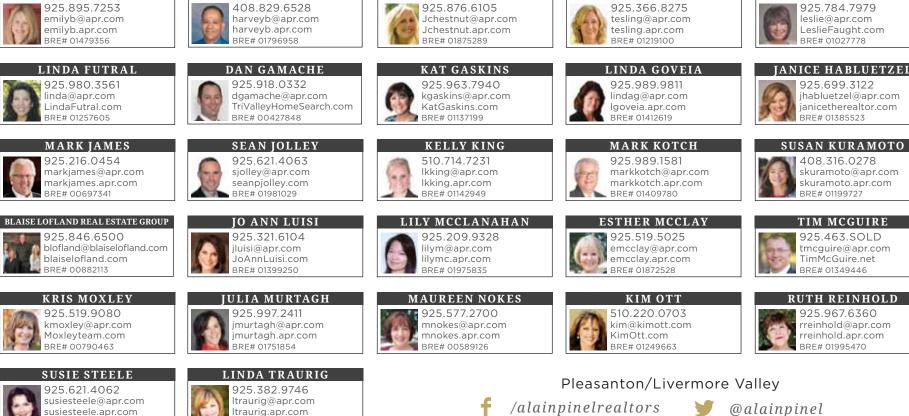
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