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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

Amador Theater restoration work could cost millions of dollars.

Fixing Amador Theater

The Amador Theater, which has served as Pleasanton's principal and still largest performing arts facility for more than 80 years, needs work — more than \$1 million worth of work.

Last week, the City Council voted to hire an engineering company to assess the property and determine what must be done and how much it will cost. There's also a suggestion to turn it into a major arts and theater production education center.

Earlier this year, a fire marshal ordered the building's only fire escape closed after determining that the metal and wood (yes, wood) outdoor stairway is unsafe. Just to replace it will cost an estimated \$1 million.

As a result, the theater's balcony is now closed, substantially reducing the theater's 600-seat capacity, although it still has more seats than the Firehouse Arts Center and is better suited for larger productions.

Water seepage on the south front corner of the theater is undermining some of the building's foundation. Although not a threat to the structure yet, it could call for major, costly reconstruction work.

With no elevators to the balcony or to basement rooms where actors prepare for their performances, the theater doesn't meet mandatory Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The theater also lacks a fire suppression sprinkler, also now a building code requirement. Although the Amador Theater has been "grandfathered" in over the years from building code updates, those days are over.

The theater was opened in 1932, just nine years after newly built Amador Valley High School graduated its first class. Since then, it has served as Pleasanton's and the school district's principal performing arts facility.

The structural problems apparently date back to its expansion and renovation that was completed in 1989 when the city of Pleasanton took ownership of the building. The

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council at that time spearheaded a fundraising drive, raising \$800,000 in cash and in-kind materials, with the city government paying the rest of the \$1.2 million needed in total funding.

As part of its agreement in taking ownership, the city allots 60 days a year for school performances and other uses.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the Amador Theater is still used frequently and is still needed despite the availability of the Firehouse theater. Many of the city's most cherished productions — and fundraisers — require the 600-seat capacity of the Amador Theater, compared to the 220 seats at the Firehouse.

Now, time is running out on making needed repairs. Besides the need to replace the fire escape, the front facade is facing continued water damage. Some doors no longer close.

Although the City Council agreed to prioritize repair work at the theater, the building's dual ownership complicates the effort.

"Since the school district owns the land the theater sits on, anything we do to change the building will require clearance from the state architect before we can do the work," Fialho said. "That could take at least two years to get approved."

Another consideration by city and school district leaders would be to substantially renovate and retrofit the theater to serve not only cultural group productions but also the robust art and theater programs at both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools. This one facility could be shared by both schools with classrooms attached.

"In the meantime, we have a building that has been the cultural center of the city and needs a major upgrade," Fialho said. "What we have to do first is to have an engineering study to figure out all that needs to be done, get the dollar amounts and then figure out a way to finance it over time." ■

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Kean Zandona, from the First Tee of the Tri-Valley, warms up ahead of the Special Olympics regional competition at Los Lagos Golf Club in San Jose last fall. Photo by Jerry Sobrero/First Tee. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you show someone that you trust them?



Mike Higgins
College student

It usually takes me awhile to get to know someone and feel comfortable with them. When I get to the point where I trust them, I usually share thoughts and information with them that I'd ordinarily keep to myself. When I start doing that, people know I trust them because some of my thoughts are pretty unusual.



Liv Unger
Muralist

Usually when I trust someone, I let them come into my art studio. It is a very special and mostly private space for me, and I only allow positive energy to enter it.



Greta Rose
High school student

When I trust someone, I'll let them help me if they offer assistance if I'm in trouble. I'm a pretty guarded person when it comes to trusting people, so letting them help me is a way of "letting them in" and showing trust.



Suzanne Holder
Retired

I usually show trust by gifting someone something that has sentimental meaning to me. For example, a scarf from my deceased mother's scarf collection. I wear her scarves all the time. When I give one of her scarves to someone I trust, they understand that I know they will take good care of it. And hopefully wear it in good health and high spirits.



Gus Di Martino
Waiter

If I give someone my car keys, and let them borrow my car, that is the best way for me to show them that I trust them. I treat my car like a child. She even has a name. It is Alma, which is the Spanish word for soul.

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DIGEST

Lunch with author

Steven Rowley, author of "Lily and the Octopus," will be the guest at Towne Center Books' "Read It and Eat" event on April 5. Rowley will talk about his latest book, "The Editor," a funny poignant novel about an author whose relationship with his very famous book editor (Jacqueline Kennedy) changes him forever as a writer and a son.

Lunch and the book are \$35; lunch only is \$15. Social hour is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon, at the book store, 555 Main St. Reservations are required. Go to the store, call 846-8826, or visit www.towne-centerbooks.com.

Art competition

Local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell is calling all high school art students in his district to show him their talents and enter into his 2019 Congressional Art Competition.

Open to high-schoolers living anywhere in the 15th Congressional District (which includes Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon in the Tri-Valley), the competition allows teens to show off their original artwork for a chance to have their work displayed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. for one year.

Submissions are due by 4 p.m. April 19. A full list of rules and regulations can be found at <https://swalwell.house.gov>.

City's new PIO

The city of Pleasanton recently welcomed a new public information officer, Cindy Chin, who will act as city administration's public spokesperson.

A familiar name and face in the Tri-Valley public sector, Chin had served on the staff of former assemblywoman Catharine Baker, including as chief of staff up until Baker's term ended in the fall.

Chin's other prior experience included time working for a nonprofit public policy research think tank, a member of the U.S. Congress and another member of the State Assembly. She was also a Jesse Unruh Assembly Fellow. ■

Clarification

The story "Innovation Tri-Valley presents #Gamechangers awards" in the March 22 Pleasanton Weekly should have stated that Livermore honoree Vericool's founder Darrel Jobe offers jobs to formerly incarcerated men and women, not only men.

Principal moves: Solorzano resigns from Amador, Butler retiring from Pleasanton MS

School district set to start hiring process to find next leaders for both schools

BY JULIA BAUM

Two Pleasanton Unified School District principals are stepping down at the end of the school year.

The school board, as part of its consent calendar Tuesday night, approved the resignation of first-year Amador Valley High School principal Alberto Solorzano effective June 30 and the retirement of Pleasanton Middle School principal Jill Butler effective June 18.

Solorzano's resignation request comes amid a month-long leave of absence that he was granted for personal reasons less than seven months



Alberto Solorzano



Jill Butler

into his Amador tenure. His absence since Feb. 20 for unspecified reasons has left many parents and students confused.

Amador parent Katlyn Haus spoke to the school board at Tuesday's

regular meeting, saying that Solorzano's resignation has had a "lack of transparency" and that "from what I know of my interactions with him, he hoped to make an impact" at the campus.

"If Mr. Solorzano's resignation is accepted, I would ask that in choosing this next leader for our community, that we form a community committee to assist in choosing who becomes our next principal," Haus said.

And several weeks earlier, Amador senior Marina Abreckov approached the Pleasanton City Council for help "because of the lack of transparency

in this situation" among Amador and PUSD leaders.

A seasoned school administrator hired at Amador last summer, Solorzano left the school suddenly last month after requesting personal leave. District officials have declined to comment on reasons for Solorzano's departure, citing personnel confidentiality restrictions, and he has not responded to the Weekly's previous attempts to contact him.

Solorzano's personal leave started several weeks after a district investigation revealed that unnamed

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Merritt property: A low priority

Council relegates proposed senior housing project on city's two-year work plan

BY JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council in effect has rejected a developer's bid to move forward soon with building a 90-home project for seniors 55 and older on the largely vacant, 45-acre Merritt property on Foothill Road.

Mayor Jerry Thorne cast the deciding vote last week at a priorities-setting meeting, keeping the DeSilva Gates Construction Group's plan in the "C" category — the lowest priority level — on the council's 2019-2021 work plan, meaning it won't get the city's consideration for at least another two years, if then.

Jim Summers, president of the DeSilva Group, had asked that the project be advanced to the "A" or "B" categories so that construction permits could be submitted and work begin within the next two years.

At a council workshop on March 12, with Thorne absent, the council split 2-2 in commenting on DeSilva's bid. At that meeting, the Merritt plan proved to be the most contentious of the nearly 90 proposed short- and long-term objectives brought forward for the council to rank for consideration in allocating resources and staff time in its two-year work plan for 2019-2021.

But with opposition to the project continuing, Thorne dashed DeSilva's hopes on March 19, saying, "Let's leave it as a C; there's just more work to do on this plan."

Councilwomen Karla Brown



JEB BING

This former home of the late Jim Merritt and his family at 4141 Foothill Road occupies a 46-acre site where the DeSilva Group wants to build 90 homes for seniors.

and Julie Testa agreed.

"We've had a huge number of emails on this, mostly in opposition," Testa said. "Our city has met all of our housing requirements, so we don't need this."

Brown added: "This (development) could mean another 900 trips per day on Foothill Road. Plus, the half-acre lots planned there won't help (the city's) water situation."

For DeSilva, it was another defeat over efforts to develop the hilly former walnut orchard that is sandwiched between single-family homes on both sides and Interstate 680 at the back.

The city's approval of a development plan for 89 homes by the property's late owner Jim Merritt was overturned in a referendum measure in 1999 and affirmed later on the owner's appeal by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Henry E. Needham, Jr.

Later proposals by the Merritt family also never gained ground.

DeSilva's plan this time not

only called for restricting home sales to buyers 55 and older, but also would have added pedestrian and bicycle paths near I-680 to Foothill High School and Muirwood Drive, an alternative to heavily traveled, two-lane Foothill Road.

Summers also said his company would have worked with the city to add bicycle and pedestrian paths on Foothill, another potential priority on the council's two-year work plan that was also scuttled after the DeSilva project lost support.

Still, the two-year work plan adopted by unanimous vote by the council March 19 includes scores of other priorities.

These include restarting the planning of development of East Pleasanton, another largely empty 400-acre site off Valley Avenue, and renovating the Amador Theater, where an aging fire escape has forced the closing of the

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Board OKs Foothill field makeover

More than half of project cost covered by Boosters donation

BY JULIA BAUM

A hefty donation will help give the aging athletic field at Foothill High School a much-needed makeover.

The Pleasanton school board unanimously agreed Tuesday night to accept \$513,965 from the Foothill High School Athletic Boosters. The contribution was raised over the past year especially for the project and will cover more than half of the nearly million-dollar construction price-tag.

District officials report that "the stadium field at Foothill High School has exceeded its expected lifetime and is in poor condition." Despite making repairs to sections over the years, the field has drainage issues and the surface needs replacement, according to staff.

Mark Priscaro, father of two student-athletes at Foothill, urged the board during public comment to approve the contract. "If you've walked on the turf recently, you know it's in dire need of replacement," Priscaro said.

Trustee Mark Miller also agreed with greenlighting the project and called the field's current condition "a safety issue."

Replacing the synthetic turf will

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Goodguys showcase returning to fairgrounds

Annual get-together marks symbolic beginning of California's car show season

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The hot-rodding season is about to kick off with a bang as the Goodguys 37th annual All-American Get-Together is coming to Pleasanton this weekend to launch the Californian car show season.

This Saturday and Sunday, the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association will bring an eclectic collection of more than 3,000 candy-colored and chromed hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and American made trucks, all at Pleasanton's Alameda County Fairgrounds.

"What started 36 years ago in March 1983 in Northern California

is still true today. Goodguys events are all about cars ... driving them, showing them and hanging out with other car guys. Goodguys ... cool cars, cool people and good times," organizers wrote in a statement.

Hardcore car lovers and casual appreciators alike are invited to the highly anticipated event, which is headlined by Goodguys/Street Rod Headquarters 2019 Custom of the Year competition. Every year the winners raise the bar higher and higher as a huge variety of vehicles from '36 through '72, compete for the grand prize.

The smell and sounds of rubber



The Goodguys 37th All American Get-Together is headlined by the 2019 Custom of the Year award competition.

meeting pavement will once again be featured at the highly popular Goodguys AutoCross Shootout,

but this year with a new twist. Now attendees will have the opportunity to witness two eight-car

shootout fields.

With the winner of each shootout being invited to the AutoCross season finale, the Duel in the Desert in Scottsdale in November, the competition is expected to be as action packed as always.

Other highlights of the show include the lowrider display presented by Deadend Magazine, a kids model car program by Auto World, the Nitro Thunderfest, burn out competition and, of course, the massive Vendor Midway.

The Goodguys 37th All American Get-Together is open this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Tickets can be purchased in person or online at good-guys.com. ■

Stevens steps down from Zone 7 board

Water agency accepting applications for successor through April 22

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Zone 7 Water Agency is in need of a new official to serve on its Board of Directors, after longtime board member William "Bill" Stevens abruptly retired earlier this month after more than 20 years at the position and less than nine months into his sixth term.

Stevens, who was re-elected last June after finishing fourth in a five-candidate race for four available seats, submitted his letter of resignation on March 11, ending his current term that was slated to last through June 2022.

"It is time that I resign and let



Bill Stevens

someone else take my spot on the board. I have been on the Zone 7 board since 1999 and feel my contributions may be outdated. There are several personal reasons why I am resigning, and I apologize for not fulfilling my sixth, four-year term," Stevens wrote in his letter.

Stevens also took the time to list in the letter what he saw as important long-term goals that the board should continue to focus on in his absence, adding that "these goals are mainly intended for the next two or three generations of the populace, and some may not be popular in the near-term."

He recommended that his board colleagues, as well as his successor, focus on establishing water rates with at least a 60% fixed component,

maintain reserve levels and AMP funding, drop consideration of desalination as a water supply option, take part in the Los Vaqueros expansion project, pursue total financial independence from Alameda County, address pension responsibilities, accept responsibility for flood control of the entire Zone 7 territory, and combine Zone 7 with DSRSD and the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton into a single agency.

"When I was a new director in 1998, I did not know much about water supply, treatment and delivery, and flood control. It took me over 10 years to learn the complexities of Zone 7. We recently issued bonds to fund improvements to our two water treatment plants, and to reduce our financial costs to our drought water

banks, which we relied on heavily in the summer of 2016," Stevens said.

During his tenure on the board, Stevens served as the board president and vice president three times each, and served on the Administrative, Finance, Liaison and Water Resources committees as well as numerous ad hoc committees.

To fill the vacancy left by Stevens, the Board of Directors will consider filling the available seat by their own appointment, rather than calling for a special election.

Zone 7 is asking interested resi-

dents to submit an application for review. The new director would serve until the end of Stevens' unexpired term, which runs until June 30, 2020.

The Zone 7 Board of Directors is responsible for setting goals and policies for the approximately 220,000 people living in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and, through a special agreement with the Dublin San Ramon Services District, the Dougherty Valley area.

Applications for the board seat, which are open to anyone who lives in Zone 7's Alameda County service area, are available now on the Zone 7 website (www.zone7water.com) and are due no later than April 22, at 5 p.m. ■

PRINCIPALS

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administrators purposely removed a grade from a student's high school transcript, in violation of state law. His leave also came days before a prescheduled Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation visit at Amador.

Solorzano's subsequent resignation letter has not been released publicly to date.

District spokesperson Patrick Gannon did not comment on Solorzano's decision to leave, but said "we will be initiating the process to hire a principal for Amador Valley High School and will be communicating and working with our Amador community through that process."

Earlier this month, district leaders promoted vice principal Nimarta Grewal to serve as interim principal through the end of the school year. She is the fourth principal at Amador since the 2015-16 school year.

As district leaders search for a new Amador principal, they will also be recruiting for the next leader of Pleasanton Middle School.

Butler recently informed PUSD of her intent to retire after the school year to cap a public education career

that included leading Pleasanton Middle as principal since late 2015.

A longtime teacher at the school, including time as chair of the Language Arts Department from 2000-13, Butler was promoted to vice principal at Pleasanton Middle in 2013. She left briefly for an interim principal position at Harvest Park Middle School before returning to Pleasanton Middle in November 2015, when administrative shuffle created a principal vacancy at her former school.

Butler, who holds a doctoral degree in education leadership, said her retirement decision comes with mixed emotions.

"Pleasanton Middle School has been my 'educational home' the past 23 years, and it has been an honor to have served as a former teacher, vice principal and principal," she said in a statement.

"Being part of such a wonderful learning community has truly enriched my life, and for that I will be forever grateful," Butler added. "I extend my heartfelt thanks to my many students, staff, parents/guardians for allowing me the opportunity to be part of your lives."

Gannon said that the district will "be initiating our hiring process to find a successor at Pleasanton Middle School", in addition to the search for Solorzano's replacement. ■



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Dublin school district abruptly parts ways with superintendent

Boozer out in mutual separation; latest blow to DUSD leadership stability

By KALI PERSALL AND
JEREMY WALSH

Leslie Boozer's tenure as Dublin Unified School District superintendent ended abruptly with little explanation Tuesday, with school board members announcing at their evening meeting that they and Boozer "mutually agreed to a separation."

No reason has been cited publicly for the termination of Boozer's contract roughly three months before the school year ends, but the move comes amid tense negotiations with the teachers union and marks the latest example of sudden leadership turnover for DUSD.

"I'm grateful to Dr. Boozer for her time with our district and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors," Board of Trustees President Amy Miller told community members in a prepared statement on Tuesday evening. "We are confident the district's immensely talented leadership team will pull together to guide our organization during this time of transition."

Boozer, who holds a doctorate in education and had served as DUSD superintendent for just under three years, could not be reached for comment as of Wednesday morning.

Matt Campbell, assistant superintendent of educational services, will serve as acting superintendent for at least this week until the trustees hire an interim superintendent before selecting a permanent new leader in the coming months. The board hopes to have the interim in place by next week, according to Miller.

Going forward, the board plans to select a search firm next month to lead the recruitment process to identify candidates for the permanent superintendent position.

"On behalf of the entire board, I want to stress that we will create an inclusive process to ensure

that all voices — employees, parents, community members and our students — are able to share their thoughts on characteristics that they feel are essential to lead our school district," Miller said.

The surprise separation with Boozer comes as the latest leadership blow for DUSD, which is down to only three active school board members after two midterm resignations — one of which prompted a petition calling for a special election to override an interim appointment.

District administration is also in the midst of tense negotiations with the Dublin Teachers Association. Earlier this month, union members voted 98% in favor of authorizing a strike if a contract agreement isn't reached soon.

More than 550 teachers, students, parents and community members gathered with makeshift signs, t-shirts and organized chants during a pro-teachers rally at Dublin High School late Tuesday afternoon — just hours before Boozer's departure came to light.

From the high school, the group marched to the district office to protest DUSD's latest counter-offer, which came last week after DTA's second mediation session with the district.

The district offered an ongoing salary increase of 4%, a one-time bonus of 1%, and a 0.5% raise for the longest-serving teachers. But that offer still fell short of the 4.5% raise and 3.5% one-time bonus that the union demands, along with class-size caps, classroom safety measures, medical benefits and better teaching materials.



Leslie Boozer

Some rally-goers, who made their way to the board meeting Tuesday evening and have been critical of DUSD leadership, cheered and applauded when Boozer's departure was announced.

DUSD had been marked by leadership stability when Boozer was hired ahead of the 2016-17 school year. She was only the fifth superintendent since Dublin school districts unified in 1988, and just the third superintendent in the last 20 years.

Before joining DUSD, Boozer was school superintendent in Fontana (San Bernardino County), the 12th largest public school district in California. She is an experienced public educator with advanced degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and time as a teacher or administrator in Los Angeles, Chicago and Rochester (N.Y.).

Now with Boozer's departure, DUSD has three vacancies at the top of its leadership structure.

The school board's Trustee Area 4 seat remains unfilled, with a special election set for June 4 between declared candidates Nini Natarajan and Gabrielle Blackman.

That ballot will decide who completes the term through November 2020 left vacant when elected trustee Joe Giannini resigned in October, citing the time commitment and fractious Dublin politics creating a hostile service environment.

The board attempted to fill Giannini's seat by appointment, rather than a special election, by selecting Natarajan over Blackman in a two-applicant race in December.

Natarajan sat on the board for just over a month but was removed from the position by Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L. Karen Monroe after a small group of Area 4 residents petitioned Monroe to nullify the appointment in favor of a

special election — under a provision of state law allowing a petition with 1.5% of voters to undo the appointment for a vacated seat.

The backers of the petition have not revealed themselves publicly. After an open call for candidates, Natarajan and Blackman were the only people to file for the race.

Then, amid the Area 4 vacancy, third-term trustee Dan Cunningham abruptly resigned his seat effective March 1.

The board held a public meeting last week to weigh options for filling Cunningham's seat, but couldn't come to unanimous agreement — now required with only three trustees on the dais — about whether to call a special election or attempt a provisional appointment.

The board has until the end of April to try making a final decision, otherwise a special election will automatically be called for Nov. 5.

If that happens however, since Cunningham was elected at-large in 2016 before DUSD transitioned to district-based elections, the decision will likely fall to the Alameda County Office of Education about whether to assign the November election for Cunningham's seat to Area 3 (which has no designated representative), Area 1 (where Cunningham lived, but so too does Miller) or at-large.

All the while, DUSD has another vital ballot issue going to voters this spring.

The school board scheduled a mail-only special election for May 7 for all DUSD residents to decide whether to renew the existing \$96 parcel tax that is set to expire at the end of June. The ballot measure needs approval from two-thirds of voters to pass. ■

Editor's note: Kali Persall is a freelance writer for the Pleasanton Weekly.

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Hart students sweep Bay Area cyber competition

CyberYoddha team wins in first time at regionals

By JULIA BAUM

A team of cyber-sleuths from Hart Middle School took first place recently at the Bay Area Regionals Cyber Competition (BARCC) in San Jose.

One of 10 regional California Mayor's Cyber Cup competitions that simultaneously took place last month, the annual event gives students, including collegiate teams, the chance to test their skills as IT personnel in a real-world setting.

Hart's five-member team CyberYoddha swept the middle school category at the Feb. 23 competition, tackling consultation and Capture the Flag challenges. Middle schools can't compete any higher than regionals at cyber competitions sanctioned by the Bay Area Community

College Consortium, according to team coach Mahendra Shelar, so CyberYoddha members must wait until high school to reach state level.

Teams are asked to not only show off their tech know-how but also their professionalism and other soft skills. During the consultation challenge, students are tasked with fixing a mock manufacturing company's network security breach.

"These middle school and high school teams are the consultant and have to come up with a proposal for how to secure the network infrastructure," Shelar said. "As a consultant, they have to study the infrastructure. Some examples are if they have an old operating system,

then they should upgrade to the new operating system."

Students had to create invoices detailing the estimated time, labor, equipment and software costs associated with the project. Judges also interviewed them during the competition about their work and invoice, then graded them on their professionalism and overall performance. The Capture the Flag component dealt with obtaining "flags" and using encryption tools to find the web server on the network.

Several weeks before BARCC, CyberYoddha also participated in CyberPatriot, a national youth cyber defense competition put on by the Air Force Association, earning sixth place during the middle school semifinal round. ■

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Council ratifies new mobile home park agreement

Restricts rent increases on manufactured home sites to CPI index

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council has ratified a new rent stabilization agreement with the owners of Hacienda Mobile Home Park on Vineyard Avenue that allows annual increases of no more than 5% through December 2029, when the terms of the agreement expire.

Under the terms of the agreement, rent increases would be capped at 5% based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures each August, with the rent adjustments made the following January. However, with the CPI estimated at no more than 4.3% in the San Francisco Bay Area this year, that will likely be the rent adjustment in

Hacienda Park as well.

The Hacienda Park is a family-owned, 149-space community built in 1963 where residency is generally limited to households in which one of the residents is at least 55 years old. They own their manufactured modular housing units, but lease the lots they occupy.

In negotiating the new agreement, a committee of 12 Hacienda Park homeowners met with city representatives and the park's management team. The city then sent ballots to the 149 owners, with 102 responding. The final vote tally showed 97 in favor, five opposed.

The Hacienda Park has been

subject to a rent stabilization agreement since 1988. In 2000, when the first rent increases took effect under that agreement, some criticized the move as driving out manufactured homeowners who could not afford the increase.

A former resident voiced his concern at the time about diminishing affordable housing in the city. He said Pleasanton had lost about 25 affordable housing units in its mobile home parks because of rent increases allowed there.

In response, former mayor Tom Pico said that if ever the two mobile home parks on Vineyard Avenue are offered for sale, the city might want



JEB BING

The city has endorsed a new rent stabilization agreement for the Hacienda Mobile Home Park.

to acquire them to add to its affordable housing inventory.

While most current Hacienda Park residents will find their annual rent increases based on the CPI index, those who moved into that park before Jan. 1, 2002, will find their rent hikes based on Social Security increases, which this year will be 2.8%.

Also, under the new agreement, the Hacienda Park's owner will not be able to increase space rents upon

a transfer of ownership by more than 5% above the current maximum space rent in the park.

For transfers of ownership that occur between now and Sept. 30, the park owner may establish a new monthly rent of \$1,430. For transfers of ownership that occur between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30, 2020, the park owner may adjust monthly rent by adding \$30 to the existing monthly rent and adding a cost-of-living increase, but no less than 3% to that amount.

The same formula will apply to all future transfers of ownership through the remaining terms of the new agreement.

Pleasanton has three mobile/manufactured home parks. Vineyard Villa, also on Vineyard Avenue and next door to Hacienda, is the largest with 208 spaces. Fairview Trailer Park at 785 Rose Ave. has 22 spaces, but has no age restrictions. ■

Firing of former Walnut Grove principal upheld

Appellate court denies Vranesh's challenge, rules 2014 termination was valid

By JULIA BAUM

A state appellate court ruled earlier this month that the Pleasanton Unified School District was within its legal rights to terminate a former Walnut Grove Elementary School principal in 2014 after he was accused of sexual harassment.

A three-judge panel in the 2nd Division Court, 1st California District Court of Appeals issued the unanimous ruling on March 11, upholding a previous decision by the Commission on Professional Competence that the firing of Jon Vranesh was valid.

"The district is pleased with the court's decision, and as directed, is taking the necessary steps to finalize the decision," PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly.

Vranesh, who was promoted to Walnut Grove principal in August 2011, was placed on leave in November 2013 and removed as the school's principal the following month, after accusations of inappropriate behavior surfaced. A number of teachers claimed that Vranesh was hostile and used sexually derogatory language about female PUSD employees.

He finished out the 2013-14 school year as an itinerant principal doing data entry for the district, and his administrator contract was terminated after June 2014.

Vranesh denied the allegations against him and said at the time that he was targeted for filing a complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing about

alleged problems concerning safety and harassment.

PUSD conducted an investigation into all parties' claims and eventually dismissed Vranesh, citing charges of immoral conduct, dishonesty, and regular violation of school laws committed by him. Vranesh filed a claim against the district shortly before his termination, seeking monetary damages on grounds of defamation, invasion of privacy and making or publishing false statements.

The state Commission on Professional Competence concluded in August 2015 that Vranesh's dismissal was in line with state law. In addition to using threatening and inappropriate language, the commission also said Vranesh's destruction of district emails were grounds

for being discharged.

Vranesh challenged the administrative hearing panel's ruling shortly after, asserting that the charges against him were hazy and the evidence presented was inadequate. He and his attorney also said important evidence had been excluded from the hearing.

After an Alameda County Superior Court judge upheld the commission's decision, Vranesh appealed his case to the California Court of Appeals.

In the 30-page ruling earlier this month, the state appellate court stated that "none of Vranesh's seven claims of error has merit, and that the dispositive findings of the trial court are supported by substantial evidence." ■

Paul Kondrick, Vranesh's attorney, told the Weekly that his client is dismayed that the court "didn't allow or send the case back to have a full and complete hearing."

"He's disappointed that he's not going to have the opportunity to put on all the evidence that was improperly excluded," Kondrick said.

Kondrick said that his client is still moving forward with a separate lawsuit against the district "based on what happened when Jon was still principal at Walnut Grove Elementary."

"That's been held up and had not gone forward until the Court of Appeal made these rulings," Kondrick said. "Now that case will be allowed to go forward in August, as I understand it." ■

SCHOOL BOARD

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cost an estimated \$986,464, including \$350,000 from the deferred maintenance budget. "We would love to have had all of this work done paid out of the (Measure 11) bond ... but there are more items competing than there are dollars," Trustee Joan Laursen said during a brief discussion before the vote Tuesday. "We couldn't have done it without the Booster contributions so we are really grateful."

Micaela Ochoa, deputy superintendent of business services, also added that "we're very excited and we're very thankful for that donation from the Boosters."

Work on the field is scheduled to begin in early June and finish before the 2019-20 school year.

In other business

• The board honored the district's Teacher of the Year and Classified

Employee of the Year at the beginning of the open meeting.

Theresa Gonsalves won the Teacher of the Year for her work teaching eighth-grade science at Harvest Park Middle School.

Administrative secretary Nancy Rae capped off a 32-year career at Valley View Elementary School with the Classified Employee of the Year award. "Going out with this award is so amazing," Rae told the board.

• An agreement with Dublin Unified School District for occupational therapy services in PUSD schools was unanimously approved on Tuesday. The two districts have made the same arrangement in the past to "provide services of occupational therapy by DUSD employees to PUSD students with exceptional needs."

Three full-time occupational therapists will work with special education students at various PUSD schools for the 2019-20 school year. They will still be employed by DUSD, which will invoice the district for their services each month. The

special education pass-through fund will cover the \$410,112 contract.

The board also approved a similar contract for \$3,000 with PUSD and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. The district plans to hire on their own occupational therapists by the 2020-21 school year, according to Ochoa, but they "just need some transition time to get there."

• Several inspection contracts were also approved; school districts are required by the state to hire an inspector of record during a building project to ensure compliance.

The board unanimously awarded a \$268,950 contract to United Inspection, Inc. for services on the planned Lydiksen Elementary School rebuild, which will be covered by Measure 11 funds.

Another \$56,335 contract with Kory Gilbert Inspection for services related to the rebuild of the fire-damaged library at Harvest Park Middle School was also confirmed. The district's insurance will pay for the inspection services at Harvest Park. ■

PRIORITY

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balcony and water seepage on the other side is affecting the structure itself.

Also given high priority status were the pending update of the Downtown Specific Plan, creating a framework to address redevelopment in the Stoneridge Shopping Center, and monitoring regional and state housing legislation as well as regional transportation projects and traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements.

New priorities to be undertaken in the next two years also call for addressing water sustainability issues, updating the city's climate action strategy, working with the school district on facility needs where the municipal government could participate, expanding and improving public safety initiatives and developing a comprehensive strategy to curb homelessness in partnership with

other Tri-Valley communities.

For the past 15 years, the Pleasanton City Council has adopted a two-year work plan to guide city leaders' decision-making.

"The public process in developing the work plan allows for the community to engage in open dialogue with the council and city staff in implementing our shared vision for Pleasanton," said Nelson Fialho, city manager.

"Now that the council has adopted its 2019-2021 work plan, there is a clear direction on what we will be working on to deliver these priorities," he added. "City staff will work to allocate resources to achieve these objectives through the city's two-year operating budget and four-year capital improvement plan."

The finalized budget based on the list of priorities for the next two years will be presented to the City Council for review and adoption in June, prior to the July 1 start of the new fiscal year. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Driver charged in crash that killed Pleasanton residents

A woman surrendered to authorities last week on two counts of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for a collision on Altamont Pass Road near Livermore that killed two Pleasanton residents last October, the California Highway Patrol said.

Courtney Lynne Peterson was driving her 2016 Ford F-250 on Altamont Pass Road east of Dyer Road at about 4:50 p.m. on Oct. 14 when, due to her intoxication, she allowed her vehicle to veer into oncoming traffic, resulting in a collision with a motorcycle carrying two people, according to CHP spokesman Tyler Hahn.

Mark Nida, 63, of Pleasanton, who was driving the motorcycle, and 64-year-old Kathleen Seifert, who was his passenger, were taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley to be treated for their injuries but Nida was pronounced dead a short time later and Seifert died later that night, Hahn said.

Peterson, 36, of Tracy, was arrested after the collision but she was released while officers from the CHP's Dublin area and Golden Gate offices completed an extensive investigation, according to Hahn.

The investigation was presented

to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on March 7 and prosecutors charged her with two counts of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, Hahn said.

Peterson turned herself in at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin at 2:20 p.m. on March 20, according to Hahn.

Capt. Christopher Sherry, commander of the CHP's Dublin area office, said in a statement, "This collision was a preventable tragedy. Two innocent lives were lost because someone chose to drive under the influence of alcohol."

Sherry said, "I am pleased that the suspect in this crime has been arrested. Nothing can bring back the lost lives, but I hope this arrest brings some comfort to the victim's family and friends."

He said, "More than one-third of all traffic-related deaths in California involve alcohol. As a community, we will not tolerate it."

In other news

- A federal appeals court Monday upheld the dismissal of a negligence claim against the city of San Francisco and former Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi by the parents of Kate Steinle, the Pleasanton native killed by a bullet from a gun held by an undocumented immigrant in a case that captured national attention.

A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Mirkarimi was acting within his discretion when he issued a 2015 memo

limiting the amount of information jail staff could give federal authorities about the release of inmates who were undocumented immigrants.

The court said that while federal laws require sharing of some information with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the laws "plainly and unambiguously" do not require notification of jail release dates.

Steinle, 32, who grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School, was killed while walking on Pier 14 in San Francisco on July 1, 2015, by a ricocheting bullet from a gun held by Jose Ines Garcia Zarate.

Garcia Zarate, a Mexican citizen with a history of drug convictions and deportations, was released from San Francisco county jail two and a half months earlier. The jail staff did not inform ICE about the release.

Garcia Zarate was acquitted in a San Francisco Superior Court trial of Steinle's murder, but was convicted of being an ex-felon in possession of a gun. He is appealing that conviction.

The lawsuit by parents Jim Steinle and Elizabeth Sullivan still contains an additional claim against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The gun held by Garcia Zarate was stolen four days earlier from a bureau ranger's car, and the parents claim the ranger violated a duty to secure the

loaded handgun properly.

- Two guards at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin were taken to a hospital Sunday after possible exposure to fentanyl, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Around 11:45 a.m. Sunday, staff in the jail's booking center searched a woman who'd been arrested in Oakland and a female deputy allegedly found a dark substance, rolled into a piece of tissue, that did not appear to be consistent with commonly seen narcotics.

That deputy contacted a sergeant, and both staff members examined the substance while wearing gloves and taking other precautions, according to the sheriff's office.

A little later, the sergeant got sick and became incoherent. The deputy also started to complain of similar symptoms, and jail staff determined that they were consistent with exposure to an opioid.

They administered a dose of Narcan, also known as naloxone, to both the sergeant and the deputy and transported them to a hospital. They have since been released.

Jail staff are sending the narcotics in question to a crime laboratory for identification and analysis. ■

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 23

DUI

■ 10:53 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Willow Road

Drug violation

■ 12:21 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

■ 9:01 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 5:08 p.m. on Terra Court

Fraud

■ 4:41 p.m. on the 500 block of Gerard Court

Missing person

■ 4:38 p.m. on Owens Drive

Theft

■ 10:49 a.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 4:34 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

■ 11:54 a.m. on the 100 block of Sylvia Circle

Assault/battery

■ 10:58 a.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

March 22

Theft from auto

■ 8:02 a.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

■ 9:36 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 2:57 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 3:38 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

■ 4:34 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 4:56 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Shoplifting

■ 10:12 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

■ 1:29 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 3:37 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 6:06 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 10:11 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Assault/battery

■ 2:29 a.m. on the 600 block of Claret Court

March 21

Domestic battery

■ 9:04 p.m. on Hopyard Road

Theft

■ 6:52 a.m., 800 block of Palomino Drive; auto theft

■ 3:44 p.m. at Second Street and Arendt Way

■ 5:38 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Fraud

■ 5:29 p.m. on the 2700 block of Camino Segura

Assault/battery

■ 1:18 p.m. on Lund Ranch Road at Rutledge Place

March 20

Alcohol violation

■ 9:15 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

■ 4:36 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Domestic battery

■ 9:48 p.m. on Stonedale Drive

March 19

Alcohol violation

■ 11:34 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

Domestic battery

■ 8:32 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

■ 4:37 p.m. on Rosewood Drive

Embezzlement

■ 8:07 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 12:06 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

■ 10:37 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 4:33 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

■ 3:14 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street

Theft

■ 6:55 a.m. on the 5100 block of Genovesio Drive

■ 8:36 a.m., 2600 block of Calle Alegre; theft from auto

■ 10:37 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Lynn Green

May 17, 1945 – March 7, 2019

Lynn Green, 73, passed away March 7, 2019 peacefully at home with family after a courageous 3-year battle with Ovarian Cancer. She was born in Wallingford, England in 1945 to Clara and Wilf Thomas. In 1962 she married Charlie Green, her beloved husband of 57 years. They had two children while living in England. They chose to leave England to pursue a career path in Canada. While living in Canada they had 3 more children. This path took them from Canada to Wisconsin, then on to Mississippi and they finally settled in San Ramon, CA in 1981. Lynn and Charles lived in San Ramon, Pleasanton, and El Dorado Hills before retiring to the peaceful mountain area of Copperopolis, CA. Lynn loved being a homemaker and was closely involved in the lives of her kids and grandkids- joyfully celebrating each milestone with many gatherings and group photos. She had an incredible talent for decorating and she also loved gardening, shopping, taking care of her little dog Sandy, and having a cup of coffee at Starbucks with her long-time best friend, Montez Thalman. Lynn is survived by her loving husband, Charles Green, their five children, Kevin Green (Gretchen), Teresa Vickers (Kevin), Jacqueline Green (Ed), Carol Strom (Casey), Rob Green (Paula) along with her seven grandchildren who were the joy of her life-Ashley, Kody, Nick, Matt, Carson, Gavin, and Anthony. Lynn was the "glue" of our family till the end, never complaining during her hard-fought battle, an absolute pillar of strength and bravery. Lynn will be forever loved and deeply missed by all who knew her. A private celebration of her life will be held on May 18th, 2019.



PAID OBITUARY

LETTERS

Chamber supports DSP update

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the March 22 column written by Jeb Bing titled, "Downtown Planning: Are developers making the decisions?"

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce appreciates Mr. Bing writing about this very important subject of updating our Downtown Specific Plan (DSP). It was also good to see Planning Commissioner Nancy Allen's comments about the recent task force meeting that was held on Feb. 25.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bing did not include comments from those that supported the changes that were agreed to by a majority of the DSP Task Force.

Overall, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce supports keeping building heights at 40 feet, limiting residential units to the second story on Main Street, allowing residential on the back side of downtown commercial buildings, more parking in the downtown core and the "Right to do Business" ordinance, among other things.

It is also essential that the DSP include a provision that allows our City Council the ability to balance competing policies, and approve projects that are in "substantial performance" to the adopted plans — not exact consistency.

Lastly, we believe there has been ample time and opportunity for public comment due to the fact the DSP update process started well over two years ago. The DSP must give downtown businesses, landowners and developers clear and consistent direction that supports increasing the vitality of our downtown core, not preservation and the status quo.

—Steve Van Dorn
CEO, Chamber of Commerce

DSP update must represent citizens' interests

Thank you, Jeb Bing, for the enlightening column (last week). You confirm the concerns of many residents, a planning process that does not represent the interests of citizens but is controlled by developers/lobbyists.

A Feb. 5 memo from the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce (PCC) to Gerry Beaudin (director, Pleasanton Community Development Department) outlines the chamber's objections to the task force work of more than two years.

From Page 1 of the PCC Memo: "Overall, we feel that the DSPD's Vision Statement emphasizes preservation and status quo to the detriment of needed vitality." Continuing: "We do not believe the DSPD is ready for adoption and needs to be revised to incorporate encouragement for vitality."

The memo pushes for more and higher density residential housing downtown — "we do not agree that ground floor residential should not be permitted behind commercial buildings" (Page 2).

Note: The proposed DSP update already adds 370 residential units!

"Our downtown character and building height is important but should be considered mutually exclusive of each another (sic)" (Page 3). PCC comments on parking, streetscape design, floor area ratio, etc., seem more in making Pleasanton like Walnut Creek than with preservation of our historic downtown.

Thank you to Nancy Allen (planning commissioner) for her helpful comments and warnings. Overall, the process/results/diversion of the task force remind me of the Ridge Committee that I served on years ago.

Finally, as Jeb Bing discusses, rezoning of the Barone property (for residential use) should not be done by a task force.

—George Reid

Does Swalwell represent our district?

When our region sent Eric Swalwell to Congress in 2012, there was hope that he would be able to cut through the partisan divide and get important things done. That's our kind of district — innovative, pragmatic and non-ideological. He had a productive first term.

In his second term, Nancy Pelosi offered him co-chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. This is a powerful party position (e.g., deciding committee assignments and divvying up DCCC lobbyist cash). Eric's ascension as a party apparatchik cost him his ability to defy the Dem leadership when party interests come before the national interest.

In his new role, Swalwell became a regular TV spokesperson for the Trump-Russia conspiracy theory. You would think a former prosecutor would be more finely attuned to standards of evidence.

Now, his "Trump acting as an agent of the Russian government" accusation is crumbling in the face of Bill Barr's spot-on summary of Mueller: The Russians made several attempts to cozy up to Trump's organization, but they were all rebuffed.

What's next? A walk back of his unfounded treason accusation? A pivot? Doubling down as a Dem infowarrior? Swalwell's hyperventilations on Fox are now an embarrassment, and it's hoped the media scorn heaped on him won't mention the cities he represents.

We're looking for the old Swalwell to represent us in Washington. Does that guy even exist anymore?

—Pierre Bierre

DSP concerns

In the recent Feb. 25 Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) meeting, we were sorely disappointed to observe multiple critical departures by the DSP Task Force and city staff from public survey input (e.g. potential south Main Street/Bernal public space and building height and retail/residential mix preferences).

We were also sadly surprised by sudden decision flips from the published draft environmental impact report (EIR) positions, thus raising building heights above the public preference; offering zoning changes outside of the established, standard city rezoning application process (e.g. Barone's, and the extensive "multi-use residential allowed" designations); and shrinking the retail footprint by allowing ground-floor residential behind 50 feet of commercial (e.g. TrueValue would be reduced by two-thirds).

Such city staff and DSP Task Force behavior unfortunately suggests hidden development agendas, all dependent on the relocation of the Civic Center, the public library and the police station, the creation of new streets and a publicly subsidized hotel supposed "town square."

Given the large and irreversible changes to Pleasanton's Main Street and greater downtown plan area, we must, together, find creative ways to re-engage our larger public, beyond business and developers, to review DSP elements and vision for the future.

We respectfully urge the DSP Task Force and the City Council to postpone any voting until after effective public town hall meetings have been attended.

—Diane and François Envent

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It was also inspirational to hear at the Rotary presentation the way your Holiday Fund touches other nonprofit groups.

Thank you from the PCAC board and the entire community.

—Kelly Cousins,
PCAC president

Axis Community Health

On behalf of Axis Community Health's patients, board and staff, I would like to thank you for the wonderful \$6,841.60 contribution we received from the 2018 Holiday Fund campaign.

—Sue Compton,
CEO



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UPCOMING MEETING

Human Services Commission
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and discuss Library and Recreation Department Inclusion Services Program Evaluation and Enhancements
- Debrief the March 2019 Human Services Commission Meeting – Housing and Human Services Grants Process

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Cricket showcase

Dublin, San Ramon schools score victories in spring tourney

By RYAN J. DEGAN

More than 200 young athletes from across the Tri-Valley gathered at five different locations in Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon this month to participate in Cricket for Cubs eighth Tri-Valley Inter-School Cricket Tournament.

Fourteen teams from throughout the region competed in the tournament, of which eight were from elementary schools, four were from middle school and two teams were made up of high school students.

“Cricket for Cubs is giving kids an opportunity to experience cricket as well teaching them the meaning of teamwork,” said Shuaib Hasan Khwaja, team manager of the Alisal Elementary Cricket Club. “As first-timers in the tournament,

I can see that kids are communicating with each other effectively to achieve their goal. With time, they will learn a life lesson of working together as a team.”

In the elementary school division, Dublin’s John Green Elementary defeated their crosstown rivals at Dougherty Elementary in a competitive final match.

Representing San Ramon, Iron Horse Middle School won its division, defeating Dublin’s Fallon Middle School.

Dougherty Valley High School took its division trophy back home to San Ramon after defeating Dublin High School.

Individual winners from each age grouping were recognized at a special awards ceremony that was

attended by a variety of community members and public officials, including Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Dublin City Councilwoman Jean Josey, San Ramon Valley Unified School District Trustee Susanna Ordway and Cricket for Cubs president Ramesh Immadi.

Winners by age group included:

Winners for Elementary school division: Best Fielder, Anay Sharma; Best Wicket Keeper, Ranbir Panech; Best Batsman, Varish Doma; Best Bowler, Zafir Kasim; MVP, Akhil Venkatesh.

Winners for Middle School Division: Best Fielder, Shravan Ramnand; Best Wicket Keeper, Aadi Jawargi; Best Batsman, Shreyas Putanae; Best Bowler, Prabhav Doma; MVP, Nirav Rawal.

Winners for High School Division: Best Fielder, Rohan Gulhar; Best Wicket Keeper, Jitra Shah; Best Batsman, Skanda Rohit Sharma; Best Bowler, Srivatsan Srikanth; MVP, Rishab Jayaram. ■



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Rage squad wins big in Vegas

The Pleasanton Rage 05 Premier team took home the title in the Girls Under-14 Gold Coast Division at the Las Vegas Players Showcase tournament earlier this month, finishing the weekend at 4-0-1 against strong competition from Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and New Mexico. The championship run included a dramatic shootout victory in the finale over a highly ranked Arizona team. The Rage squad, led by coach Luis Siu with a record at 22-3-5 so far, now turn its attention to the State Cup Knockout Phase match against Ajax United 05 Green this weekend in Modesto.



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador, Foothill softball teams pick up wins

Also: Baseball, tennis, lacrosse and hockey athletes score victories

The Amador Valley girls softball team picked up a pair of wins last week, beating Livermore and Granada.

The week started with a 5-2 win over Livermore, where the Dons had four extra-base hits, with Valeria Torres-Colon and Allyson Kim ripping triples. Chloe Engle and Julia Camello each had a double. Camello also drove in a pair of runs, with Mia Hildebrand and Sophia Youngberg also driving in runs.

In the win over Granada it was all about Mia Hildebrand, as her home run was the lone run of the game and she went the distance in the circle, allowing only four hits and striking out three.

Torres-Colon had two doubles and Engle added one.

Across town, the Foothill Falcons softball team went undefeated last week as well.

Foothill opened the week beating Dublin 5-0 behind a three-hit shut-out by Nicole May, who also struck out seven. Hailey Hayes, Courtney Beaudin and Gianna Lyng had two hits each. Hope Alley, Hayes, Beaudin and Ally McElroy all drove in runs.

In their second game of the week, the Falcons beat Freedom 11-0. Sophomore Maddie Heinlin pitched a complete game, giving up only one hit in five innings.

McElroy hit a home run, Alley a triple and May, Emma Chandler, Grace Moreno and Ellen Ebberts all collecting doubles.

Foothill baseball

The Falcons pulled out a pair of wins last week, beating Heritage and Dublin.

The week started with a 4-1 win over Heritage. Ryan Stemplinger singled in two runs in the first inning to get the ball rolling for Foothill.

Jake Gebb went five innings on the mound, giving up only one and striking out three.

Two days later, they added a 10-1 win over Dublin in an East Bay Athletic League game.

Foothill racked up 13 hits with Stemplinger and Justin Durlinger each getting three hits. Durlinger had a home run in the third inning. Josh Robinson was the winning pitcher, giving up the one run in four innings of work.

Amador tennis

The machine that is the Amador tennis team continued its roll, beating California 8-1 and De La Salle 9-0.

In the win over Cal, Aadarsh Triapthi, Vedhant Kaliyur, Esvarsai Ramineni, Vishal Muthuvel and San Kalp Sharma all took their singles matches. The doubles teams of Robert Heeter/Brett Miller, Vishesh Pithadiya/Manas Aavula and Nithilan Muruganandham/Ethan Allavarpu also came away with wins.

In the sweep of De La Salle, Triapthi, Ben Deriquito, Kaliyur, Ramineni and Xinyu Qiu all won singles matches.

The doubles teams of Heeter/Miller, Pithadiya/Aavula and Muruganandham/Allavarpu were perfect as well.

Girls lacrosse

The Dons dominating Carondelet 16-8 on March 15.

Mady Sweeney and Bella Mayo combined for nine of the 16 Amador goals. Lily Manos, Marley Diligent and Catherine Murphy had two goals each and Sam Nimmo rounded out the scoring. Isa Clark, Victoria Frenz and Sophia Shilblack had assists.

Blake Guidice and Clare Lemolin played well in the goal, with the defense getting great play from Kaitlyn Sweeney, Grace French, Maddie Riddle, Erica Haley and Alexis Bayani.

The Dons also beat Piedmont 15-11 and Davis 19-3.

For Foothill lacrosse, the girls varsity team posted an 11-9 win against Las Lomas on March 24 after beating Dougherty Valley

earlier in the week.

The win over Dougherty was a 15-3 thumping.

Foothill scoring was led by Nikki Trueblood with four goals and Audriana Templeman with three. Kayleigh Montana, Drew Pagtakhan, Sadie Brown and Eva Bull each scored two goals for the Falcons.

Dougherty was unable to stage a comeback as Falcon goalie Paige Doyle saved 21 of 24 shots. Aly Lee, Kelly Fietz and Noe Jue contributed strongly to the defensive effort.

Foothill volleyball

The Falcons had a big week in EBAL play, beating Amador Valley and Granada.

The win over Amador was a 25-19, 26-24, 25-22 straight-set victory. Azfal Peermohammed (29 assists, 3 kills), Andre Doty (8 kills, 6 blocks) and Daniel Qian (8 kills, 4 aces) led the way for Foothill.

The Falcons then beat Granada

25-21, 19-25, 27-25, 25-21. Qian (23 kills, 7 digs), Peermohammed (43 assists, 17 digs) and Mason Ward (12 kills, 9 digs) led the way.

Amador hockey

Over the weekend of March 16, the Amador hockey team beat Granada and De La Salle.

First, the Dons topped Granada 7-2, with two goals each from Justin Fulmer, Joey Demeo and Gabe Zirogiannis, with an additional goal by Monte Sage.

Against DLS, the Dons walked away with a 5-2 win as Michael Cassetti had three goals, with Rae Kerton scoring her first goal of the season, as did Pranav Chandra. ■

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

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JERRY SOBRERO/FIRST TEE

Tri-Valley athlete Jennifer Thomas and coach Vanessa Miller take part in a putting game at the Pleasanton Golf Center during a First Tee of the Tri-Valley Special Olympics program event.

By DENNIS MILLER

You will never get a golf instructor to admit it publicly, but teaching the game of golf can be tedious and, at times, frustrating.

But then there are those occasions when the job is so fulfilling it seems like not a job, but rather a privilege to be teaching.

Such is the case for the staff at the First Tee of the Tri-Valley when it comes to their Special Olympics golf program. Special Olympics is part of the First Tee of the Tri-Valley's Outreach

Programs and is one of the more influential when it comes to the coaches involved.

"I have always said these athletes are a gift to me and the other coaches," said Curtis Young, who heads up the program for the First Tee of the Tri-Valley. "When you have a hiccup in the road of life, look at these athletes and they have pure joy. They and their families are just nice people. They are the most satisfying group I have ever worked with."

For Young it was natural for him to be involved with the Special Olympics. He and his

wife spent 20 years working with St. Augustine Catholic Church with people who have special needs in religious education. In addition, the now 71-year-old Young has been a life-long golfer, so working with Special Olympics golf was the perfect blend.

Special Olympics golf strives to provide individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to play and compete like any golfer.

The program depends on widespread community-based support to identify thousands of volunteers, to serve as coaches, playing partners, tournament organizers and general program administrators.

Additionally, financial resources must be secured to sustain existing opportunities and fund program expansion.

This is a key area where the First Tee of the Tri-Valley excels.

Brothers Dana and Greg Jetter are partners in Jetter Golf, which runs the Pleasanton Golf Center and Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. The two are the founders of the First Tee of the Tri-Valley.

"It's always been a top priority for our board," Dana Jetter said of the Special Olympics program. "It is one of most coveted programs we offer. As the First Tee, we are there to support the program and provide the facility. It's a great program and a joy to watch the interaction between the staff and the athletes."

Jill Womble is a former golfer for both Foothill High School, as well as the University of Kansas. She is the program director for the First Tee of the Tri-Valley and oversees the Outreach portion (of which the Special Olympics is part) for the organization.

She has played golf at the highest levels from junior golf to college and knows firsthand the frustration that can come with the game. She embraces the unfettered joy the Special Olympics athletes bring to the program.

"Their enjoyment — loving every minute makes it so fulfilling," Womble said. "So many of us get frustrated playing the game that

'So many of us get frustrated playing the game that just seeing the joy on their faces puts life into perspective.'

Jill Womble,
Program director

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This summer, Womble and Young expect 30 to 35 athletes to take part in the program.

One unique aspect of the First Tee locally is the Special Olympics program goes year-round as opposed to the standard season of June to Labor Day.

During the formal season they practice once a week, but following the end of the summer, the local First Tee program keeps them going once a month.

"I wanted to keep them engaged, keep them involved," Young said of the athletes. "We've been getting 10-12 each month."

The aim of the Special Olympics golf program is to impart to the athlete: basic golf skills, acceptable social behavior and fundamental knowledge of the rules of golf to enable them to participate in a regulation or modified game of golf.

Golf is recognized as a lifetime sport, one that promotes socialization and enhances self-esteem. Overall motor skills are improved, and better physical fitness is a result. Hand-eye coordination is refined, and general body control often is achieved. The joy and gratification of experiencing the achievement of new skills learned or a new performance level reached can add much to the athlete's personal satisfaction.

The season consists of four levels: skills, nine holes with unified partner (alternate shot), nine holes by yourself and 18 holes by yourself.



JERRY SOBRERO/FIRST TEE

Receiving their awards at the regional competition were Tri-Valley athletes Cullen Ryan (left) and Mike Asbury (center).



JERRY SOBRERO/FIRST TEE

The First Tee of the Tri-Valley Special Olympics team gathers at a post-regionals celebration at the Pleasanton Golf Center Pavilion.



JERRY SOBRERO/FIRST TEE

Michael Smoot gives a wave during the season-ending party.



JERRY SOBRERO/FIRST TEE

Left: The post-regionals party included games and activities for athletes and coaches. Right: Tri-Valley athlete Lauren Lenigan on the driving range at Los Lagos Golf Club before regionals.



JERRY SOBRERO/FIRST TEE

The Tri-Valley Special Olympics golf team poses for a picture at the regional tournament last fall.

“During the summer, we run all the golfers through all the skills to see where they are,” Young explained.

At the end of the summer, the athletes compete in a regional competition.

The key to having a successful program is two parts — you need the athletes to participate, but you also need quality coaches to make it work. Young excels at both.

“Curtis is so good at a recruiting and retaining the volunteers,” Womble said. “But he’s also good at retaining our roster of athletes. The program is a passion for him for sure.”

The program continues to be successful and Dana Jetter for one looks at Young, Womble and the rest of the coaches as the keys.

“Curtis brings a level of passion and commitment to a program that needs just that,” Dana Jetter added. “We could not exist without him, Jill or the other coaches. The coaches are completely engaged and there is a monumental

giveback from the athletes to the coaches.”

The Special Olympics golf program is just one of the Outreach Programs run through the First Tee of the Tri-Valley. On the surface, hear First Tee and you think of junior golfers learning the game and the core values of the First Tee.

The Tri-Valley organization has taken it to a whole new level with its Outreach efforts. It’s a constant battle for the group as they work against the perception of all local families having money.

“(The First Tee of the Tri-Valley) is so much more,” Womble said, about the organization being more than just junior golfers. “We battle the stigma that we provide programming to affluent kids. People think it’s all sunny and breezy in Pleasanton, but that’s not the case at all. There are 30% of our kids that are on scholarship assistance. We want kids to have the option to do something after school that don’t

normally have that choice.”

The Tri-Valley group has five programs that are year-round and another 10 that take place one or two times a year. The 15 groups they work with are all nonprofit or part of an organization’s charitable foundation.

“We have one of the biggest Outreach Programs for a First Tee in the United States,” Womble said.

Some of the other programs that involve developmentally disabled participants that the Tri-Valley group works with are Dublin Easter Seals, Enjoy Life More, PGA Hope and Matters of Community.

One other program is the American Heart Association’s “Saving Strokes,” where they host an annual all-day event to introduce stroke survivors to golf as a rehabilitation alternative, while enhancing public awareness about the symptoms of a stroke with event talks.

The First Tee of the Tri-Valley staff provides

countless hours of time making all these programs not just come to life, but function fluidly.

There are two big fundraisers each year. One took place in February, with the next scheduled for the fall.

The September event is the organization’s big golf tournament — The First Tee Tri-Valley Annual Golf Tournament at Castlewood Country Club. The pro-am portion of the event takes over both courses at Castlewood with the pro-am event on the Hill Course and the other on the Valley Course.

If you want to help the First Tee either as a volunteer or as a donor, they are more than willing to take the call.

“We are always looking for people and help,” Womble said. “We meet with you and work to find the best fit.”

Go to the First Tee website at thefirstteetri-valley.org or call the office at 399-8644 for help or more information on the fundraising events. ■



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Vicki Thompson (center), Tri-Valley Haven's director of sexual assault services, performs in a previous production of "The Vagina Monologues." The show returns to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on April 5 and 6.

#MeToo movement merges with 'Vagina Monologues' production

Tri-Valley Haven shows benefit sexual assault survivors

BY JULIA BAUM

For more than 20 years, just the title of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" has stoked both controversy and thoughtful discussion. But just like attitudes toward the show's title have changed, the same goes for the topics explored onstage locally at Tri-Valley Haven's production.

This year's show at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore will raise proceeds for Tri-Valley Haven's domestic violence and sexual assault services.

It's been half a decade since Eleisa Cambra last directed one of Tri-Valley's "Vagina Monologues" productions but "this is just such a good time to do it," with the #MeToo movement in full swing, she told the Weekly. Cambra, who has a degree in theater stage management, first became involved about a decade ago when she was approached by her friend Christine Dillman, Tri-Valley Haven director of sexual assault services.

"She said they were thinking about doing the 'Vagina Monologues' but didn't have anybody to do it. And I said, 'Jackpot, I'll do it for you,'" Cambra recalled. Since then, Cambra has directed several productions for Tri-Valley Haven.

The gains that women have made since the play's debut several decades ago are highlighted, but so are some updated statistics that make sure that people understand things

aren't changing or getting worse, particularly for women of color. Native American women facing abuse on reservations and the Japanese "comfort women" who were forced into sexual slavery during World War II are some of the pieces in the show touching on relevant but overlooked issues.

"It's really important for men and women to come and see the show because there's some funny stuff, but then there's some really poignant things about what's going on," Cambra said.

From puberty to childbirth and gender discrimination, Vicki Thompson, one of the local show's 16 actresses, said that her role in "The Vagina Monologues" sometimes parallels her work as the director of domestic violence services at Tri-Valley Haven because "speaking out about things that very seldom get spoken about in public" plays a central role for both.

"It's shining a light on things that are issues for so many people," Thompson said. "The Monologues' are quite a range ... but all of them touch on common experiences that many women have had and never speak about. It kind of opens it up for people to start talking about them more, the real world, and maybe making change."

With the #MeToo movement now at full momentum, Thompson and other staff members said this is an important time in history



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Proceeds from the local production benefit Tri-Valley Haven's domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

for women and "The Vagina Monologues" is another powerful vehicle for sparking more discourse.

"This year my vagina is very angry (in) all kinds of ways about tampons, about GYN visits and feminine hygiene sprays," she said. "I get to really act out; I get to swear about all of that."

Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven executive director, said in an interview that she and other staffers are optimistic about the show's ability to provoke and encourage change at both the cultural and personal level.

"We're hoping this brings more people to come listen to the show because they're wanting to relate and they're learning more," King said. "So the #MeToo movement has really gotten people having conversations and speaking out and we've always been about that."

#MeToo stories onstage

"The Vagina Monologues" will be presented at the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m. April 5 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 6. All proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Haven's domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Tickets are available now at the Bankhead Theater box office, online at lvpac.org or by calling 373-6800.

The #MeToo movement has given many survivors of sexual assault or domestic violence the confidence to share their trauma with others. Dillman said many have recently been "driven to talk because it brought back trauma" but also because they sensed solidarity among its members.

"Sexual violence is so prevalent but survivors feel so alone," Dillman said. "Hearing that, that, 'Wow, I'm not alone, people stand with me, people support me,' that's just great because that's what we do as an agency, so we really appreciate the movement for that reason."

Several of the women in the show are abuse survivors, according to Cambra, "so just to watch them transform ... it helps these women heal and change and grow. It's amazing to watch."

"It helps me heal and it helps me help other women heal," Cambra said about her own past abuse and how it influences her experience directing the play. "It helps me to empower other women and this year it's about warrior women and the men that back us up, our allies."

There are detractors of #MeToo, but for those who come and fill up the Bankhead's 1,500-seat theater next weekend for the local production of "The Vagina Monologues," Cambra said, "it's going to change them, if they come with an open mind." ■

Take a wild ride with Mr. Toad

East Bay Children's Theatre presenting fun classic at Firehouse

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Mr. Toad's wild ride is careening through Pleasanton next weekend when the East Bay Children's Theatre presents "The Great and Glorious Mr. Toad" at the Firehouse Arts Center in two performances, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on April 7.

The musical comedy is based on Kenneth Grahame's classic, "The Wind in the Willows." When the batty J. Thaddeus Toad is overtaken by motor mania, his friends the cantankerous Badger, philosophical Rat and wide-eyed Mole try to save him. The ensuing adventures include a desperate jailbreak, a band of bumbling bobbies and a pack of felonious weasels.

Playwright Ron Lytle has polished up this venerable vehicle with lots of laughs and daffy new characters, as well as eight sparkling tunes: "Life on the River," "Hello, You Fellows!," "I Like You, Rat," "The Batty J. Thaddeus Toad Let's Travel," "The Wind in the Willows," "A Ladylike Lady" and "United Weasels Stand."

"The Firehouse was our most profitable stop on our tour last year, and all of that money goes directly to bringing our free tours to the under-served elementary schools," Lytle said.

East Bay Children's Theatre was founded in 1933 to keep alive traditional folk and fairy tales via musical theater in various public venues, and to use proceeds from those ticket sales to perform free at schools in economically disadvantaged areas. The performances now reach about 9,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten through



The batty J. Thaddeus Toad (James Paul Gregory, center) tries the patience of (from left) Rat (Benjamin E. Latham), Mole (Justin Lopez), Miss Hedgehog (Samantha Rasler), Badger (Wayne Steffen) and Eliza (Shauna Satnick) in East Bay Children's Theatre world-premiere production of the musical "The Great and Glorious Mr. Toad" by Ron Lytle.

fifth each year.

Volunteers help with costumes and sets, and handle the lighting and sound equipment as well as perform, under the direction of a professional director, choreographer and music director.

The "Mr. Toad" cast comes from throughout the Bay Area and includes Terry Pink Alexander, Karen Fox, James Paul Gregory, Stephanie Kara, Benjamin E. Latham, Martha McDowell, Samantha Rasler, Howard Rosenberg, Shauna Satnick, Wayne Steffen and Ken Woolfe.

Previous East Bay Children's

Theatre productions included "That's Our Snow White" and "It Must Be Pinocchio!"

Tickets for "The Great and Glorious Mr. Toad" are \$12-\$17, the show is about one hour, and is fun for the entire family. Pleasanton performances sell out so advance purchase is recommended.

For more information about East Bay Children's Theatre or to buy tickets, go to www.EBC-Tonline.org. Tickets can also be purchased at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

Spy plane pilot, navigator to share experiences

Engaging speakers to tell war stories and more

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Air Force pilot Brian Shul, one of the few elite to fly the legendary SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, will share his experiences at 7:30 p.m. April 10 at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. He will be accompanied by navigator Walt Watson.

Shul was shot down in the Vietnam War and severely burned in the ensuing crash. Initially given up for dead, he was finally rescued and spent a year in hospitals, endured 15 surgeries and was told his flying days were over.

After months of physical therapy, Shul made a miraculous return to active duty flying and later served as a flight instructor. He became one of only 93 men in history to fly the top secret SR-71 and was the only Blackbird pilot to fly three missions on three consecutive days. Shul is a Spirit of Freedom Award



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Air Force pilot Brian Shul will talk on his experiences flying the legendary SR-71 Blackbird spy plane.

winner and a recipient of the prestigious Crystal Eagle Award.

Today, Shul combines aviation slides and engaging stories to deliver a message of hope, overcoming obstacles, and daring to dream. He

has published five books including "Sled Driver," a personal account of flying the SR-71, as well as "The Untouchables," co-authored by navigator Watson with whom Shul flew spy missions for four years.

Shul and Watson are also known for their "L.A. Speed Story," recalling when they were screaming across Southern California in the SR-71, 13 miles high. The two were monitoring radio transmissions as other aircraft asked for their speeds in the Los Angeles airspace, receiving replies of 90 knots, 120 knots and, for a smug F-18, 620 knots. Watson could not resist radioing for their speed, which — after a long pause — was duly reported as 1,942.

Tickets for the talk are \$20-\$30. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore. A book-signing will follow the presentation. ■

Eagle Scout Award for Amador grad

Project was sturdy cart to hold marching band gear

Warren Zhang was presented with the Eagle Scout Award, the highest in the Scouting program, at a recent Eagle Court of Honor.

An Amador Valley High School alumnus, Zhang is a member of Troop 908, sponsored by St. Clare Episcopal Church. He earned a total of 36 merit badges and achieved the Eagle Rank with all three Eagle Palm awards. He was patrol leader at Boy Scout camps each summer and volunteered as a youth staff member of the Twin Valley Cub Day Camp. He has been involved in both Cub Scout and Boy Scouts for the past 12 years, providing more than 100 hours of community service.

Zhang played baseball and served as an umpire for the Pleasanton Little League; played basketball and served as a coach for Pleasanton Youth Basketball; played 12 years of piano, achieving a diploma in piano, as well as playing other instruments and being in the marching band throughout high school. He also loves snowboarding, traveling and reading.

In the summer of 2016, Zhang was an intern for a bird research project at Henan Dongzhai Bird National Nature Reserve in China.

For his Eagle Scout project, Zhang built a special cart to hold Shako hats for the Amador marching band, because the 2018-19



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Eagle Scout Warren Zhang.

class had an additional 100 members and desperately needed a way to store the extra gear. Zhang earned money working as a baseball umpire to purchase supplies for the project, then organized several Scouts and adults to work under his direction on the project following his detailed plans.

Zhang is a biology major at UC Riverside. He plans to go into medicine and become either a physician or physician assistant. He is the son of Haixia Zhang of Pleasanton.

Anyone interested in joining any level of Scouting can contact the Twin Valley District executive Matt Lindberg at matt.lindberg@scouting.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Haugen Award nominations now being accepted

Recognizes residents who contribute to 'community of character'

Nominations for the 12th annual Juanita Haugen Community of Character Awards are now being accepted.

Pleasanton citizens who give back to their community while modeling "high ethical and moral standards of behavior" will be awarded later this spring by the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative.

The award is named for the late Juanita Haugen, a longtime community volunteer and former Pleasanton Unified School District board trustee whose "vision was to remind people to model ethical standards of behavior within their communities, businesses, homes, and to extend these traits outside our community," according to the collaborative.

Candidates for the award must

be Pleasanton residents and demonstrate traits such as honesty, responsibility, integrity, respect, compassion and self-discipline.

Award recipients will be honored at a luncheon on May 21 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. A drawing to raise funds for the Juanita Haugen Community of Character Scholarships will also be held at the event.

To nominate a resident or a nonprofit group, complete the form available at www.communityofcharacter.org. They may be sent to PleasantonCommunityofCharacter@gmail.com. Nomination forms may also be dropped off at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. The deadline for submission is April 14. ■

—Julia Baum

Music

ERIK JEKABSON AND JASON LEWIS: JAZZ AT INKLINGS From 7 to 9 p.m. on March 29, at Inklings, 530 Main St., the concert this week will feature Erik Jekabson (trumpet) and Jason Lewis (drums). Also performing will be James Hall (piano/vibraphone) and Matt Finders (bass).

JAMES HALL, LEON JOYCE, JOHN BURR, AND MATT FINDERS AT INKLINGS At 7 p.m. on April 5, at Inklings, 530 Main St., the second appearance of the quartet of James Hall (vibraphone), John Burr (piano), Matt Finders (bass), and Leon Joyce (drums) will be presented.

MISTA COOKIE JAR At 7:30 p.m. on April 13, The Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave., presents Mista Cookie Jar & The Chocolate Chips. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at firehousearts.org or at the Center Box Office. For more information, contact the Firehouse Arts Center at 931-4848.

Talks & Lectures

UNITY OF THE TRI-VALLEY At 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, Unity of Tri-Valley Church, at 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, in Dublin, welcomes Rev. Todd Glacy to be guest speaker and musician. After the service, at 11:30 a.m., Glacy will present a dynamic, uplifting workshop on The Vibration of Creation, which is on a love-offering basis. Go to UnityofTriValley.org or call 829-2733 for more information.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE PRESENTS TECH MANAGEMENT SPEAKER From 6 to 6:50 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, at Las Positas College, in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420, 3000 Campus Drive, Livermore, David Rowley, chief technology officer of Ask Media Group, will present "From Coding to the Board Room: Lessons From a Career in Tech Management." The program is free and open to the public. Parking is \$3.

PLEASANTON 2020 FORUM From 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on the second

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TRI-VALLEY WRITERS ALL-DAY APRIL 13 WRITERS' CONFERENCE From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 13 at the Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, the Tri-Valley Writers Conference will be held. Featuring author, craft, marketing and publishing talks. Cost is \$165 for CWC members, \$190 for non-members, \$80 for students. To register visit trivalleywriters.org/conferences/tri-valley. The deadline for registration is April 9.

Lessons & Classes

VIRTUAL REALITY AT THE LIBRARY Experience virtual reality from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 1 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Virtual reality uses a computer, headset, and sensors to immerse you directly into a three dimensional, computer-generated world. Experience our planet like you've never experienced it before. Travel around the world, to distant planets, and even back in time without ever leaving the library. For ages fourteen and up. All users will need to submit a Waiver.

Support Groups

LUPUS AND FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP The group meets at 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, at the Weekes Library, 217300 Patrick Ave., Hayward, (off Tennyson Road). Contact janetip510@yahoo.com for more information.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. It leaves us in a state of shock, confusion, pain and sadness, but you do not have to suffer alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4005 Stoneridge Drive, on

April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8. Call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

TRI-VALLEY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP Those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us to hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs. There is no cost.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY FAMILY/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (PLEASANTON) From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, at 5674 Stoneridge Drive, No. 114, families network, encourage, and support each other through the challenges of advocating and caring for adult loved ones who are diagnosed with a severe mental illness. Resources and information are provided as well. There is no cost. Visit nami-trivalley.org for more information.

Fundraisers

EAST BAY SPCA WINE FESTIVAL Join us at Sports Basement, 1041 Market Place, San Ramon on Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Wine Festival. Explore samplings from local wineries including Wentle Vineyards, Benzinger Family Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, and DeLoach Vineyards. There will be tastings, wine pairings, snacks, and a raffle. Proceeds from this event will benefit the East Bay SPCA. Go to eventbrite.com for tickets and more information.

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Blaze is a young adult husky who wants to find his forever home. He is up-to-date on all shots, neutered and microchipped. He is athletic, loves to run and play ball, and he is still working on his basic obedience. He just gets so overjoyed with happiness and husky silliness. Could Blaze be your boy? Blaze is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive Dublin. For more information, contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at 803-7040.

14TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER WALK The "Bras for the Cause" walk takes place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 in downtown Pleasanton. This unique, fun, high-spirited, 8k (5 mile) evening stroll is hosted by Tri-Valley SOCKs (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures) and 100% of all money raised by walkers goes to local breast cancer beneficiaries. During the walk, a sweep limo is provided for participants who may need additional assistance to reach the finish. The Finisher's Party completes the event with entertainment and an awards ceremony. To register for the walk or to donate online, please visit trivalleysocks.org. For further information, send an email to info@trivalleysocks.org.

ANNUAL MAD HATTER TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER From 12 to 4 p.m. on April 13, at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindberg Ave., Livermore, the annual Mad Hatter Tea Party fundraiser will be held. Forty tables are uniquely set by our Assistance League members. The event is a fundraiser for vital community programs, benefiting the Tri-Valley.

The event includes entertainment by Will Durst and a Mad Hatter Hat Contest. All attendees are encouraged to wear a hat. There will be raffle prizes, a silent auction, and a high tea service with tea sandwiches, scones, desserts and wonderful teas. The cost is \$60 per ticket or \$480 per table (for 8 guests). Half of each ticket price (\$30) is tax deductible. Order tea tickets online at assistanceleague.org/amador-valley/events.

JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton is holding its semi-annual jewelry event on April 26 through 28. The Discovery Shop is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches. Please take a moment to peek in your jewelry box and donate some of your unused vintage, designer, costume and precious jewelry. Help make a difference in the fight against cancer. Donations are accepted at the shop Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. The Discovery Shop is



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Two special exhibits at Bankhead

On exhibit in the Founder's Room off the lobby of the Bankhead Theater in Livermore is "Shangri-La," 15 hand-painted Thangka from Tibet, which are representative of its spiritual traditions, with Buddhist themes, historical events and depictions of mandala (imaginary place used during meditation). Also on display is "Wearable Art" at the Bankhead Gallery featuring the work of more than 20 local artists. The exhibits close April 27 with a "runway reception" at which the art pieces will be modeled, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Bankhead's "Art & Wine Intertwined." The Bankhead Gallery, in the lobby of the theater at 2400 First St. in Livermore, is open from 12-5 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and Sundays.



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HIKE FOR HOPE The 9th Annual Hike for Hope fundraiser for Hope Hospice, will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Del Valle Regional Park, 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore. Learn more at thehikeforhope.com.

Family

GOODGUYS 37TH ALL AMERICAN GET-TOGETHER The Goodguys 37th All American Get-Together Giant Car Show takes center stage at 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Come on out and explore over 3,000 shined-up American show cars and trucks of all years, makes and models on display. Specialty Parking areas, Nitro Thunderfest Dragster Exhibition, explore the Model Car Show, enjoy the Free Kids Zone, an Indoor Car Show and much more. For complete details and to register your vehicle or purchase tickets, visit good-guys.com. General Admission is \$25.00; kids (ages 7 to 12) are \$10.00.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES PACK OUT MARCH 30 Pleasanton Military Families will hold their Spring Pack Out for deployed men and women overseas with the goal to fill hundreds of care packages for them. Donations of food items, clothing and care items are urgently needed and may be delivered from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. to the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., at the Pre-Pack on Friday, March 29. Donors are asked to check our website at pmfsg.ca for needed/not needed items. Visit pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org for more information.

CHARACTERZ KIDZ FAMILY GAME NIGHT This Family Fun Night is free for all ages at 6 p.m., on the first Friday of every month at Characters Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd. KIDZ get a free hot cocoa or chocolate milk. Bring a game to share or play one of ours.

SCREENAGERS: GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE "Screenagers" is being presented at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Registration is requested. RSVP at eventbrite.com by searching for "Screenagers."

Seniors

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME' The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center are sponsoring a "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities. Light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe afterward. No reservations are needed. Go to seniorcenterfriends.org.

PHOTO CLUB From 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center,

5353 Sunol Blvd., the photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 for further information.

Business

NICER NETWORKING PLEASANTON From 4 to 5 p.m. on March 27, at Mountain Mike's, 5424 Sunol Blvd., learn, connect, grow. Welcome to Nicer Networking. Bring business cards and ideas to share. Let's grow our businesses through networking.

Community Groups

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group, meets for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org, or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, at (714) 296-3444 for more information.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club. Communication is a priceless skill, whether on the job or in your community. Come

and join us from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Please confirm by contacting HaciendaTM@gmail.com, or call 895-6796.

Volunteers

EAGLE SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE Eagle Scout Blood Drive, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, in the Bloodmobile at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. To schedule your appointment please visit vitalant.org and click donate. Use your unique sponsor code "Eagle Scout." For any questions, please contact Steve Pignataro at spignataro@vitalant.org.

LITERACY/ESL VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program needs volunteer tutors to help adults practice and improve their English reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers work one-on-one with students, or lead small group conversation practice, citizenship test preparation, or book clubs. The Literacy Program provides all books and materials as well as training and ongoing support. No advance preparation is needed. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English and familiar with American culture. Should be able to devote 1 to 2 hours weekly to a student for a minimum of 6 months. Must consent to a Live Scan fingerprint screening. Call the Pleasanton Library at 931-3400 for more information.

TAKE US ALONG



Happy New Year: The Schafer family and the Henry family of Pleasanton recently took a holiday trip to Thailand. Here is a picture of them with the Weekly at Bamboo Island in Phuket, Thailand on New Year's Day 2019. From left: Scott, Holly, Joe and Erin Schafer and Todd, Alyce, Payton and Belle Henry.

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.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Fantastinators Publisher
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556141
The following person doing business as: Fantastinators Publisher, 2889 Whitney Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Myo-Kyoung Kim, 2889 Whitney Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Myo-Kyoung Kim, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Myo-Kyoung Kim, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2019.)

3V Express
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 555853
The following person doing business as: 3V Express, 1541 Whispering Oaks Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Wen Zhong Liu, 1541 Whispering Oaks Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Wen Zhong Liu, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Wen Zhong Liu, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 28, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2019.)

Innovations Hair Salon
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556229
The following person doing business as: Innovations Hair Salon, 19581 Center St., Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marsha Jane Lemos, 19581 Center St., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Marsha Jane Lemos, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 1999. Signature of Registrant: Marsha Jane Lemos, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2019.)

LE FACE & BODY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556370
The following person doing business as: LE

FACE & BODY, 1987 Santa Rita Road, Suite G, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Le Face & Body, LLC, 1987 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Le Face & Body, LLC, a Limited Liability Partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Syndy Le, Member/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2019.)

Alpine Motors
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556620
The following person(s) doing business as: Alpine Motors, 7679 Thorton Ave., Suite E, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rafael Bautista, 644 Greenlake Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant, Rafael Bautista, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 18, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2019.)

Royal Novelties
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556818
The following person doing business as: Royal Novelties, 7381 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Sadeddin R. Najjar, 2481 Sky View Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534. This business is conducted by Sadeddin R. Najjar, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Jan. 1, 2014. Signature of Registrant: Sadeddin R. Najjar, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 21, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2019.)

Ben and Arline Home Improvement
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 556195
The following person(s) doing business as: Ben and Arline Home Improvement, 7550 St. Patrick Way, Apt. #409, Dublin, CA, County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Arline Nagy, 7550 St. Patrick Way, Apt. #409, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein March 7, 2019. Signature of Registrant, Arline Nagy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2019 (Pleasanton Weekly, March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2019.)

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Employment

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Compass buys Alain Pinel Realtors in latest acquisition

Bay Area's largest real estate firm? It's a New York startup

BY LINDA TAAFFE/
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

Compass, the venture-funded real-estate startup that launched its first office in the local market just over two years ago, became the Bay Area's largest residential brokerage firm this month after acquiring Tri-Valley powerhouse Alain Pinel Realtors for an undisclosed amount on March 9.

The deal will nearly double Compass' Bay Area headcount by bringing on board 1,300 agents from Alain Pinel, a company whose sales volume topped \$12.2 billion in 2017.

With this addition, Compass will have approximately 3,000 agents working out of 97 offices in the Bay Area, including locations in Pleasanton, Livermore and Danville, the New York-based brokerage firm announced this month.

The sale comes just six months after Alain Pinel president Mike Hulme reportedly declined to sell his family's Saratoga-based company — one of the nation's top 10 brokerage firms — to Compass. Instead, Alain Pinel scooped up San Francisco's boutique brokerage Hill & Co. in September in an effort to compete

with the rapidly expanding, \$4.4 billion startup.

Hulme did not respond to interview requests for this article. But he reportedly said that he changed his mind and decided to sell this month after losing some of his top agents to Compass.

"We thought joining them versus fighting them was in our best interests," he told the San Francisco Chronicle following the sale of the decades-old company, which his father founded in 1990 and grew into one of the nation's top real-estate firms.

Compass has been shaking up the local real-estate industry with fast-paced acquisitions over the past year: This is the third time in eight months that the startup bought a top-selling Bay Area brokerage firm as part of its push to strengthen its regional footprint. Last July, Compass acquired



Mike Hulme



Robert Reffkin



Ori Allon



Paragon Real Estate Group and a month later it bought Pacific Union International — both are based in San Francisco and rank among the top 10 residential brokerage firms in the nation based on sales volume.

The combined sales volume from Alain Pinel and these two residential brokerage companies totaled \$22.4 billion in 2017, according to data from Real Trends. Sales figures from the top-ranked firm, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, was just slightly higher at \$24.2 billion.

According to a Compass spokeswoman, by combining the total sales volume of Compass, Alain Pinel, Hill & Co., Pacific Union and Paragon

reported to Multiple Listings Service over the past 12 months, the company is now the largest residential brokerage in the country by sales volume, growing from \$15 billion to more than \$35 billion between January 2018 and January 2019. It's also the No. 1 brokerage by sales volume in San Francisco and Los Angeles, she said in an email.

Michael Repka, CEO and general counsel at a large Peninsula brokerage, DeLeon Realty, said only time will tell how the combination of the company's East Coast management coupled with a blending of agents from a variety of different brokerages will come together.

"There are certainly pros and cons to having one big player in the market. However, overall I think it's more negative than positive," Repka said. "I see a tremendous amount of conflict of interest from having the same broker or brokerage on both sides of the transaction. The potential for double commission, whether on the individual level or at the broker level, is generally not good. I am concerned that Compass' market share will be too large and ... will create

temptation for off-market listings."

Repka said he's already heard that some agents are asking sellers for a period of exclusivity to market a property before officially listing it for sale.

Founded in 2012 as a real-estate technology company in New York City, Compass has raised \$1.2 billion through funding rounds from investors, including Founder's Fund, Fidelity Investments, Wellington Management, Goldman Sachs, Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff and Softbank Vision Fund. Compass' headcount has grown to more than 10,000 agents across 248 offices in the country.

Reffkin and co-founder Ori Allon started Compass with a focus on technology, hiring 50-plus in-house engineers to develop a mobile app for its agents that provides real-time housing data to help streamline the selling and buying process. Agents can receive immediate status and price updates, see how many people are looking at a listing, use data analytics to determine the best time to list a property and collaborate with clients. ■

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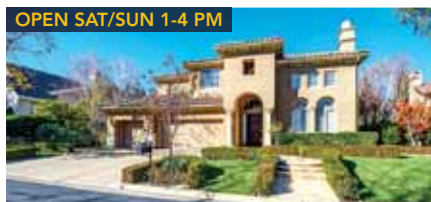
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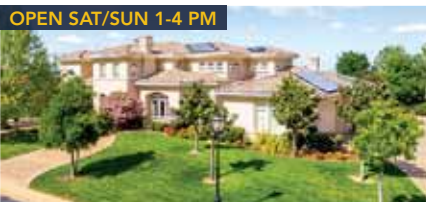
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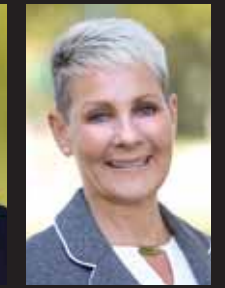
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