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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Do your part to contain coronavirus

Alexandra Valsamakis, the chief medical officer at Roche Molecular Solutions in Pleasanton, is justifiably proud of her team and colleagues who won FDA approval for a COVID-19 test in record time.

In an interview Monday, she had a more important point to stress for residents of the Tri-Valley and beyond.

"I am a physician and was in practice for 20 years. Now I'm in an industrial practice, so the input I give you comes not just from a chief medical officer but comes as physician. It comes as the wife of a person at high risk of mortality from the infection and comes as a mother. I think we really need to take this seriously and not minimize it," she said.

"The third component (of containing the virus) is each individual and what it is that they do to responsibly help contain this epidemic," she said.

Dr. Valsamakis spoke with me before the public health officers in six Bay Area counties declared a state of emergency and ordered people across the area to shelter in place for the next three weeks.

Her blunt statement helped me to continue to evolve my opinion and willingly accept the health department's order. Certainly, it will be disruptive for everyone and cause a real financial hardship for people in many industries, but it's deemed critical to controlling the spread of the virus to avoid a spike of cases that overwhelms the health care system as has been the case in Italy.

Valsamakis said Roche's team became aware of the virus outbreak in Wuhan in December. The team evaluated, along with other Roche units, what might be needed to manage the virus. That process continued through December and January until the senior Roche leadership decided to move ahead to develop a test in early February.

"We saw that it was not going to be well-contained in China and we thought the risk to the world was significant enough that we needed to move," she said.

That involved R&D teams in the headquarters in Pleasanton and in Rotkreuz, Switzerland, plus the manufacturing teams in Branchburg, N.J. With teams operating in different time zones, the researchers in Switzerland were starting their day while the team in Pleasanton was wrapping theirs up.

The two R&D facilities focused on the tests, while the manufacturing group in New Jersey re-engineered a production line to assemble the kits. They were so effective that the company started shipping 400,000 tests this week.

Once the senior leadership decided to move ahead with the test, Valsamakis said the R&D teams spent two weeks gathering the necessary materials. They received a virus sample from a United States patient to use in the tests.

Notably, it was just about four weeks of lab testing and work with the FDA before the federal agency signed off with the emergency approval.

Once the FDA approval was granted, they began shipping the test kits. Roche has sold about 130 instruments that can run the tests. The bigger one (there are 30 in the United States) can process about 4,200 samples per day, while the smaller one can handle about 1,400 tests. It takes about 3-1/2 hours to process a test.

Roche worked with the CDC, the FDA and the White House task force to decide how to distribute the tests. The key criteria were which organizations were best equipped to process many tests as testing moved into a greater portion of the population. Another consideration was where the hot spots are.

That led to the decision to ship to large laboratories such as Quest and Lab Corp. Valsamakis declined to specify labs or organizations.

"The approach was generated to take the pressure off individual hospitals and medical centers and get the foot traffic out of those to a drive-in testing scenarios. The samples then go to the large reference laboratories to get the results and then inform individuals of the results," she said.

About 500 people across the three Roche facilities were involved in developing and bringing the test to market.

"At the time we knew that this was going to be an infection on an unprecedented scale that we have not seen in our collective lifetimes. We made a decision based on global medical necessity," she said.

In closing, the local health departments have made our next steps clear — shelter in place and fulfill the third component necessary to slow the spread ■

About the Cover

Long lines and empty shelves have greeted customers at grocery stores throughout Pleasanton this week as residents stock up for the shelter-in-place order issued to stem the spread of the novel coronavirus. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Doug Young.

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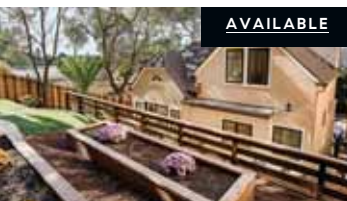
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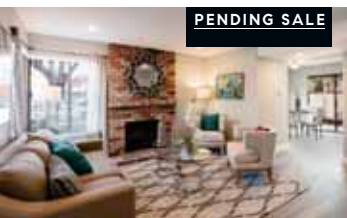
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How do you conduct yourself or react when people around you are in a state of panic?



Janice Kennedy *Marriage and family therapist*

My first reaction is to join in the panic because I am human. So I try hard to use my best breathing and self-talk techniques, and gather accurate information from respected and trusted sources while doing all that is possible to protect myself from exposure — being reasonable, not reactive. I go back to two of my core values: 1) don't hoard and 2) think of others as well as myself.



Lisa McFall *Deputy general counsel*

I look to credible sources of information, such as the World Health Organization, to understand the risks and progression of whatever is causing the panic. And I merely gloss over interpretations or reactions to that information because that is where personal bias, wishful thinking and frankly dangerous misinformation comes in.



Justin Stevenson

Logistician

I remain calm and do my best to help maintain some semblance of order amongst the chaos.



Samira Eskandary

Finance

I force myself to stay realistic and refuse to allow myself to get swept up in the mass hysteria. I also try to remain positive, and convince myself that this, too, shall pass.



Lisa Mazerlev

Middle school teacher

I listen. I try to remain calm and be present in the moment while listening. My gut reaction is to try to solve the problem, but sometimes when the problem is bigger than I am, I do the most simple things that I can do — like getting milk and other necessities for my elderly neighbors.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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DIGEST

Lookalike contest

Mother's Day is May 10 this year and the Pleasanton Weekly is again holding its popular Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, with photos due by April 9.

Staff members of the Weekly will choose the eight pairs of finalists, which will be posted on our website April 15-22 for our readers and their friends to vote on which mother and daughter most look alike. A story announcing the winners is scheduled to appear in the May 8 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

First-place winners will receive four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash. Second-place finishers will receive two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send photos in jpg format (at least 300 dpi) to Dolores Fox Ciardelli at contest@PleasantonWeekly.com, along with the names of the mother and daughters, ages if the daughters are under 18, and any other information you wish to share. Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.

Don't put off sending in your photo. Every year we receive entries too late, after the preliminary judging is done.

Biddle scholarship

Team Dublin, a community service committee of city employees and contracted staff, invites all high school seniors in Dublin to apply for the \$1,000 Don Biddle Memorial Scholarship.

Established in honor of the late public servant and City Council member, the scholarship is open to applicants who plan to attend a college or vocational school in the fall.

"This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who demonstrates high scholarship and civic leadership through volunteerism or public service work, and who is interested in pursuing a career in public service," organizers said.

The application is due by 5 p.m. April 14. Visit dublin.ca.gov.

Election results

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office reports being close to completing their count of all ballots from the March 3 primary election. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com in the coming days to read more about the final results and reactions from the candidates and campaigns. ■

Correction

Last week's article "Chabot-Las Positas selects three finalists for chancellor position" incorrectly referred to the current employment status of candidate Bryan Reece, Ph.D. He was president of Norco College through June 2019. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

County issues shelter-in-place order to limit coronavirus spread

Strategy focuses on shutting down non-essential businesses, activities, travel

By JULIA BAUM
AND JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton community, like the rest of the Tri-Valley and much of the Bay Area, ushered in a new way of life this week as health officials announced a shelter-in-place order for the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The order, which is the strictest of its kind in the country right now, went into effect 12:01 a.m.

Tuesday and will remain in place at least until April 7.

"The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the (coronavirus) emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed," the order states. "One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable."

While a number of residents have already been working from

home and making an effort to practice social distancing since the presence of COVID-19 was confirmed in the Bay Area a month earlier, others still continued to gather inside crowded bars, pubs and nightclubs.

On Sunday night, Gov. Gavin Newsom called for the closure of all non-essential businesses throughout California, but that was only a recommendation at the time and not a command.

Now, with Alameda County's order, only businesses and services deemed essential such as

grocery stores, pharmacies, banks and hardware stores are allowed to remain open.

Restaurants are also exempt from the ban but may either offer delivery or pick-up orders or reduce their seating occupancy by half and maintain social distancing of at least six feet distance between customers. Bars, nightclubs, brew pubs and wineries must cease operating until the order is lifted.

"We must all do our part in slowing the spread of COVID-19

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Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund prepares to lead the emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees last Friday. The district ultimately decides to dismiss students from campus through at least April 14 during the coronavirus crisis.

Learning at home

Tri-Valley schools suspend in-person classes in favor of online lessons

By JULIA BAUM, RYAN J. DEGAN
AND JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Unified School District opted to cancel classes at the beginning of this week and continuing through at least April 14, forgoing schooling on campus in favor of students learning remotely from home to help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The move now aligns PUSD's coronavirus plan closely with the other public school districts in the Tri-Valley — each of which was confirmed at individual school board meetings last Friday. Catholic schools in the Tri-Valley are

also being closed in the short-term under diocese orders.

PUSD's plan for reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by dismissing students from campus for the next month began unfolding publicly last Friday with an "unprecedented" emergency meeting at which the Board of Trustees unanimously declared a state of emergency and supported closing campuses to students in favor of a schooling-at-home strategy.

Most attendees that spoke during the public comment portion supported the decision for a dismissal, calling it "critical" to move on mitigating the virus and

flattening the epidemic curve, a statistical chart that illustrates when and how quickly new cases are reported.

The board ultimately endorsed the proposal to dismiss students from campus from Tuesday (March 17) through at least April 13 — a period that would include two weeks of remote lessons for students as well as the district's spring break as originally scheduled.

The original idea was to allow students the option to report to school on Monday for a final day of in-class instruction before the

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Weekly to temporarily suspend publishing

24/7 online reporting will continue to serve readers during coronavirus crisis

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

Faced with the mandated closure of virtually all local businesses and the resulting advertising cancellations, the Pleasanton Weekly will suspend publishing its print edition starting next week, Embarcadero Media East Bay president Gina Channell announced today.

The print edition will resume publication when the coronavirus crisis has been brought under control, businesses reopen and consumer activity resumes.

In the meantime, the Weekly will continue and expand its extensive online reporting as the only news organization devoted to local news coverage of the community. With monthly unique visitors now exceeding 150,000 and 11,000 receiving Express, our free daily news digest email, PleasantonWeekly.com is the primary source of local news on the virus crisis and all other local issues for residents.

"As an advertising-dependent business, it is simply not viable to continue absorbing the high costs of printing and mailing newspapers in this environment," Channell said. "Our hope is that readers and major community institutions will recognize the important role

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Lawsuit filed to stop, review Livermore Wine Country Inn project

Resident group seeks full EIR, analysis of zoning and adherence to specific plan

By GINA CHANNELL

A lawsuit has been filed by Friends of South Livermore seeking to overturn the Livermore City Council's January approval of the Livermore Wine Country Inn project and to halt any action on the development pending the court's decision.

The Wine Country Inn is proposed at the southwest corner of Hansen and Arroyo roads on what is currently a 3.2-acre vacant piece of land. The project would include a 30-room two-story hotel, a 77-seat restaurant and bar, 61 parking spaces, a 2,300-square-foot caretaker's housing unit, and a 1,800-square-foot business and events conference room.

The lawsuit, filed in Alameda County Superior Court on Feb. 13, names as defendants the city of Livermore; LWCI, Inc. and Michelle Boss, who started LWCI to develop the Wine Country Inn; and the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority, which owns the property pending sale.

The city's Planning Commission approved the project's site design and conditional use-permit on Nov. 5. Friends of South Livermore, which is not affiliated with the group opposed to the downtown Livermore hotel, appealed the decision in writing shortly after the commission's decision and

many residents spoke against the project during the City Council's Jan. 13 meeting.

Ultimately the council upheld the commission's decision, with changes.

The lawsuit argues violations of planning and zoning laws and inconsistencies with the Livermore General Plan, the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan and city municipal code, as well as lack of a full environmental impact report (EIR) to study the project's potential adverse effects on traffic, safety, noise, aesthetics and visual resources, and biological resources.

"The city believes we have gone through the due diligence and this is the properly sized inn located in the place it was always envisioned in the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan," Mayor John Marchand said.

A mitigated negative declaration was released in September, based on an EIR adopted by the City Council as part of the 1997 South Livermore Valley Specific Plan. The staff report presented to the council Jan. 13 stated, "The mitigated negative declaration concludes that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment."

The Planning Commission approved the project's site plan and conditional use-permit on Nov. 5.

A letter was sent to council members Jan. 10 on behalf of Friends of South Livermore, requesting an appeal made early to the Planning Commission be upheld and that the council deny the project's site plan and use permit.

The matter came before the council Jan. 13, where many spoke in favor of the project, citing a need for a hotel near wine country.

Approximately 30 spoke against the development because of increased traffic and safety concerns, the size of the project and the addition of a conference room, and lack of adequate parking being among the main issues.

There was also concern voiced that a mitigated negative declaration was inadequate because it was based on a 1997 EIR, done when the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan was created. Homes in the Los Olivos neighborhood were built between 2003 and 2005 and others in the vicinity were built after that.

"We aren't opposed to an inn; we are opposed to the current design," Donna Cabanne, a member of Friends of South Livermore and Los Olivos homeowner, said during the Jan. 13 meeting, asking that the council uphold an appeal until the project plan complies with city codes and plans. She also urged the council to



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Artist's rendering of Livermore Wine Country Inn, a project approved by the City Council but challenged in court by a citizen group, Friends of South Livermore.

require a full EIR.

"An EIR was done and the inn was developed precisely as plan called for — a 30-room inn and a 100-seat restaurant," Marchand said. "Nothing has changed. If anything the restaurant is smaller."

The council voted unanimously to deny the appeal, but made changes based on feedback from the public including elimination of overflow parking, which was opposed by residents because it would entail removal of established vines, which is prohibited in the specific plan.

The changes also included planting additional trees and placing a maximum number of seats on the restaurant at 77.

A representative from Friends of South Livermore could not be

located to comment.

A telephone conference call to discuss litigation and attempt to settle has been scheduled for 1 p.m. March 31, and a case management conference is currently scheduled with Alameda County Judge Evelio Grillo at 9 a.m. May 15, Department 24, Third Floor, 1221 Oak St., Oakland.

The case was originally assigned to Judge Frank Roesch. However, Sabrina Teller with Sacramento-based Remy Moose Manley, which is representing the city of Livermore, asked that the case be reassigned, stating, "It is my belief that Judge Roesch is prejudiced against the City or the interests of the City to such a degree that the City cannot have fair and impartial hearing and/or trial before him." ■

Pleasanton closes most city facilities, cancels government meetings amid coronavirus

Livermore, Dublin follow similar course; East Bay parks, trails remain open

By JEREMY WALSH

The city of Pleasanton joined jurisdictions across the Bay Area in scaling back entirely on events, programs and other gatherings at city facilities in an effort to reduce chances for potential exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Citing the fluidity of the COVID-19 situation, Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho announced last Friday (days before the shelter-in-place order) that the city would close all non-essential city facilities and programs effective that weekend, as well as halt all city government meetings including the City Council regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, until April 17.

"The health and safety of our Pleasanton community and our city employees is our first priority," Fialho said in a statement. "The city has been working closely with public health agencies and numerous community partners to respond to this pandemic as quickly as possible to stop its spread."

Many of the Tri-Valley municipalities were also considering whether to issue declarations of local emergencies for their jurisdiction, in response to the coronavirus impacts. The results of those decisions were pending as of press time Wednesday.

So far in Pleasanton, city buildings and programs that are closed include the Pleasanton Public Library, Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton Senior Center, Gingerbread Preschool, Veterans Memorial Building, Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, Cultural Arts Center, Alviso Adobe, Nature House, Amador Theater, Amador Recreation Center, Callippe Preserve Golf Course, middle school gyms and scheduled programmed athletic events at city parks.

All city government meetings will be canceled as well, meaning all council, commission and committee meetings, as well as trainings and community meetings held at public facilities.

City offices that provide "essential services" — such as utility

billing, planning and building permitting, business licensing and housing services, as well as payments through the finance department — remain open in a limited capacity during the closure window, according to Fialho.

Essential services that remain available also include paratransit service to medical appointments and grocery stores only, Open Heart Kitchen's senior lunch program brown bag pick-up only, Spectrum Community Services' Meals on Wheels, and some maintenance and protection of city assets and activities.

Fialho said the city would continue to closely monitor the situation and take further necessary action as needed. It was not immediately clear what the status would be for city employees who typically work in buildings or services that are being reduced or closed entirely.

Limited city services and staff will be available to assist residents with:

- Utility billing via phone at

931-5500 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or through SEW online portal. Utility billing drop box locations will also be available in front of 3333 Busch Road and 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Permits for emergencies relating to health and safety associated with sewer, water or utilities by calling 931-5650 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Building inspections for emergencies relating to health and safety by calling 931-5650 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Life threatening emergencies call 9-1-1, and for non-emergencies call 931-5100.

Pleasanton's neighbors in the Tri-Valley announced similar protective measures that have been evolving since last Friday.

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts on Friday declared a local emergency, saying the move would "strengthen the city of Livermore's ability to respond to the coronavirus disease."

Livermore is also taking the extra step of canceling all

"non-essential" city-sponsored events, whether indoor or outdoor, with an anticipated attendance of greater than 25 people through the end of May.

And Roberts also canceled all council and advisory body regular meetings until at least April 17.

Most Livermore city facilities remain open, but if you need to conduct business with the city, officials suggest calling first at 960-4000 or visiting the city website at www.cityoflivermore.net.

In Dublin, the city on Friday canceled all upcoming events and recreation programs until April 3, at which time the city will re-evaluate the situation, according to City Manager Linda Smith.

The cancellation list incorporates the Dublin Senior Center, The Wave, Dublin Preschool, Dublin Heritage Center and Museums, recreation classes, after-school recreation programs, sports programs, and facility reservations.

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Pleasanton school board wraps up business before lockdown

Trustees approve pilot vape sensors just before month-long dismissal

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees wrapped up some routine business during what turned out to be their final regular meeting before all 15 district sites were unanimously dismissed for a month on Friday in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Pleasanton youths gave an informational presentation at the March 10 regular board meeting about steps taken this year to educate their peers and residents about the dangers of tobacco use and vaping. The TUPE Peer Educators partner with the Alameda County Office of Education and community-based groups to fight youth tobacco use through targeted education for students in grades 6-12.

Tri-Valley communities have taken concerted action to curb tobacco and e-cigarette use, particularly among youths, over the past year. The cities of Dublin and Livermore have banned the sale of flavored tobacco and e-cigarettes in their borders, and Pleasanton is poised to follow suit.

“The school, parents, and the larger community must be

involved in the program so that students will be aware of a cohesive effort and concern for their health and consequently, their ability to succeed in school,” PUSD staff said in a report about TUPE.

Results from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) taken by PUSD students in 2018 were shared; nearly one third of juniors in high school have used e-cigarettes, the survey found, and 44% in that group “perceive little to no harm in e-cigarette use compared to smoking cigarettes.”

The findings also reported 79% of 11th graders and 59% of 9th graders “believe that obtaining electronic cigarettes or vaping devices is very or fairly easy.” Respondents also thought it was harder to get traditional cigarettes; 57% of 11th graders and 47% of 9th graders “believe that obtaining cigarettes is very or fairly easy.”

TUPE members have been actively involved in visiting PUSD sites, facilitating school wide events and giving presentations and informative speeches about e-cigarettes and vaping use over the past year. The group has also made appearances at Pleasanton



RYAN J. DEGAN

The PUSD Board of Trustees held a relatively routine regular meeting on March 10. Little did they know that three days later they'd be hurriedly gathering for a special emergency meeting on coronavirus response (shown).

city council meetings urging leaders to support their efforts, and for the public to “begin to see tobacco for what it is — a legal and addictive drug.”

The youth were asked for their opinion on disciplinary measures for students caught vaping on campus, and said “it really depends on what would happen after,” such as whether there is a supportive intervention program. One member said “a lot of upper classmen are

addicted” and that TUPE has been focused so far on prevention education, so intervention for those already using e-cigarettes and vaping devices is needed.

Trustee Joan Laursen praised the group for “your advocacy and the wonderful presentation,” adding, “I just want to commend you for that advocacy work, it really does make a difference, and reaching the hearts and minds of people that make the decisions is a skill-set

that will serve you well.”

PUSD is applying for grants through the TUPE Grant Tier 2 Consortium and “anticipating participation for 2020-23 grant cycle.” The group was also gearing up for Take Down Tobacco National Day on Wednesday (March 18); however, all PUSD campus activities have been canceled in addition to in-person classes until April 14 at the earliest.

In a related item that evening, the trustees approved a \$221,599 purchase for vape sensors as part of an overall \$9.6 million district-wide Measure 11 network upgrade pilot project. Last month, the board unanimously agreed to look into installing vape sensors at local middle and high school sites for the detection of students using electronic smoking devices.

The sensors were not included in the \$10.3 million original project estimate but the district obtained a \$468,000 e-Rate grant last year, dropping its price. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, it is now unclear when the sensors and other new network cabling will be installed. Work was originally scheduled to start next month, according to the district. ■



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*The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses a five-star quality rating system to measure the experiences Medicare beneficiaries have with their health care system—the Star Rating Program. Health systems are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 stars, with 5 being the highest.

LEARNING

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four-week dismissal. (Every PUSD school had been closed last Friday for a prescheduled student non-attendance and teacher non-work day.)

But PUSD Superintendent David Haglund decided on Sunday to switch course and cancel classes on Monday too, in the interest of safety and to reduce risk of exposure.

“Our original plan was to bring students to their schools on Monday; However, a few things have happened since Friday midday that have shifted our thinking,” Haglund said in a message to the PUSD community.

He specifically cited the city of Pleasanton’s decision late in the day Friday to close all non-essential city facilities such as the joint-use gyms at PUSD middle schools, an increase by Saturday of the number of school districts halting in-person classes starting on Monday, and a continued uptick of confirmed coronavirus cases in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

“Thank you for your help and support as we work through this challenging and complex situation together,” Haglund said to end his letter, which was released a day before the county implemented its shelter-in-place order.

So PUSD’s current plan involved students being out of school all

of this week (March 16-20) while teachers “receive professional development and learn about delivering flexible instruction” and the process of checking out devices begins. The district encouraged students to consider “independent learning activities at home” during this week.

Then the next two weeks — March 23 through April 3 — flexible instruction and remote learning will start, with teachers providing daily instruction and feedback. Spring break will take place as planned April 6-13, during which time there will be no instruction.

Flexible instruction and remote learning will start again April 14, with no end date determined yet, unless and until otherwise notified by Alameda County Public Health Department that reopening is safe.

Students in need of a Chromebook or WiFi hotspot to access remote learning materials can request a device and technology support through the district website. An email will be sent to students once their devices are ready for pickup at the district office, 4665 Bernal Ave. Distribution began Tuesday.

“In the days and weeks ahead, please feel free to reach out to your school’s administration for specific direction relating to ongoing student learning and support,” Haglund said.

All PUSD school sites and the district headquarters on Bernal Avenue are scheduled to remain open to the

public during the entire dismissal period, including staff to answer phone calls.

The district is also offering meals at no cost to students who want to participate during the dismissal period. All meals are grab-and-go style; seating will not be offered. Starting this week, families can go to the district website to review the menu and preorder meals.

Meal pickup are available at the following locations:

- Pleasanton Middle School (breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- Valley View Elementary School (breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- Lydiksen Elementary School (breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
- Alisal Elementary School (breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Follow updates on all coronavirus-related impacts at www.pleasantonusd.net.

Dublin Unified School District

DUSD Superintendent Dave Marken announced last Friday that he made the decision to “suspend classes beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 10, 2020, with classes resuming on Monday, April 13, 2020.”

The Board of Trustees made a unanimous advisory vote during a special emergency meeting last Friday during the same time PUSD held theirs. District offices will also be closed to the public and will not receive phone calls or in-person visits.

Dublin teachers will share lesson plans with families and students will be expected to complete assignments while campuses are closed.

“Because we are in uncharted territory, this process will likely include some speedbumps and we ask for your patience as we navigate this journey together. We understand that nothing can replace the interaction between students and instructional staff in the classroom,” Marken said.

“We’d like to make it clear — do not, under any circumstances, expect individual learning plans for each and every one of our over 12,900 students,” he added.

DUSD students currently receiving meal assistance still have access to a “grab and go” bagged breakfast and lunch during the suspension period, including over spring break.

Meals are available at Dublin High School, 8151 Village Pkwy., and Cottonwood Creek Elementary, 2400 Central Pkwy. from 7-9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch. Meals are available but seating is be offered at either site. Families can review the menu and pre-order meals on the DUSD website. Those who need meal assistance can apply at www.myschoolapps.com/Application at least 48 hours before they plan to receive breakfast and lunch.

DUSD was also “finalizing a plan to allow students to borrow a Chromebook and/or wireless Internet access point so that they may continue to have access to online curricular resources for the duration of the suspension of regular school activities.”

The devices will be checked out and returned “in a similar fashion to a library book.” Details about the program will be available soon, according to the district.

For more information, visit www.dublin.k12.ca.us.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

LVJUSD also held an emergency board meeting on Friday afternoon and voted to dismiss their schools beginning Monday into mid-April.

“Acting in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community, our Board of Education, at the recommendation of our superintendent, Dr. Kelly Bowers, voted unanimously to dismiss schools, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020,” the district said on its website. “We expect to resume in-class learning at our schools on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, following our regularly scheduled Spring Break (April 6 - 13, 2020).”

Flexible learning opportunities that can be accessed from home will also be available for LVJUSD students during the suspension period.

Philomena Rambo, district director of community engagement, said their child nutrition services department “will offer all children aged 18 and younger free meal pick-up service at East Avenue Middle School (3951 East Ave.), Junction Avenue K-8 School (298 Junction Ave.) and Marylin Avenue Elementary School (800 Marylin Ave.). We will offer delivery from the inside (center) of the drop off loop from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, March 16 - April 3. Each child will receive a breakfast and lunch.”

To learn more, visit livermoreschools.org.

San Ramon Valley Unified School District

The SRVUSD Board of Education has announced that it was closing down all school sites starting Monday (March 16) through at least April 10 amid concerns about the potential spread of the COVID-19

Announced during the district’s special emergency board meeting last Friday, Superintendent Rick Schmitt asked for patience as district staff release details for supporting families and educating students over the proceeding closure, with communications planned for Friday night and through the following week.

“As the entire country is aware, we are in the middle of an unprecedented, extraordinary time and government agencies including school districts around the country are taking unprecedented action to

keep families and staff safe,” Schmitt said at the meeting.

“I would also like to ask our community to be patient in these extraordinary times, to be careful, to give us time next week to establish process and procedures and really be able to define and organize a plan to help our students over the next few weeks,” he added.

While campuses will be closed for four weeks in total, officially Friday’s decision will close school sites for three weeks and continue through the district’s previously scheduled spring break during the week of April 6.

While details are being hammered out with regards to potentially providing remote or online learning opportunities and supporting community members, Schmitt said that the district would aggressively work to inform the public of the district’s decision.

District officials did note that for students who qualify for the Federal Lunch Program, John Baldwin Elementary and Walt Disney Elementary will be staffed to serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Due to concerns over spreading COVID-19 and in an effort to promote the practice of “social distancing,” Friday’s meeting was live streamed on the district’s YouTube account — which was viewed by more than 4,000 residents at the time of screening — and closed to the public and media.

Residents were allowed to digitally submit comment cards prior to the start of the meeting, however individuals were not welcome to attend comment in person during the open-session portion of the meeting, with SRVUSD officials citing Gov. Gavin Newsom’s executive order on coronavirus suspending certain Brown Act requirements in an effort to prevent large gatherings according to district officials.

To learn more, visit <https://srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com>.

Local Catholic schools

All schools within the Diocese of Oakland, which includes the Tri-Valley, are also being closed in response to coronavirus prevention — though the diocese noted that as of Friday no faculty, staff or student in the diocesan schools had tested positive for COVID-19, according to Bay City News Service.

The plan calls for closing all diocese schools through at least the end of the shelter-in-place period.

That closure list includes Catholic schools in the Tri-Valley, which fall under the Diocese of Oakland — St. Raymond School in Dublin, St. Michael School in Livermore and St. Isidore School in Danville. To learn more, contact the individual school. ■

Editor’s note: The Weekly is also working to confirm school impacts on other private learning institutions in the Tri-Valley. If you have verified information, contact editor Jeremy Walsh at editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

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DeSaulnier hospitalized with pneumonia from broken rib, unrelated to COVID-19

Tri-Valley congressman's precautionary coronavirus test comes back negative

By JEREMY WALSH

U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, whose district includes Danville and Alamo, has been hospitalized in the Washington, D.C., area with pneumonia that developed after a "traumatic rib fracture" after falling during a run, his chief of staff announced Monday in a statement explaining why DeSaulnier missed the vote on coronavirus-related "Families First Act" on Friday.

DeSaulnier's hospitalization is unrelated to COVID-19 but he was tested for the virus "out of an abundance of caution," chief of staff Betsy Arnold Marr told DanvilleSanRamon.com.

A spokesperson from DeSaulnier's office reported later Monday evening that the congressman's COVID-19 test result had just come back as negative.

DeSaulnier, 67, was listed in serious but stable condition as he recovers, according to Arnold Marr. The third-term Democratic congressman from Concord is also a cancer survivor, having battled leukemia several years ago.

"On Friday night (March 13),



Rep. Mark DeSaulnier

Congressman DeSaulnier was admitted to a local hospital to treat complications of pneumonia from a traumatic rib fracture that occurred after falling during a run. He is in serious, but stable condition and will likely be in the hospital for at least the next several days," Arnold Marr said in a written statement Monday morning.

The office operations remain unchanged and staff will continue to serve our constituents. We are grateful for your thoughts and well wishes during this time. We will provide additional updates as they come," she added.

In a follow-up response to

DanvilleSanRamon.com, the chief of staff confirmed DeSaulnier's health situation is unrelated to the novel coronavirus.

"His hospitalization is due to a broken rib and unrelated to COVID-19. Out of abundance of caution he was tested for it, but his circumstances did not even qualify him for a rapid check. It was purely a box check," she said.

The congressman's COVID-19 test was confirmed as negative later Monday night (EDT).

DeSaulnier, who is seeking reelection to a fourth term this year, represents the 11th Congressional District that consists of most

of Contra Costa County including Danville and Alamo.

He has nearly 25 years of public service experience in Contra Costa County, starting in the Concord City Council before moving to the county's Board of Supervisors and later the California State Assembly. He was in his sixth year as a state senator when District 11 voters elected him as their new congressman in November 2014.

During his first term in Washington, D.C., DeSaulnier announced in May 2016 that he had undergone successful treatment during the previous year for chronic lymphocytic leukemia. ■

Nonprofit advises: Dogs and cats are not carriers of COVID-19

Valley Humane Society urges pet planning amid shelter-in-place

By RYAN J. DEGAN

While many residents have been preparing for weeks of isolation in their homes due to concerns over the novel coronavirus, the Valley Humane Society doesn't want individuals to forget to care for their four-legged family members and reminds them that pets can not transfer COVID-19.

Valley Humane Society officials said they want the public to be aware that, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no evidence that dogs and cats can contract the coronavirus or spread it to humans.

"Even though people can't contract COVID-19 from pets, washing hands is always recommended before and after interacting with animals, since there are other diseases animals can spread to people (and people can also spread diseases to animals)," Valley Humane Society officials said in a statement.

According to the CDC, some forms of coronavirus have been known to affect cattle, camels and bats, however testing has so far shown that COVID-19 does not affect companion animals.

With health officials in Alameda County — as well as five other Bay

Area counties — announced a shelter-in-place order for residents, Valley Humane Society staff encourage residents to accommodate their pet's needs and to make sure they are stocked with plenty of food, medication and other supplies needed.

It is also recommended that pet owners identify someone who can take care of their animal in case they fall ill and are unable to do so themselves.

All adoption centers will be closed while the shelter-in-place order continues, however officials with the Pleasanton-based nonprofit say that all animals will continue to receive quality care, and that necessary precautions are being made to protect staff and volunteers.

"We have had a wonderful response from our volunteer base and within the community which allowed us to place a majority of animals into foster care," spokesperson Melissa Adkins told the Weekly. "We hope to share photos and videos from the foster homes, and address potential adoptions on a case-by-case basis. Ideally we can keep the flow of rescue moving, which may become especially critical as things progress."

Adkins added that, while providing support may be challenging for many during this uncertain time,

the society's ability to care for and take in more animals is contingent upon financial support from the community.

"We actually have one or two fundraising letters that have already reached a point in their printing and mailing process where we can't even retract them, so we are hopeful that

people will understand why we continue to fundraise, and that those who feel able will still respond," she said.

Anyone ordering supplies through Amazon can choose to support the group now by using Amazon Smile and selecting Valley Humane Society as their charity

beneficiary. Amazon Smile donations are made at no extra cost to the buyer and help contribute toward animal care in the Tri-Valley.

More information on being prepared for emergencies with your pet can be found at www.valleyhumane.org under Resources & Links/Disaster Preparedness tab. ■

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Hospitals delay elective surgeries during COVID-19 surge

Kaiser, John Muir announce plans in Glazer phone conference

Health officials from Kaiser Permanente and John Muir Health medical facilities in the East Bay said Sunday their four hospitals were ready for a surge of COVID-19 coronavirus patients, and in fact expect an “accelerated spread” of cases in the coming weeks.

To help ensure there are enough beds and enough staff to handle the anticipated surge, executives from both Kaiser and John Muir said during an hour-long telephone news conference organized by State Sen. Steve Glazer that starting this week, there would be a moratorium of at



Steve Glazer

least two weeks on elective surgeries at their four East Bay hospitals.

They also implored people with only mild symptoms of what could be coronavirus not to inundate emergency rooms, but to instead call their primary-care doctors first.

“We prefer that people with mild-to-moderate symptoms to not go to the emergency room — we don’t have that capacity,” said Dr. Russell Rodriguez, medical director of John Muir Health’s emergency departments. John Muir Health operates hospitals in Walnut Creek and Concord.

Rodriguez and Marty Ardron, Kaiser’s senior vice president and area manager of health giant’s Diablo Service Area covering east and central Contra Costa County

and the Tri-Valley area of Alameda County, both said their medical teams have been performing drills to be ready for a patient surge.

“We’re confident we can handle the load of treating these patients ... while keeping doctors and patients safe,” Ardron said.

Both Ardron and Rodriguez, as well as health officials from Alameda and Contra Costa counties, said there are enough COVID-19 tests available for patients who are showing serious symptoms — fever, cough, breathing problems — that are hallmarks of coronavirus.

And they’re glad to have them, as they all said they expect a surge of patients in the next several weeks — even if 85% of confirmed cases

are considered “mild.”

“We’re still trying to really understand what the fatality rate is,” said Dr. Erica Pan, Alameda County’s health officer. “As testing expands, we’ll know more.”

Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, Contra Costa’s deputy health officer, said more than half of those appear to have contracted it through “community spread,” from unknown sources and not from known ones like a cruise ship or from one’s spouse.

He and others at Sunday’s news conference stressed that the primary battle for most people is not to keep from getting sick, but to not infect the vulnerable populations — people over age 65, those with underlying medical conditions, or both — with the

virus that may cause only mild symptoms in younger, healthier folks.

It’s a balance, Pan said, maintaining the proper distance between people to minimize virus transmission and still enabling provision of essential services.

Radhakrishna applauded the closure of almost all East Bay public schools starting this coming week, but said the next step must be for those kids not to mix with seniors, or with other kids, for that matter.

But he said these seemingly drastic steps are necessary, and the sooner the better.

“We wouldn’t ask for them if it wasn’t crucial,” Radhakrishna said. ■

—Bay City News Service

Groups push for paid sick days for unincorporated residents

‘Staying at home (sick) ... is critical to stopping the pandemic’

An economic justice organization and other groups urged the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday to pass a paid sick days ordinance in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

“Our health depends on the health of the person next to us, and the person next to them,” said Kate O’Hara, the executive director of the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy.

O’Hara said, “Staying at home if we are sick is critical to stopping the pandemic in its tracks.”

The ordinance, which would apply to the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, would require all employers to provide paid sick days to any employee who works at least two hours a week, with no loopholes.

Workers would accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked and could use them for themselves or to care for someone else.

Workers at small businesses with less than 10 employees would be able to accumulate 40 hours of sick leave and workers at larger businesses would be able to accumulate 72 hours of leave.

Similar ordinances have already been in effect in Oakland and San Francisco.

But the proposed ordinance in Alameda County includes an additional provision that every worker would have immediate access to 14 days of paid sick days, regardless of accrual, during declared public health emergencies such as the coronavirus epidemic.

Supporters of the Alameda County measure, who also include community and faith groups, hope that if the Board of Supervisors votes for it, their approval will set an example for all cities in the county, including Berkeley, San Leandro, Hayward, Emeryville and Alameda. The Board of Supervisors has jurisdiction over paid sick leave for unincorporated areas in the county, and cities are governed by their city councils.

O’Hara said the board discussed the ordinance in closed session on Tuesday but didn’t vote on it. She said she and other supporters hope the board will approve it at another meeting in the near future. ■

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The Dublin Senior Center will continue to provide box lunches prepared by Open Heart Kitchen for pick-up for its senior clientele Mondays through Fridays.

Dublin City Hall offices are also closed to the public during the shelter-in-place period. Most non-essential committee and commission meetings were already canceled through March.

Though the city offices are closed, most city staffers are still working, including permitting, inspections, city street and park maintenance, and public safety.

Most staffers are working remotely, but in the areas of community development and fire

services, plan checks and inspections will continue for residential building permits and for commercial safety measures (such as electrical, structural, plumbing and sanitation), according to Smith.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has also closed all district facilities and canceled all classes and programs until at least April 13, but its parks remain open.

“All LARPD parks and open spaces are open to the public. We encourage social distancing, a distance of at least six feet between you and other park visitors,” LARPD officials said.

“We will continue to offer basic services to the parks such as trash pick-up, but please help keep the

parks clean and adopt a ‘pack-in, pack-out’ mindset as normal service levels may be impacted due to restrictions put in place by the (county health) order.”

All East Bay Regional Park District parks and trails also remain open, but the district closed education centers, visitor centers, and most developed public facilities including bathrooms and water fountains.

“Per the shelter-in-place order, outdoor activity is allowed, such as walking, hiking and running — as long as specific social distancing requirements are followed.

Studies show outdoor activity benefits physical health and helps reduce stress and anxiety,” EBRPD officials said. ■

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BART ridership plummets

Agency calling for emergency funding support

BART officials have called for emergency local, state and federal funding support as the transit agency hemorrhages money and ridership due to fears of spreading the novel coronavirus.

BART Board President Lateefah Simon and General Manager Bob Powers have lobbied officials for emergency funding, arguing that the agency is facing a monthly loss of \$37 million in fare revenue at current ridership levels and an overall revenue loss of \$55 million per month when accounting for a loss in economic activity.

Monday's BART ridership was down 70% compared to an average Monday in February, while the agency's preliminary data showed an 85% ridership drop

on Tuesday.

"This is a financial crisis for BART," Simon said. "This level of catastrophic revenue loss is not sustainable and threatens future service. We need reassurance from all levels of government that transit will not be left out."

Agency officials have requested that funding subsidies for public transit systems be included in future stimulus bills as the federal government tries to keep the economy from collapsing. BART also plans to apply for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to shore up its revenue losses.

The agency is also requesting a \$55 million allocation from the state's \$500 million coronavirus response funding package

and an operating subsidy from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

BART continues to run its standard service hours, with largely empty trains and station platforms, allowing riders to practice social distancing and refrain from potentially spreading coronavirus.

"As the backbone of transportation in the Bay Area, we will also play an essential role during the economic recovery process," Powers said. "Access to emergency funding is needed to keep the Bay Area moving once the region begins to recover."

No coronavirus cases had been confirmed on BART, as of press time Wednesday. ■

—Bay City News Service

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within our own communities and across the region," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said in a statement Monday after the county's shelter-in-place order. "Limiting City services will help maintain public health and safety of our residents and employees."

The new regional order is not a complete lockdown, which would prohibit people from leaving their homes without permission, and calls for local authorities to "ensure compliance."

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office also announced on social media that they "will temporarily suspend evictions due to the #COVID19 health emergency."

Residents in the six counties will still be able to go outside for exercise, as long as they keep six feet away from people they don't live with. However, people 65 and older or with underlying health problems have been told to isolate themselves, except to seek health care. The ban does not apply to homeless people, who have been urged to seek shelter.

"This joint action we are demonstrating today in unity to show the importance of how important it is we need to come together as a community and as a region to protect our most vulnerable," said Dr. Erica Pan, director of the Alameda County Public Health Department, at a press conference on Monday.

"We are here to protect the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. Together we can slow the spread of disease and protect our parents, our grandparents and those who need us most to help protect them from serious illness and hospitalization."

Other examples of businesses exempt from the shelter-in-place include food cultivation like farms

and livestock, news media services, gas stations, auto repair shops, utility service workers like plumbers and electricians, mail or shipping services, laundry service providers including laundromats and educational institutions as needed.

'We must all do our part in slowing the spread of COVID-19 within our own communities.'

Nelson Fialho
Pleasanton City Manager

Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigo posted a comprehensive update of the Contra Costa County order and its impact on Danville, praising the strategies as a way hopefully help "flatten the curve" of new COVID-19 cases and prevent a surge in the area.

"We're all blessed to live in this wonderful town. Our strong sense of community is a big part of that, and it is that very sense of community that will bring us safely through this," Calabrigo said in a statement.

"We understand that anxiety levels are running a bit higher than usual as we navigate these daily changes. A way to combat those feelings of fear and concern is to focus on each other. As a community, we can lean on each other and weather this storm," he added.

Minimize your risk

Health experts strongly recommend the public follows these steps to minimize their risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Wash hands with liquid soap and water and rub for at least 20 seconds;
- Cover your mouth and nose

with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing;

- Refrain from touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
 - Stay home when you are sick; and
 - Get a flu shot to protect yourself and others from the flu, which has similar symptoms to COVID-19.
- People who are healthy do not need to use a facemask to protect themselves from COVID-19. A face mask is recommended for those who are coughing or sneezing to protect others from getting sick.

ACPHD has a webpage dedicated to updates, advice and information about COVID-19 at acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx. ■



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Beverly Kay Redgwick

August 23, 1935 – February 12, 2020

Beverly was born in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska on August 23, 1935 to P.D. and Winifred Wright. She grew up in Hebron, Nebraska as the second of four children. Bev met Donald, her husband of 61 years at University of Northern Colorado where she earned a degree in Education.



After graduation, Bev moved to California with her new husband, Donald where she worked as a teacher until they started a family. She and Don raised three children in Pleasanton, and she eventually returned to the workforce, where she enjoyed being a teacher, then a preschool director, a legal secretary and an accountant. Bev loved animals and adopted several shelter dogs throughout her life.

Beverly was passionate about music, art and literature. In her 50s she returned to school, taking art classes at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. She painted and sketched, and enjoyed collecting art. In retirement, she also enjoyed traveling with her husband, taking many cruises and exploring Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific. Bev was thrilled to achieve her life-long desire to retire near the ocean and spent many years walking the beaches in Carmel and Pacific Grove.

Beverly is survived by her sister, B. J. Woudenberg of Sun City West, Arizona, her husband, Donald Redgwick of Monterey, her three children, Karen Shankman (Mike) of Danville, Rebecca Pounds (Greg) of San Jose, Robert Redgwick of Pleasanton, and her four grandchildren, Angela Shankman, Kendra Pounds, Brandon Pounds, and Courtney Shankman.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to your favorite charity in memory of Beverly.

PAID OBITUARY

George C. Mayo

October 23, 1931 – February 20, 2020

George C. Mayo, known as a kind and devoted Christian, went home to his savior Feb. 20, 2020. He was 88.

George and his wife of 64 years, Dorothy, moved to Pleasanton in 1969 and still live in that same Pleasanton Valley home. They raised their family of five children there, while George ran Mayo Radiator in Oakland, a business he purchased from his father. At its height, he was distributing radiators and accessories to more than 2,700 customers, prompting him to purchase the first computer installed into an automotive business in Oakland in 1983, according to a trade magazine.

He enjoyed more than 30 years in retirement, traveling the country with Dorothy, camping in a trailer. The family also enjoyed outings to their second home in Arnold where he could pursue his passion for fishing and spending time with the family. He also traveled to Alaska to fish.

He and Dorothy sang for decades in the choir at GraceWay Church. He marched in the church's Balloon Platoon as well as participating in weekly Bible studies. In retirement, he spent nine years as a regular volunteer at Stanford ValleyCare hospital in Pleasanton. He also enjoyed golfing and scored two hole-in-ones.

He was known for his sense of humor, often expressed in puns.

He was born in Oakland, the only child of Clyde and Helen Mayo. He grew up in Oakland and then served in the Army Corps of Engineers. He attended the University of California, Berkeley before venturing into the business world.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Mayo; children Lou Ann Perry of Redlands, Edward Mayo (Tina) of Tracy, and Christina Anderson of Redding. He was predeceased by his children James Mayo and Laura Mayo. He also is survived by 12 grandchildren: Benjamin Wigley (Maricris), Sadie Conaty Vargas (Christie), Kevin Mayo, Hallie Mayo, Kayla Ferreira (John), Hannah Mayo, Elizabeth Perry, Emily Perry, Emma, Jacob, Sarah and Daniel Anderson and five great-grandchildren: Mark Gulfan, Kaitlynn Wigley, Annalise Jordan, Everly Jordan and Johnny Fowler.

The memorial service for George Mayo scheduled for March 21 has been postponed because of the shelter in place order. No new date has been set.

PAID OBITUARY

Shelter in place

Coronavirus response plan ushers in new way of life



RYAN J. DEGAN

Restaurants and shops in downtown Pleasanton were empty on Monday, as residents attempted to isolate themselves from COVID-19 exposure.



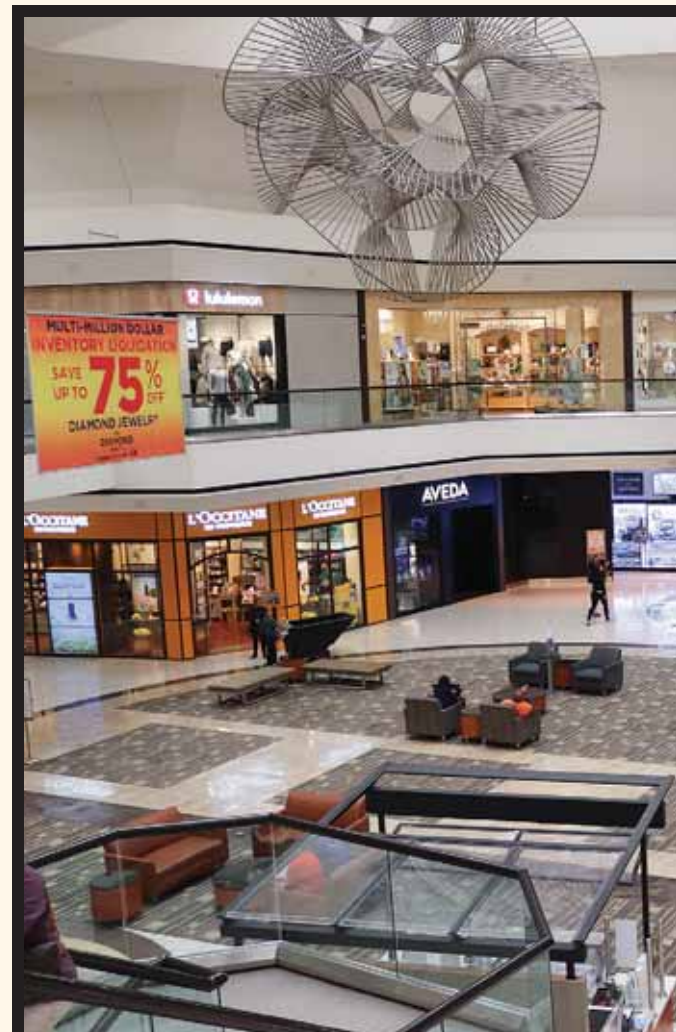
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Soon after news broke of the Bay Area shelter-in-place order, the Safeway on Bernal Avenue was packed with residents shopping for food and other essentials.



MARK AUBEL

The show must go on: Friday the 13th proved to be unlucky for the cast of "All Shook Up," the high schools' joint spring musical that was supposed to open for a six-show run that same day. But they were given the chance to perform one show with no audience. Well, no human audience that is. The cast got creative and improvised their own audience, using stuffed animals for fluffy seat fillers inside the Amador Theater.



On Monday, prior to the county's shelter-in-place order, shoppers still lingered between each other.



JEREMY WALSH

The toilet paper aisle in Raley's on Sunol Boulevard has been bare for most of the past week.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Items that quickly ran out of stock on the shelves at Safeway on Monday included essentials such as water, toilet paper, hand sanitizer and eggs.



JEREMY WALSH

During the shelter-in-place, residents will still be able to shop at grocery stores, visit with doctors and conduct other "essential activities."



RYAN J. DEGAN

populated Stoneridge Shopping Center, most of whom kept a good amount of distance



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Pleasanton Unified School District postponed in-person classes at all school sites in order to keep students away and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Some teachers and staff were onsite this week, including here at Amador Valley High School on Monday.

In the wake of this crisis, we need your support.

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During these uncertain and scary times, trusted sources of local news are more important than ever.

But like so many other local businesses, we are struggling to cope with the current health and economic crisis.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

BY GINA CHANNELL

Message from the publisher

Why your support is needed, at this pivotal moment, to sustain local journalism

These are frightening and disorienting times, and on behalf of our organization I wish you and your families the strength we all need to get through the weeks and months ahead. I'm afraid the impacts will be profound, but am equally confident that we will pull together to get through it.

Local news organizations and the journalists who work so hard to provide their communities with reliable and thoughtful news coverage were endangered long before the COVID-19 crisis hit.

But today's public health emergency, and the economic devastation that threatens all small businesses, may very well be the final blow that ends local journalism as we know it.

Across the country, even local newspapers that are adapting to the migration of readers to the web and are successfully transitioning from print publishing to online publishing face an existential threat to their survival.

We, unfortunately, are among them. But since we are betting our future on you — loyal readers who understand the importance of an independent press to our democracy — we remain optimistic.

Embarcadero Media Group, our parent company, started 40 years ago with the help of 14 local residents who believed in the need for an independent and locally owned newspaper. Embarcadero launched the Pleasanton Weekly 20 years ago and, by being responsive to the community and dedicated to producing thoughtful, quality journalism, the Weekly has earned the trust and respect of its readers.

It has become essential to the community.

We've successfully managed our way through many economic ups and downs, including the dot-com bust, the launch of Craigslist, Google and Facebook, the 9/11 attacks, the 2008 financial collapse and Great Recession, and many other challenges large and small. Embarcadero Media was at the forefront of the news industry back in 1994, being the first in the nation to publish its entire editorial content on the web.

But the COVID-19 crisis represents, by far, the greatest threat to the survival of good local news organizations. While advertising revenues are plummeting, the work we do has never been more urgent. Our reporters and editors have been working around the clock to keep you informed on every angle of this terrible story, now working from mostly from home but venturing out into the community when necessary.

If readers who value journalism don't step up to support their local newspapers and their websites now, many will become additional victims of the coronavirus crisis.

Local news has been funded primarily by the advertising of independent local retail businesses. But as local retail has struggled, cut its advertising budgets and all too often gone out of business, most local newspapers have had to cut costs, usually by reducing staff, to stay in business. It's a recipe for failure because when staffs are cut, good journalism isn't possible and readership quickly evaporates.

We are determined not to let that be our fate. Pleasanton needs its local news organization.

Our ask is simple: Please join your many neighbors and support the work of our staff in bringing you local news. For as little as \$5 per month, you can make a difference. Go to pleasantonweekly.com/subscribe to get your subscription membership started.

Thank you, and best wishes to all of you doing your best to get through this difficult time. ■



LETTERS

Crassness at its peak

Dear Editor,

On Feb. 21, sadly my brother Howard Spurrier passed away here in his home in the Valley Trails neighborhood in Pleasanton.

When the ambulance and police were arriving, our father was dealing with letting them in while I was performing CPR. My father, who is in his 80s and was understandably shaken, and suffers from heart problems among other things, was within moments dealing with another visitor that saw an opportunity to offer her services at this confusing moment.

It was one of the ubiquitous real estate people that trolls the neighborhood in hopes to grab a listing by being the first on the spot to offer their valuable services. She was lucky I was busy at the moment or I certainly would have begged her for her card. But alas she got away probably thinking it may be better to come back perhaps a bit later.

Yes, this really happened.

And this can be a daily thing with these vultures that circle the neighborhoods and constantly come knocking at our door and causing the dog to get excited and making my dad constantly getting up and making his way to the door sometimes with great difficulty.

On top of this is all the mail and phone calls he gets offering cash sight unseen for the house we have lived in since 1970. In hopes that this eager person sees herself and to all the others that have contacted us the over the past several years — The house is not for sale!

In fact we all hope it will remain this way for quite some time.

But rest assured that when the day it ever does go on the block, I can assure you it will be a private sale and no real estate person within a thousand miles will see one dime

of this and the buyer we choose will not be related to anyone in any form that deals in the market of purchasing or selling property as a business.

And please do not knock.

—Vance Spurrier

Victory for No on PUSD Measure M

Thank you Pleasanton voters who decisively rejected another tax by voting No on Measure M.

PUSD had already had a bond measure about three to four years ago and frankly, when it passed, they had no idea what to do with the funds.

They came again to take more money from the seniors and rest of the hard-working Pleasanton homeowners. California has the highest taxes and sales tax in the nation. The state coffers have billions of dollars over flowing with our taxes.

We need to put an end to this tax lunacy and instead use the over taxed money wisely. There is no need for new taxes, sales tax increases or bonds. The state of California has all the money already that it needs.

Keep voting No on all tax/bonds measures.

—Rajinder Ghatoaura

Meaningful action

As a student at Amador, I want to thank the Pleasanton City Council for taking a stand against youth vaping and illegal sales of tobacco products to minors.

The enormous peer pressure, constant exposure to marketing and easy availability of vaping products have created a health crises and a new generation of tobacco users. Your actions are meaningful — protecting us when we are unable to do so ourselves. Thank you.

—Sophia Salehifar

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POLICE BULLETIN

Deputy injured by man allegedly upset about stock market plunge

A prominent architect who told authorities he was upset about losing money in the stock market plunge has been arrested for allegedly attacking an Alameda County sheriff's deputy who stopped him in Pleasanton for erratic driving, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The deputy stopped Paul Powers, 58, of Pleasanton on Foothill Boulevard near the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton at about 6:10 a.m. on March 12 because of the way Powers was driving, according to sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Powers pulled over in his maroon SUV but when he got out of his car he assaulted the deputy and made threats against him, Kelly said.

Powers and the deputy got into a struggle but the deputy was able to wrestle Powers to the ground and arrest him, according to Kelly.

The deputy suffered a sprained hand in the struggle but is expected to make a full recovery, Kelly said.

Powers suffered minor injuries and was examined at a local hospital but then was booked at the Santa

Rita Jail in Dublin on suspicion of felony making threats against an officer and misdemeanor battery on a police officer.

Powers remains in jail in lieu of \$30,000 bail and was tentatively scheduled to be arraigned this week if prosecutors file charges against him. It was not immediately clear if Powers was represented by an attorney.

Kelly said that after Powers was arrested he told the deputy that he was upset because he had lost \$250,000 in the recent stock market plunge and was having trouble at work.

Powers is president and chief executive of the KPA Group, a Pleasanton-based architectural firm, according to the firm's website.

Powers is described on the website as "a highly-skilled architect with more than 30 years of experience including master planning, programming, cost estimating, analyzing existing buildings, space planning, project design, interior design, and construction administration."

The website also said Powers is a nationally-recognized expert in aviation planning.

Powers has led the design, renovation and expansion of more than 35 airport passenger terminals,

including projects in San Francisco, Santa Rosa and many other cities, according to the website.

In other news

• Inmates at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin delivered a grievance to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Monday alleging that the conditions at the county-run jail are unsafe, especially in the wake of the novel coronavirus, according to an inmate advocacy group.

Santa Rita Advocacy alleges in a news release, "Conditions inside Santa Rita Jail, as in all jails and prisons, have always been a public health crisis, as prisoners have continually emphasized in their communications."

The group says, "Institutions such as Santa Rita have never provided access to the proper cleaning and sanitation supplies, nor anywhere near adequate medical care."

It says those issues were a key issue in an inmate hunger strike and work stoppage at the jail in the fall of 2019 "and remain a vital concern of prisoners who continue to organize for basic improvements in living conditions."

Santa Rita Advocacy alleges, "As we have already witnessed in 2020, prisoners inside Santa Rita were not spared during this year's flu

season, and many people became extremely ill."

It says, "Prisoners want the public to know that they continue to organize for the improvement of their basic living conditions."

The group says Santa Rita inmates have drafted a detailed grievance describing the ongoing abuses they say they experience.

Santa Rita Advocacy says the grievance has been circulated throughout the jail for inmates to add their signatures in support of the statement. The collectively written document alleges that deputies at the jail "have attempted to prevent its circulation by raiding prisoners' rooms and confiscating signatures."

The group said the grievance, which was delivered to jail staff as well as the Board of Supervisors, "represents a major risk for prisoners who face retaliation and group punishment for exposing the conditions they face."

Alameda County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly wasn't immediately available for comment.

• The Superior Court of Alameda County on Monday said it is requesting an emergency order from the state Supreme Court that would close all its courthouse locations to the public through April 7 in response to the COVID-19

coronavirus shelter in place order in the Bay Area.

Under the request, current temporary restraining orders would be extended by 30 days. Requests for new restraining orders would be accepted at a drop box at the Hayward Hall of Justice, court officials said.

"The Alameda County Superior Court supports the Shelter in Place Order and has determined that it cannot adequately comply with COVID-related guidance from Centers for Disease Control, County Health, and other authorities and still remain open to the public" court officials said in a news release.

If the emergency order request to California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye is granted, the Superior Court would halt virtually all of its operations, treating them as court holidays for statutory time and date calculations.

"Because the Clerk's Office will not be open to process unlawful detainer stay requests, the court is also ordering the stay of all evictions pending" from Tuesday through April 7.

Criminal and juvenile case litigants will be able to file documents electronically during the closure, but processing will likely be delayed until the court reopens, officials said. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 14

Theft from auto

■ 8:12 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

Vandalism

■ 2:07 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 4:45 a.m. on the 6000 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

March 13

Warrant arrest

■ 1:19 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Boulder Street

Fraud

■ 12:26 p.m. on California Avenue

Theft

■ 10:08 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

March 12

Theft

■ 8:07 a.m., 3400 block of Bordeaux Place; theft from auto

■ 9:35 a.m., 300 block of Mullin Court; theft from auto

■ 9:48 a.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 4:01 p.m., 1100 block of Blanc Court; theft from auto

■ 8:48 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 8:53 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Sex offenses

■ 6:07 p.m. on Black Avenue

Burglary

■ 8:07 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

■ 10:05 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

■ 3:02 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 9:31 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Road

March 11

Burglary

■ 7:51 a.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

Warrant arrest

■ 11:09 a.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 5:35 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Vandalism

■ 12:51 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Theft

■ 3:24 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

■ 4:57 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

■ 7:32 p.m. on Hopyard Road/West Las Positas Boulevard

March 10

Theft

■ 7:59 a.m., 4500 block of Hopyard Road; bicycle theft

■ 7:04 p.m. on the 3700 block of Raboli Street

Drug violation

■ 9:40 a.m. on the 5300 block of Springdale Avenue

■ 3:24 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

■ 3:50 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

Warrant arrest

■ 5:09 p.m. on the 8500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

■ 5:15 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 5:21 p.m. at Crofters Court and Fairlands Drive

Assault/battery

■ 6:11 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 9

Drug violation

■ 12:03 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 12:17 p.m., on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

■ 3:40 a.m. on the 4100 block of First Street

■ 8:19 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Theft

■ 7:57 a.m., 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

■ 8:54 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 10:54 a.m., 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:43 p.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; shoplifting

■ 2:19 p.m. on the 7800 block of Knollbrook Drive

■ 2:26 p.m. on the 500 block of San Miguel Court

Vandalism

■ 12:25 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Weapons violation

■ 1:55 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

■ 2:20 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 11:57 p.m. on Laramie Gate Circle

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Keeping the beat at 80

Chemical engineer enjoys lifetime
of ice skating, Latin dancing

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

As a child in Taiwan, Yun Sun enjoyed gliding across the ice at local indoor rinks. In high school, he did gymnastics and played basketball but continued with the skating.

"I graduated from a university in Taiwan in chemical engineering and came to the States for advanced study," Sun, now 80, recalled. "During that time, I really liked ice skating so much."

Sun chose to attend University of Missouri for a reason that causes him to chuckle now: He had heard of the state because of the famous World War II battleship, the USS Missouri, which was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"I didn't know very much about the States," he explained.

While Sun worked to earn his doctorate in chemical engineering, he continued to ice skate for fun. And it became his passion, he said.

The physical exertion appealed to him as did the mathematics.

"There is no limit," Sun said. "You have the inside edge of the skates, the outside edge, on the right and on the left. You have 16 combinations whenever you move."

He also discovered ice dancing with a partner, which appealed to him.

"Single is very tough," he said. "In ice dancing you have two people so the job is easier."

In 1973, Sun and a partner competed at the National Ice Dancing Competition in New York City and earned a bronze medal.

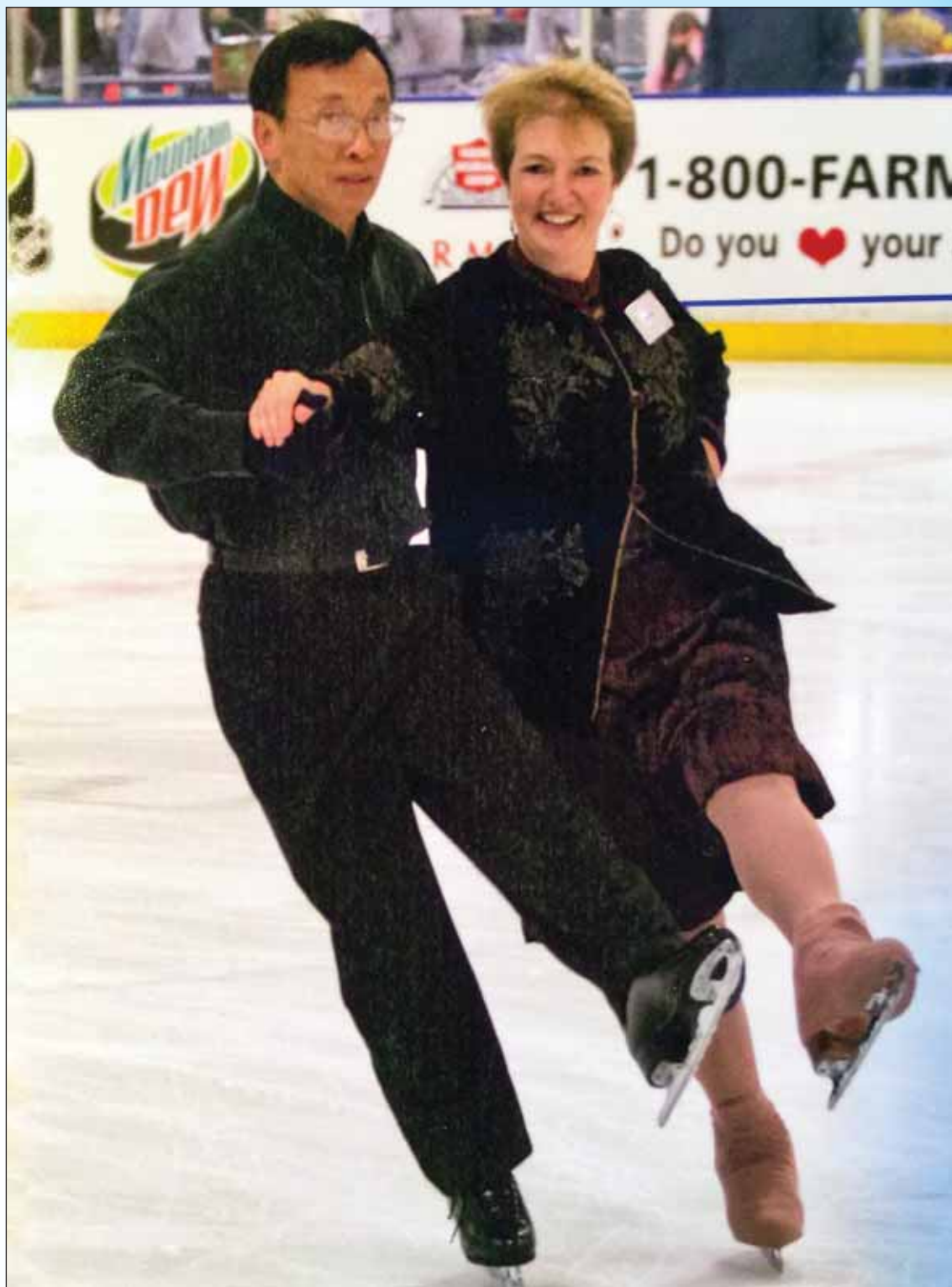
Sun moved to Michigan with Dow Chemical Co. after earning his Ph.D.

"It was a good company — and there is lots of ice in Michigan," he said.

He and his wife had two sons, and when he retired from Dow in 1989 to do consulting, they wanted to move to the West Coast. Housing prices drew them to Folsom originally, but they were soon looking at the Bay Area.

"We ended up being off Foothill Road in Pleasanton, in a new house, 6,000 square feet," Sun said. "We were supposed to be downsizing but we ended up with that one."

The big house is full of life these days since their sons are investment bankers in Hong Kong and visit for long periods with their families. The older son had four children and the younger son has three.



Yun Sun and his ice dancing partner earned the bronze medal at the 1973 National Ice Dancing Competition in New York City.

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Meanwhile the elder Suns have moved to Stoneridge Creek, where they enjoy socializing with their neighbors.

"Everybody here is very friendly," Yun Sun said. "People here will be our friends for the rest of our lives."

Even as he has aged, Sun hasn't missed a beat and he enjoys ballroom dancing. He especially likes Latin dancing, which he teaches twice a month at Stoneridge Creek. He also volunteered to hold classes for five years at the senior centers in Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon.

"Latin dancing is very versatile," Sun said. "There's a lot of movement and freedom, and you can practice alone or with a partner. But it definitely is a workout."

The health benefits of dancing for seniors range from the physical to making social connections. For that reason, Stoneridge Creek has eight dance classes a week, including line dancing, Zumba and ballroom dancing.

"Latin dancing is good exercise," Sun said. "Ballroom dancing is the waltz, tango and foxtrot. But Latin

dancing is a little wild — you might hold two hands together or one hand or no hands. There is more freedom to move your body, it is more exercise."

Latin dance is also good exercise for the mind, he explained.

"You move your body and get exercise but you also train your mind — you have to listen to the beat," he said.

And dancing with a partner is also good training for the mind, he added, because communication is key.

But Sun still takes every opportunity to get back on the ice.

"Ice skating is still my passion," he said. "I do some recreational ice skating at the San Jose arena where I ice dance for two or three hours."

"Ice dancing taught me to be very disciplined," Sun noted. "But it also created a desire to always be active. That's why I volunteer to teach Latin dance — it keeps me young." ■

Fair announces concert lineup

Exciting attractions planned along with special discount days

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Alameda County Fair is putting together its lineup for the 2020 Big O Tires Concert Series held in the amphitheater during the run of the fair. The shows will include something for the music-lover in everyone — a little bit of country, some rock 'n' roll, and also alternative.

This year's fair is scheduled to run from June 19 to July 12, open Wednesdays through Sundays, with the theme of "Road to Summer 2020," and again featuring Fair food and shopping, Extreme Live Action Sports Shows, carnival rides and live horse racing.

New performers will be the Commodores, Puddle of Mudd, Randy Houser, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, RATT, Fat Joe, Kenny Neal and Neon Trees. The legendary Charlie Daniels Band is returning for the first time since 2009. More

concerts will be announced soon.

Tribute bands in the 2020 series include Stealin' Chicago, a Chicago Tribute; Bonfire, Tribute to AC/DC; and L.A.vation, the World's Greatest Tribute to U2.

Concert tickets may be purchased online and include admission to the fair. Reserved floor, reserved upper or reserved lower seat tickets must be purchased online.

Fair tickets purchased onsite each day include free general admission seating in the amphitheater, opening at 7 p.m. each night. Concerts also will be streamed live on the jumbotron outside the amphitheater for all fairgoers to enjoy.

Fair admission at the gate is \$15 for adults; \$10, seniors 62-plus; \$10, kids 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Parking is \$10. Discounted tickets and parking are available online.

Carnival wristbands are \$30

Wednesday to Thursday; \$35 Friday-Sunday and July 4.

Fair hours will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, except for an 8 p.m. closing July 4. The carnival opens at noon every day, and at 11 a.m. July 4. Horse racing is scheduled for June 19-21; June 25-28; July 2-5; and July 9-12.

Days with special pricing are as follows:

- Opening Day: Friday, June 19, free until 3 p.m.
- Father's Day: Sunday, June 21, dads free until 5 p.m.
- \$2 Fair Food Bites: Thursdays, June 25, July 2, July 9, select fun-sized Fair treats just \$2 each until 5 p.m.
- Kids Free Thursdays: for 12 and under, June 25, July 2 and July 9 until 5 p.m.
- Boomers Free Fridays: for 62-plus, June 19, June 26, July 3, July 10 until 5 p.m.



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Neon Trees is currently set to perform at the Alameda County Fair on July 11.

- Pet Food Drive, partnering with Valley Humane Society: Wednesday, June 24, bring new, unopened pet food items and receive free admission and \$1 rides until 5 p.m.
- Feed the Need Food Drive benefiting Alameda County Community Food Bank: Wednesday, July 1, bring four non-perishable food items and receive free admission and \$1 rides until 5 p.m.
- School Supply Drive for Foster Kids: Wednesday, July 8, bring new school supplies and receive free admission and \$1 rides until 5 p.m.
- First Responder's Day: July 4, free admission.
- Military Appreciation: One free Fair admission all day, every day.

For more information and schedules, and special pricing, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com. ■

End Polio Now campaign

Rotary asking for donations through April 30

Rotary Clubs in the Tri-Valley are having a flash campaign now through April 30 to End Polio Now and asking people from Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley to help by donating directly to end-polio.org.

Pleasanton residents Gary and Nancy Harrington were among 15 American Rotarians who spent 11 days in Liberia, West Africa, recently to help health workers vaccinate children against polio.

Liberia, a country of 4.7 million people, has had no new cases of the wild poliovirus since 2012; however, there is always a danger of children carrying the virus so Liberia is diligent about continuing to vaccinate.

The eradication of polio is one of Rotary International's longest standing and most significant efforts. Rotarians began this fight in 1988 along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF Partnering, these groups have immunized more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries, reducing polio cases by 99.9% worldwide.

The wild poliovirus only remains in two countries — Afghanistan and Pakistan — and Rotarians say they will not stop fighting the disease until it is ended for good. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Gary Harrington helps administer polio vaccine to a child in Liberia.

Vanessa Williams headlining fundraiser

'Brilliance at the Bankhead' gala planned for September

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has announced that Grammy Award-winning entertainer Vanessa Williams will headline the annual "Brilliance at the Bankhead" fundraising gala, being held this year Sept. 12.

Known for her powerful voice and gracious stage presence, Williams is one of just a few artists who have topped the charts in a full range of genres, from pop, dance, R&B and adult contemporary to holiday, Latin, gospel and jazz.

Williams will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony at what is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Proceeds support activities at both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, as well as the nonprofit organization's educational and cultural arts outreach activities.

Williams, who has her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, has sold more than 25 million records worldwide with such popular hits as "Dreamin'," "Running Back to You," "Save the Best for Last" and "Colors of the Wind" from Disney's animated film "Pocahontas."

Her work also includes a range of films and television shows such as "Desperate Housewives" and "Ugly Betty." Her appearances on the Broadway stage include starring roles as the Witch in Sondheim's "Into the Woods" and Aurora in "Kiss of the Spider Woman," as well as Jessie Mae Watts in "The



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Grammy Award-winning entertainer Vanessa Williams will headline the annual "Brilliance at the Bankhead" fundraising gala Sept. 12.

Trip to Bountiful" alongside Cicely Tyson and Cuba Gooding Jr.

"Brilliance at the Bankhead" includes dinner and live music on the plaza before the show as well as exciting live and silent auction items. Last year, the event featured "Glee" star Matthew Morrison and raised a record \$500,000.

Sponsorships for the 2020 event are available at all levels, and two sponsors have already signed on at the \$50,000 Presenting Sponsor level. Member presale will start May 20, with tickets going on sale to the public three weeks later. The opportunity to buy during presale is a benefit of membership at all levels. To become a member, visit lvpac.org or contact Brittany Mulgrew, member services manager, at 583-2305. ■



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Quilt of Valor for Bill Danko

William "Bill" Danko Jr. recently received a Quilt of Valor, at the "Beer, Brats & Bingo" fundraiser at the Pleasanton VFW Post No. 6298, presented to him by Karin Linforth, a local Realtor and one of the many volunteer quilters in the Quilts of Valor organization. Danko joined the U.S. Navy in 1987, and while in the Navy, received two Navy Achievement Medals, two Good Conduct Medals and the Navy Commendation Medal for sustained acts of heroism or meritorious service. He also received a "Sailor of the Year" award. Danko was honorably discharged in 1999, after serving 12 years in the Navy, two in the foreign services. Here at VFW Post 6298, he has been actively involved in its charitable fundraisers held throughout the year.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Recapping the final week of prep sports for a while

Friday, March 13 was one of those days that many in the local athletic communities will always remember — the day sports throughout the country were suspended.

By the end of the day, high school sports were suspended just as the final winter sports were coming to an end and the spring sports were put on the shelf until the week of April 13 at the earliest.

Here are some results from the week of March 7 and hopefully won't be the last results we get this year.

Foothill boys volleyball

Foothill won a pair of East Bay Athletic League games to stay unbeaten in league the week of March 7.

The Falcons started the week by knocking off Cal 25-23, 25-14, 25-27, 25-27, 15-2. Mason Ward (34 kills, 13 digs, 13 service points), Azfal Peermohammed (16 digs, 9 service points) and Kyle Neuman (9 kills, 8 blocks) led the way for the Falcons.

Sandwiched in between the two EBAL matches was a non-league contest with Campolindo where the Falcons fell 24-26, 22-25, 20-25. Ward (12 kills, 5 digs), Peermohammed (12 digs, 7 service points) and Nathan Tuazon (15 assists, 7 digs) played well.

Finally, the Falcons ended the week with a thrilling 31-29, 25-27, 25-22, 25-14 win over De La Salle. This time Foothill was led by Ward (38 kills, 4 service points), Tuazon

(49 assists, 17 service points), Peermohammed (25 digs, 8 service points) and Vaishik Kota (7 kills, 1 block).

Amador boys volleyball

The Dons continued to dominate that week to stay unbeaten for the season.

The week started for the Dons with a straight-set victory over Dougherty Valley. A cohesive team effort was led by Jacob Kim (13 kills, 1 block, 26 assists), Luke McFall (16 kills) and Lucky Swaminathan (6 digs, 2 blocks).

Two nights later, a home court matchup against Dublin also resulted in another straight-set win for the Dons. McFall (12 kills, 3 aces) and Sawyer Brookhart (9 kills, 4 digs) were solid performers. The night's most exceptional contributions came from Kim (6 digs, 29 assists, 7 kills, 6 aces).

Foothill softball

The Falcons continued to roll, picking another pair of wins.

On March 10, Foothill beat Tracy 1-0. Nicole May pitched another shutout, giving up only two hits over seven innings with 13 strikeouts. The Falcons' single run came from Hailey Hayes, as she was able to convert a single into a run on the next play.

Two days later Foothill knocked off Liberty 4-2. Maddie Heinlin pitched a complete game, giving up two unearned runs and striking out 12.

Courtney Beaudin kicked off the game with a double in the first inning, and then came back with a home run in the top of the third inning to tie the game 1-1. In addition, May and Hayes collected multiple hits to finish out the Falcons' 4-2 victory.

Foothill baseball

Foothill remained undefeated on the season with a 3-0 home win against Freedom.

Josh Anderson started the game with four strong innings. Matt Ager and Tommy Scavone completed the shutout with two innings and one inning respectively.

Max McGee knocked in the first run of the game with a sacrifice fly to right field in the second inning. Ben Hansen hit a double and single while Anderson had two singles in the game.

Youth rugby

Three Pleasanton-based rugby teams — Boys High School, Lady Cavs (HS Girls) and an Under-10 (coed) team — played in the Los Angeles Invitational, the official rugby tournament for all ages and all skill levels associated with the HSBC LA SEVENS World Rugby Sevens Series event.

All teams played in the championship games for their age group. Cavaliers Rugby is a youth rugby club, based in Pleasanton and founded in 2009. Since inception Cavaliers Rugby has been committed to developing the traits of responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect, and integrity through the sport of rugby, regardless of ability.

"I couldn't be prouder of our teams," Cavaliers Rugby president Sean Waklee said. "These teams have shown real grit and determination. Their countless hours of practice have paid off and they represented our club very well in the tournament, both on and off the field."



CHRISTINA GRAY

Luke McFall and Jacob Kim with the block for Amador Valley during the Dons' volleyball match against Dublin.

Amador tennis

Different week, same results as the Dons steam-rolled over Monte Vista and Dublin, both by 9-0 finals.

In the win over the Mustangs, the singles wins came from Brett Miller, Vishal Muthaval, Ben Deriquito, Bryan Park, David Alber and Nithilan Muruganandham. In doubles, the teams of Robert Heeter/James Heeter, Idon Belau/Samarth Badyal and Aditya Nair/Atul Nair all came away with wins.

Against Dublin, the singles wins came from Miller, Deriquito, Park, Alber, Muruganandham and Sunny Mukherjee. In doubles, the Dons

swept with the teams of Heeter/Heeter, Kunal Kardile/Belau and Nair/Nair.

Amador boys lacrosse

The Dons played one of two scheduled games last week when Davis came to town.

The Amador varsity won 11-5. Cal Ewanich led the offense with eight points (4 goals, 4 assists), while Colin Wallace (1 goal, 2 assists), Jackson Hilton (2 goals) and Kaleb Real (2 goals) had multiple points. Ryan Chiou, Ryan Coultrip and Miles Shaw played strong team defense, with Ryan Coultrip leading the team in ground balls won. ■



DIANE BERRY

Challengers Opening Day

Challengers Little League, a baseball program for children and adults with special needs, held a special Opening Day ceremony in Dublin on March 8 that included a special delivery of baseball essentials courtesy of Amador Valley High School's Equipment for Everyone Club. The Amador varsity baseball team served as player advocates during the festivities — which took place more than a week before the Bay Area's shelter-in-place coronavirus order that since put all youth sports on hiatus.

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Canceled/postponed public events

The Pleasanton Weekly compiled a list of events that were canceled or postponed in the Tri-Valley, including rescheduled dates if applicable, in the wake of the coronavirus public venue closures and community shelter-in-place order.

Generally speaking, all public events, group activities and programs in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville have been impacted into April. Weekly staff did their best to gather information on specific performances, fundraising galas, exhibits

and more. To add to the online list, email editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

Editor's note: Refunds are being offered for prepaid tickets to the canceled events, though organizers that are nonprofits ask residents to consider forgoing the refund to consider the purchase as a donation. Contact the individual organizer or ticket provider for more information.

Pleasanton

March 13: Sandra J. Wing Ragin'

Cajun - Postponed
 March 13-22: High schools' production of "All Shook Up" - Canceled
 March 14: Pleasanton Farmers Market - Canceled
 March 14: Pleasanton Downtown Brew Crawl - Canceled
 March 14: Irish Comedy Fest at Firehouse - Canceled
 March 14-TBD: Sunflower Hill Garden - Closed
 March 18: 'The Pleasanton Ones' exhibit at Museum on Main - Postponed to November

March 20-29: "Honk! JR" at Firehouse - Canceled
 March 21: Museum on Main Community Family Day - Postponed
 March 23: Chamber's Community Services Awards - Postponed
 March 24: Ed Kinney Series "An Afternoon/Evening with Lady Bird Johnson" - Canceled
 March 26: Hope Hospice 40th Anniversary Celebration (Castlewood CC) - Postponed to Oct. 15
 March 27-29: Friends of Pleasanton Library Book Sale - Canceled
 March 28-29: Goodguys All-American Get-Together - Canceled
 April 5: "Cinderella - Gone to the Dogs! A Magical Musical Tail" at Firehouse - Canceled

"Frida Viva la Vida" - Canceled
 March 26: NT Live Film: The Audience - Canceled
 March 27: The Tap Pack - Canceled
 March 27: Jessica Fichot (Bothwell) - Canceled
 March 28: Supergroup SF: Harmony & Healing Benefit - Canceled
 March 29: Joan Osborne & The Weepies - Canceled

Dublin

March 14-15: Dublin St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Canceled
 March 21: U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's Emergency Preparedness Fair - Canceled
 March 28-29: Friends of Dublin Library book sale - Canceled
 April 1: State of the City Address - Postponed to June 18

Danville

March 14-31: Danville Farmers Market - Canceled
 March 14: "Color Play II" exhibit Opening Reception - Canceled (Exhibit will still run at VTAG)
 March 15: Danville Community Band - Canceled
 March 18: Rep. Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall - Postponed
 March 19: A Night in Greece concert - Postponed to May 8
 May 3: Devil Mountain Run - Canceled

San Ramon

March 13: San Ramon Community Chorus - Canceled
 March 14: Party in the Park Camp Fair - Postponed
 March 15: Underwater Bubble Show - Postponed
 March 19: Community Forum on Gun Safety - Postponed
 March 19: San Ramon Chamber of Commerce Business Expo - Postponed
 March 27: Bill Clarkson's Mayors Breakfast - Canceled
 March 27: Holi Festival at City Center Bishop Ranch - Canceled
 April 25: Tea Times with Shepherd's Gate (at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church) - Postponed to June 27. ■

Livermore

March 12: Rae Dorrough Speaker Series: John Arquilla - Canceled
 March 13: Life in the Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles - Canceled
 March 14-15: Livermore Valley Opera performances - Canceled
 March 15: Valley Concert Choral's "Celebrate the Night" - Canceled
 March 18: Classic Films: "Fiddler on the Roof" - Canceled
 March 18: Livermore Chamber Business After Hours - Canceled
 March 19: Mummenschanz - Canceled
 March 20: Second City: Laughing for all the Wrong Reasons - Canceled
 March 21: Art Reception with The East Bay Jazz Combo - Canceled
 March 21: Del Valle Fine Arts: Mark Anderson - Canceled
 March 21-22: Barrel Tasting Weekend - Canceled
 March 22: Pacific Chamber Orchestra: The Passionate - Canceled
 March 22: East Bay Jazz Concert (Bothwell) - Canceled
 March 24: Great Art on Screen:

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Crow Canyon Dry Cleaners
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 File No.: 568519
 The following person doing business as: Crow Canyon Cleaners, 7272 San Ramon Road, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: JNG Group LLC, 7272 San Ramon Road, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by JNG Group LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Gurpreet Sahni, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 13, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 2020.)

Western Rail Management Services Inc.
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 568590
 The following person doing business as: Western Rail Management Services Inc., 12315 Foothill Rd., Sunol, CA 94586, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Western Rail Management Services Inc., 12315 Foothill Rd., Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by Western Rail Management Services Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 13, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Stephen D. Barkkarie, President, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 14, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 2020.)

Neighborhood Gardener
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 568847
 The following person doing business as: Neighborhood Gardener, 1440 Mowry Ave., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nabiullah Bakhtar Khurasani. This business is conducted by Nabiullah Bakhtar Khurasani, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Nabiullah Bakhtar Khurasani, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 2020.)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 File No. 562380
 The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: TNT Mattress Outlet, 6200 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 300, Pleasanton, CA 94588 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: August 15, 2019 UNDER FILE NO. 562380. REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Justin Warren, 8561 Rhoda Place, Dublin, CA 94568;

Dominic Garibaldi, 11 Redtail Court, Danville, CA 94526. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY Justin Warren; Dominic Garibaldi, General Partners. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on February 18, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 2020.)

Discover Chiropractic
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 568898
 The following person doing business as: Discover Chiropractic, 39284 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Hans Freericks Chiropractic Corporation, 39284 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA. This business is conducted by Hans Freericks Chiropractic Corporation, a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 6, 2005. Signature of Registrant: Hans Freericks, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020.)

Tri-Valley Speech Therapy
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 568632
 The following person doing business as: Tri-Valley Speech Therapy, 7596 Driftwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Brenna Donovan, 7596 Driftwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Brenna Donovan, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Brenna Donovan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 18, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020.)

Sequoyah Counseling Center
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 569212
 The following person(s) doing business as: Sequoyah Counseling Center, 21168 Redwood Rd., #100A, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey E. Klippenes, 25295 Palomares Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552; Jacqueline R. Klippenes, 25295 Palomares Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by Jeffrey E. Klippenes; Jacqueline R. Klippenes, a Married Couple. Registrant(s) began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein December 12, 1980. Signature of Registrant(s): Jacqueline R. Klippenes; Jeffrey E. Klippenes, LMFT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 3, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2020.)

Linforth & Associates Real Estate & Investments
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 569456
 The following person doing business as: Linforth & Associates Real Estate & Investments, 3290 Omega Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Karin Linforth, 3290 Omega Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Karin Linforth, an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Karin Linforth, Owner. This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2020.)

Malhi Trucking
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 569473
 The following person doing business as: Malhi Trucking, 5122 Golden Road, Apt. 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: BNM Trucking Inc., 5132 Golden Road, Apt. 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by BNM Trucking Inc, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Bhupinder Singh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2020.)

Fire Tool
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 569229
 The following person doing business as: Fire Tool, 18562 Carmel Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Matthew A. Thau, 102 Arroyo Drive, Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by Matthew A. Thau, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 3, 2002. Signature of Registrant: Matthew A. Thau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 3, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2020.)

NorCal Placement Agency
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 File No.: 569476
 The following person doing business as: NorCal Placement Agency, 3321 Rosada Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Emal Numan, 3321 Rosada Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Emal Numan, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Emal Numan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2020.)

Superfly Wheels, Inc.
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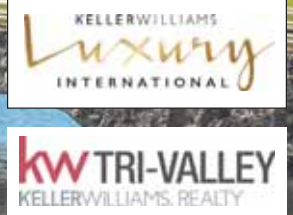
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