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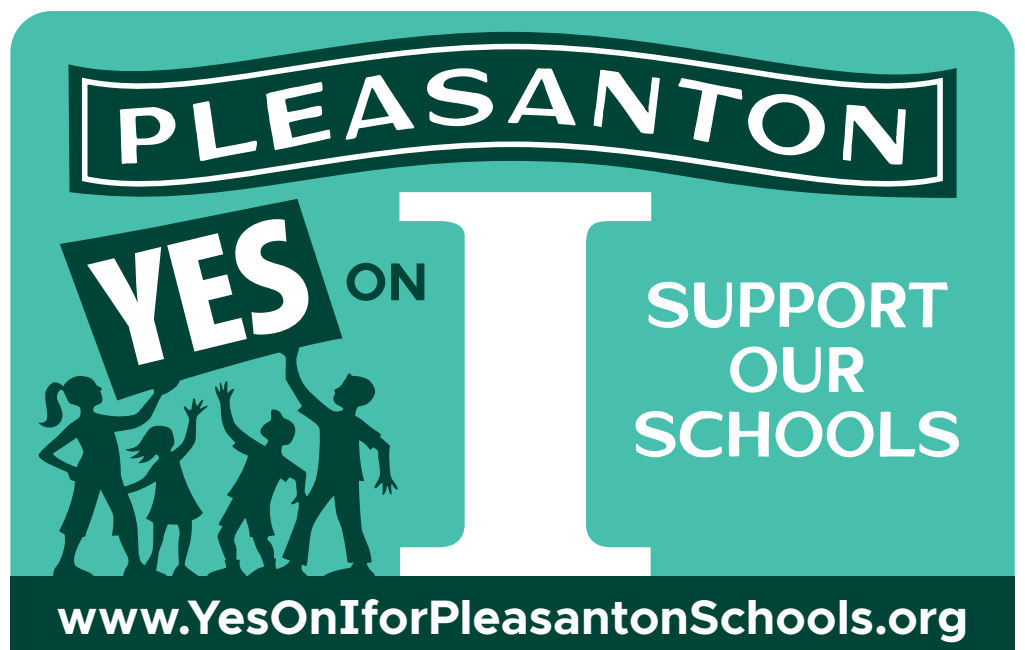
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BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Red flags

How was Nicholas Moseby hired by San Ramon Valley Unified School District when he had prior arrests, including one for soliciting a prostitute and another for providing alcohol to a minor? The latter offense was allegedly when Moseby was 28 and the underage person was his 18-year-old girlfriend who was a student at the high school where Moseby worked.

Moseby, 41, of Concord, was issued a single-subject teaching credential by the state only six weeks before he was arrested and charged on Sept. 16 with sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl and sending her lewd photos of himself while he was a coach with Nor Cal Elites cheerleading program.

Days after his initial arrest, Moseby was charged with sexually abusing a second girl while working as a substitute teacher reportedly at an SRVUSD school site.

Currently, Moseby is charged with four felonies involving sexual abuse and lewd acts, and two misdemeanors of child molesting and sexual battery.

It appears Moseby slipped under the radar because of deficiencies in the background check process and ignored red flags that may or may not have been investigated.

SRVUSD and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) did its state-mandated "due diligence" background check with LiveScan, which is processed through the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

"The two state-required background checks, including running a report with the Department of Justice and with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, were completed," said Ilana Israel Samuels, SRVUSD's director of communications and community relations.

According to the DOJ website, LiveScan runs a list of arrests and prosecutions (a "RAP" sheet), and each item listed is manually researched for a disposition. Oddly, the scan does not include an internet search.

None of Moseby's prior arrests were ever resolved, and there are still two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The charges probably didn't show up on LiveScan because there were no dispositions.

"We are taking action to add additional layers of backgrounding,

including running FBI reports on all applicants which will show us beyond the DOJ jurisdiction to other states as well," Samuels said. "And, we will be using an on-line system for teacher candidates called the Educator Identification Clearinghouse (EIC), offered through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)."

The CCTC uses EIC, which allows member agencies to exchange names of educators who have had their credentials revoked.

While an internet search "has not been our standard practice," Samuels said, "the NASDTEC system accounts for some of this moving forward."

But there were missed or ignored red flags after Moseby's hiring in the form of incident reports filed by San Ramon Valley High School students. The reports were submitted to SRVHS principal Whitney Cottrell, and assistant principals Ann-Marie Walters and Nicole Chaplan were involved in responding.

After a year at SRVHS, Moseby was moved to the Diablo Vista Middle School for the 2022-23 school year for unknown reasons. His employment was terminated after his arrest in September, and he is currently being held on a \$200,000 bond.

A mother of an SRVHS student who filed a report about Moseby said in a phone interview that her child's first incident report about the teacher was "lost".

The mother also said there was a "student teacher" placed in one of Moseby's classes after her student's complaint and "it's just too much of a coincidence."

"I don't think there was an investigation," she said. "We've heard a lot of complaints about (Moseby). I've seen pictures of him with his hands on my daughter. They just don't care."

P.S. I'm still the publisher: An email sent to registered users of PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com incorrectly stated it was a "Message from our new publisher." The communication was from Embarcadero Media's new CEO, Adam Dawes, who is also EM's Peninsula Division publisher. I am, and will continue to be, the publisher of EM's East Bay Division. So, to the delight or dismay of some, I'm not going anywhere. ■

About the Cover

Students pose for a group photo with their pumpkins before heading out and letting the next group of kids into the Harvest Park pumpkin patch on Oct. 27. Photo by Christian Trujano. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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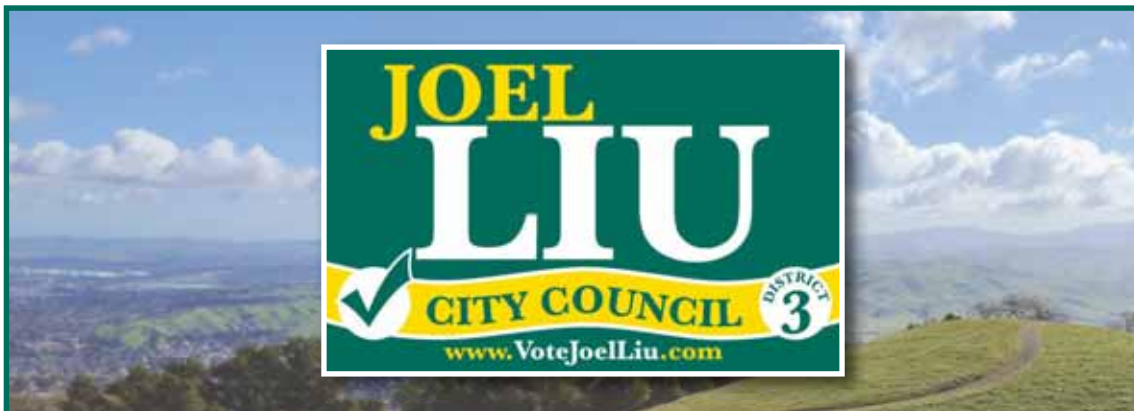
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Linda Teitell

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We actually don't. We developed one after 9/11 because we were living in New York at the time. But when we moved across the country to California, we never created a new plan. I should probably think about that.



Michael Sendler

General manager

We have backpacks filled with all sorts of supplies, but we don't have an actual plan in terms where to go. I know only that we'll stay far away from all major highways because they will be the most congested.



Tomas Morelli

Engineer

I absolutely do. I have cat carriers and a dog crate set up in my garage, as well as a "go bag" with important supplies. In the event we ever need to evacuate quickly, we will pack up the kids, the pets and the gear, and try to make it to my parents' house in SoCal.



Zorina Sendler

Financial planning analyst

We have stockpiled a lot of water and have an emergency kit with a flashlight, batteries and other supplies, but we really need to figure out exactly where we would go if we needed to evacuate. It would have to be somewhere we could bring our dog. I really need to figure that out.



Jane Loll

Retired

I have no plan. I wish I could say that that isn't true. I do think about it a lot but shudder at the thought of actually sitting down and writing up a plan. It's irrational, I know, but I feel like if I take the time to sit down and create a plan, something catastrophic is more likely to occur.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Veterans Day Parade

Downtown Pleasanton is set to host the 25th annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade, with a special concert, this Sunday (Nov. 6). The procession will begin at 1 p.m. in front of the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St.

"Everyone is encouraged to come downtown to celebrate and cheer for the more than 100 expected parade participants who support our veterans. Veterans Day honors all veterans who have served or are serving our nation in the armed forces," city officials said.

The Tri-Valley parade, which is traditionally held the weekend before the Veterans Day holiday on Nov. 11, will this year honor military medics and corpsmen. The grand marshal will be U.S. Army veteran and medic Ron Payne.

For more information, visit the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade website at www.trivalleyvdp.com.

Succulent crafting

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will be presenting a seasonal do-it-yourself program for members and guests at its club meeting next Thursday (Nov. 10).

Cousins-in-law Anna and Karen Zakaria, co-founders of the Contra Costa Succulent Garden Club, will be speaking about their specialty — succulent crafting.

"Their presentation will include a demonstration of how to create succulent-topped pumpkins for the season," LAVGC officials said. "Although succulents started their passion for gardening, they have incorporated other waterwise flora into their hobby."

The Zakarias are also known for presenting educational workshops as they were certified docents at The Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek.

The club meeting begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.lavgc.org to learn more.

Property taxes due

Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector Henry C. Levy recently issued a reminder after more than 443,000 secured roll property tax bills were mailed out for the 2022-23 fiscal year, amounting to \$5.2 billion.

The property taxes are due in two installments, with the first payable three days ago (Nov. 1) but will still remain on time if paid before Dec. 12 (after which a 10% delinquency penalty is assessed). The second installment is due on Feb. 1 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10.

For more information or if you do not receive your bill by next Thursday (Nov. 10), go to www.acgov.org/propertytax or call 510-272-6800. ■

Pleasanton revels in expanded public parking downtown

Lot expansion along transportation corridor adds 81 new spaces at refurbished Civic Park

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Finding a place to park in downtown Pleasanton just got a little easier as city officials ceremoniously cut the ribbon for a newly improved parking section at Civic Park last week.

The expanded parking lot, which is located between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street across from Vic's All Star Kitchen, will provide 81 additional parking spaces to the downtown area.

Mayor Karla Brown and the rest of the City Council cut the ribbon

on Oct. 26 after acknowledging several city staff involved in the project, which has been in the works since 2008 when the city purchased the so-called transportation corridor between Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard from Alameda County.

"As many of you know, Pleasanton is the 'City of Planned Progress', and this project is the culmination of many years of efforts and planning," Brown said.

The goal in 2008 was to create 429 new parking spaces throughout the corridor, Brown said. The first

expansion came in 2011 when the city completed improvements in the section between Neal and Spring streets.

Then in 2017, the City Council approved the Downtown Pleasanton Parking Strategy and Implementation plan which helped identify this newest section of the corridor as a priority project at the time.

Some of the other additions and improvements to the area include a recreational pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists as well as new LED lighting and landscaping in

Civic Park.

One of the notable achievements in the actual construction of the section that Brown pointed out was the sustainability measures that were implemented.

Adam Nelkie, assistant director of engineering for the city, elaborated on some of those improvements such as the multimodal path that runs along the lot and leads people all the way through downtown.

He said that is one way the city

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The garden at Harvest Park Middle School was decorated with pumpkins and Halloween-themed props during the annual pumpkin patch for nearby elementary school students.

Harvest Park pumpkin patch

Middle schoolers grow annual autumn event for younger kids

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Hundreds of Alisal and Walnut Grove Elementary students filled the garden at Harvest Park Middle School with laughter and excitement during the fifth annual Harvest Park Pumpkin Patch last week.

The elementary schoolers were able to break off into small groups and participate in the various activities on Oct. 27, such as a ring and bean bag toss, spider hunt, faux tattoo parlor, maze, a fishing for fun station and live chicken viewing.

Once each student finished every activity, they were handed a pumpkin that they decorated

and were allowed to bring home.

Greg Dankwardt, a leadership and garden teacher at Harvest Park who has been putting the event together since its inception, said they usually see over 450 kids in the two days that they host the pumpkin patch.

"I have a garden class that puts this on along with my leadership class," Dankwardt said. "So all the students volunteer here, and they come up with the stations, and they run them. It's a good time."

Dankwardt said that while one of his favorite parts of the event is constructing the maze portion of the patch, what he really enjoys

watching is his middle schoolers interacting with the younger kids.

He said that because his students basically run the show on their own, it teaches them valuable leadership and responsibility skills all while putting together a good time for the little ones.

"I think it gives them some buy-in on their community and how important it is to give back," Dankwardt said. "It's not about my middle schoolers today. It's about the kindergarteners and first graders and for them to realize that, you know, some things are bigger than them and being able to put a smile on someone else's face is important." ■



Election Day is almost here, finally

Ballots due Tuesday to decide key Tri-Valley seats, measures

By JEREMY WALSH

Election Day is finally upon the Tri-Valley next Tuesday (Nov. 8), although many residents have already cast their ballots with every registered voter sent a vote-by-mail a month before the election and designated early-voting centers open across Alameda County since Oct. 29 — including 80 locations open this Saturday through Tuesday.

Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division will have Tri-Valley residents covered for reporting on local general election results as the tallies come in starting on Election Night and continuing through final certification due by early December. Ballots postmarked on time by Nov. 8 and received within seven days are eligible to be counted.

In Pleasanton, the main city elections will be for City Council District 1 between newcomers Jeff Nibert and Dean Wallace and City Council District 3 among incumbent Councilmember Julie Testa and challengers Joel Liu and Jamie Yee. Mayor Karla Brown is on the ballot too, but she is unchallenged.

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SCS Dublin development clears hurdle at Planning Commission

Project with housing, retail, possible Topgolf poised to return for final consideration in 2023

By NICOLE GONZALES

The Dublin Planning Commission last week provided its recommendations to the City Council for a proposed rezoning in East Dublin for a large mixed-use development project, following months of discussion, research and deliberations by city officials.

SCS Development, a Bay Area-based company seeking to build on a 77-acre plot of land adjacent to Interstate 580, received unanimous support from the commission on Oct. 25 to change the property's zoning to allow planning for the project to move forward. Additional design work must be completed before the proposal can return for final consideration, likely early next year.

"This is the first step in seeing if everybody will agree on what the vision will actually look like," said Stephen Wright, a member of the Planning Commission. "Now that there's a framework in the zoning, the applicant will go back and work on finishing the project."

SCS initially presented its application and preliminary outline

of the project to the commission in spring of this year. Referred to as the "preferred plan", the draft detailed uses and designs for the Dublin property located between Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street.

Outlined into four main phases, the proposed plan offers a breakdown of construction and major design elements.

Phase 1 would see the majority of building for commercial usage, entertainment and retail shops. The step includes a 140-room hotel and an 80,000-square-foot outdoor area. City staff and developers have implied the plot would also be anchored by a large entertainment operation — although no binding deals have been made, meeting reports hint at a Topgolf.

Phase 2 of the project would place more commercial operations, retail stores and a dining plaza. Developers have dedicated this step as the primary housing phase, hoping to construct mixed-use townhomes and inclusive rental units. Lastly, Phases 3 and 4 complete the project with the remaining

housing and recreational spaces.

In the latest cycle of reforms, the company sought to institute the following changes: a

'Now that there's a framework in the zoning, the applicant will go back and work on finishing the project.'

Stephen Wright,
Planning commissioner

planned development rezone for Phases 1 and 2, amendments to project plans and an additional development agreement with the city.

Consensus on the rezoning aspect would be necessary for the project to move forward, according to the staff report before last week's commission meeting.

"The property is currently zoned planned development; (this) established allowable land uses and densities for each land use designation," the report

stated. "Development of the property is limited to the interim agricultural designation."

For this reason, SCS proposed the planned development be rezoned for Phases 1 and 2, to make the project possible under city regulations. Allowing the rezoning of the planned development would change the land use rules so that the property is not restricted for agricultural use.

After commissioners were allowed to engage with the material and discuss their thoughts, a final vote was taken and they unanimously endorsed the zoning amendments.

The applicant can now move forward with finalizing the development application for city consideration.

Wright explained that city staff must be presented with detailed aspects of the project, such as parking locations, sidewalk size and inclusionary housing among the many elements.

"This provides the framework so that we can go to the next step to actually see what this kind of development will look like," Wright told the Weekly. "It sets the maximum number of

homes and the maximum square footage for commercial."

As for the updated development agreement between SCS and the city, Wright said it acts as a contingent plan if everything continues to move forward. While there was no official approval, the commission recommended the zoning changes and SCS will continue to draft their project plans.

The development agreement amendment allocates up to 265,000 square feet of commercial use and 650 residential units. These changes were made as part of the company's General Plan and Eastern Dublin Specific Plan which compose the large scale 77-acre property.

"They'll come back sometime next year with a more full blown look at what this will look like," Wright added. "It still needs to be developed and then presented to the Planning Commission and City Council."

There is no specific date for the anticipated meetings with the Planning Commission or City Council, although it is expected to take place in the first half of 2023. ■

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can use infrastructure to incentivize people to get out of their cars and onto the sidewalk.

Nelkie also added that the city used 100% recycled stone material underneath the sidewalks in parking lots along the corridor and that the pavement inside the parking lot is made up of 20% recycled materials.

Native trees were also planted on top of what are known as silva cells, which is a modular suspended pavement system that supports large tree growth and provides on-site stormwater management.

Nelkie said the trees and plants

in the lot are low-water plants and that irrigation was designed to prevent waterways and will save over 35,000 gallons annually as compared to regular conventional irrigation practices.

"The combination of pedestrian focused facilities, recycled materials, newer technologies, drought prone plants, makes a simple parking lot and turns it into a truly amazing sustainable amenity for downtown Pleasanton," Nelkie said.

He also said that the Civic Park turf was reduced in size by 3,000 square feet to create space for all of these new amenities and that while there are already electric car charging stations at the lot, the extra space will

allow the city to add more stations.

While the other sections in the corridor are planned for improvements in the future, according to interim assistant city manager Pamela Ott, for now city officials are proud to see this project finally getting completed after so long.

"It does take a village," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said. "We've had interest from the Chamber of Commerce over time to build this project so we're proud of those relationships and happy to be able to bring this amenity to downtown as well. It's the commitment and dedication of our residents and our businesses to make downtown a successful and vibrant place." ■



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council cuts the ribbon and official mark the completion of the parking lot expansion and enhancement project at Civic Park on Oct. 26.

Las Positas professor Lanza set to join college district board

Livermore resident unchallenged for short-term Area 7 position

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Steve Lanza, a longtime Livermore resident and college educator, will soon be sworn in as the seventh trustee on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees.

Lanza was the only person to file candidacy paperwork this summer for the unoccupied Area 7 seat, which represents most of the Tri-Valley, so Lanza won't appear on the ballot and is poised to be appointed in lieu of an election. This is a special, two-year seat to complete the unexpired term left vacant by the death of trustee Ed Maduli in June.

Apart from his 15-year experience as professor and adviser in several Bay Area colleges, Lanza also has 20 years of experience in the technology industry. He said that combined experience will help him best serve the CLPCCD and the surrounding community.

"Two years ago I moved from my corporate career to one focused on education, advising on business strategy and community work," Lanza

told the Weekly. "I joined the Las Positas College Foundation board a couple of years ago and was immediately impressed with the high level of education our students receive, the affordability of the education along with the barriers many of our students encounter to getting an education."

According to its website, the Las Positas College Foundation's mission is to support the college and its students through active resource development and effective community partnerships.

Lanza has been an adjunct professor and lecturer at Las Positas College in Livermore, teaching business management and entrepreneurship courses and served as an adviser there and at the Ohlone Community College's business department.

He also teaches at Golden Gate University and has been a regular lecturer in the Master of Business Administration and Silicon Valley immersion programs at the University of San Francisco since 2011.

Lanza currently serves as the foundation's board chair and was also the board chair for the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership group, a business-led network that advocates for inclusive growth and development of

business within the Tri-Valley region, according to its website.

It was there that he worked with a large team to deliver the Innovation Tri-Valley 2040 Vision Plan for the region in June 2021. The plan serves as a framework for suggested priorities and initiatives for the next 20 years that are intended to accelerate economic growth in the Tri-Valley.

He also served as the vice president of Lam Research, a global Fortune 300 semiconductor equipment provider, where he was a member of the company's global leadership team that grew the company to over \$10 billion in annual sales, according to Lanza.

"Given I have been on a number of boards already, I am looking for the fulfillment that comes by providing an educational experience for those who need it most," he told the Weekly. "While chair of the Board of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership group and as chair of the LPC Foundation board, I have been able to provide a linkage between different community constituencies while leveraging my corporate leadership experience. I would like to be able to continue that with the CLPCCD as a trustee."

Some of his goals he hopes to

accomplish as trustee include maintaining the district's strong financial footing and partnering with industries in the region.

"Through working with companies in our region, I would like to leverage the momentum that LPC and Chabot have already built with

industry partners while recruiting additional companies in defining their needs to allow the colleges to create programs that prepare our students for higher paying jobs," Lanza said. "The industry need is there, and the colleges are ready to support their students." ■



Steve Lanza

TAKE US ALONG



Summer in Santorini: May and Allan Lo brought the Weekly along on their trip to Santorini, Greece. "Few travel destinations are as good as advertised. Santorini is one. You can stare at its beauty all day and will never be tired of it," Allan told us.

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H Mart files application for new Dublin store

Korean grocer plans to open in old OSH site

By NICOLE GONZALES

With dozens of stores across the nation, Asian food market H Mart could be one step closer to opening its first location in the Tri-Valley.

The supermarket chain has now filed a formal application for a proposed store in Dublin, hoping to place a 10-acre operation that features a main grocery store, outdoor seating and play area. The city is currently reviewing the application and is expected to respond this fall.

According to the official city development projects website, the new H Mart would take over the former Orchard Supply Hardware storefront at 7884 Dublin Blvd. H Mart proposes remodeling the current building and expanding the existing 27,237-square-foot commercial tenant space with the addition of 8,552 square feet of new building area.

Developers also intend on securing access to an existing

6,343-square-foot warehouse near the store. The warehouse facility, according to the proposal, would see renovations that allow for “cold storage, a new trash enclosure, minor parking lot modifications, other site improvements and facade enhancements.”

If seen to completion, it would be the Korean grocery chain’s lone location in the Tri-Valley. The closest H Mart is currently in San Jose.

Residents were first made aware

of H Mart’s interest in the community following an announcement from the Dublin Chamber of Commerce last fall. Although the grocery store had not filed a pre-application until September, the process has moved quickly. The chamber website now lists H Mart on its member roster and states the proposed location will be opening soon.

As with other major developments in Dublin, the H Mart

must go through various stages and procedures before the city that are required for building or demolition.

Out of five phases each project must pass to receive approval, the applicants are currently on stage three. Next steps in the development will be for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing for the project and then send a final recommendation to City Council. ■

PDA hires Karl as new executive director

Former LA-area chamber leader takes reins in Pleasanton

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Downtown Association has announced the hiring of its new executive director, Bridget Karl, the former president and CEO of the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles County.

“I am honored to be here. I get a small-town feeling every time I walk into a business,” Karl said in a statement from the PDA. “The local businesses shape the identity of Pleasanton’s downtown; they reflect the history of this beautiful city and create relationships with the community, with local government, and

are essential to the economy.”

“I look forward to working with the PDA members and continuing their great work, making downtown a richly rewarding place to visit and shop,” added Karl, whose first day on the job in Pleasanton was Oct. 24.

Karl worked for the chamber in the small town of Calabasas, which is on the outskirts of the Los Angeles area, starting back in 2007 and in various capacities, including an initial term as chief executive during 2012 to 2016. She returned to lead the chamber following a vacancy in

2019 to 2021.

“She served as the CEO of the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce for many years where she successfully grew the organization, developed and executed numerous events, worked closely with civic leaders and supported the members through networking and community events,” according to the PDA.

Some of Karl’s notable achievements include successfully partnering with the Special Olympics so Calabasas could become a host town for the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games. The host town program was a three-day program where cities welcomed athletes and were responsible for the costs of hosting their delegations before the opening ceremony of the games.

According to the PDA, she has also been active in fundraising for causes such as The Avon Foundation Walk, a former annual breast cancer walk that ended in 2017; the Cancer Support Community, a

nonprofit cancer support organization; and Maria’s Birthday Wishes for the Homeless, a nonprofit that gifts treats like cupcakes to homeless people.

The news of Karl stepping into her new position comes almost one year after former executive director Zac Grant stepped down to pursue other opportunities after just seven months on the job. Former PDA leader Laura Brooks returned to her old position on an interim basis after Grant’s departure last December.

Brooks, who led the association for 10 years until 2019, left the PDA not just to start her own consulting business but also to move to Alabama. She has been working with PDA members via Zoom during the past 10 months.

“We are so happy to welcome Bridget and look forward to her leading the PDA,” PDA Board President Bryan Bowers said in a statement. “She brings with her a very strong background of nonprofit leadership

and a great understanding of fundraising, special events and much more. We are excited for our members to get to know Bridget and for all the great things to come for the PDA.”

One of the PDA’s achievements in the last couple of years amid the leadership instability was the creation of the Weekend on Main program, which is when portions of Main Street are closed every first weekend of the month for easier pedestrian access to businesses and restaurants.

The PDA and the city first came up with the program to address COVID-19-related economic impact on local businesses.

This November’s First Weekend on Main this Friday afternoon through Sunday will feature a downtown sidewalk sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 5), where businesses can take to the streets to kick off the holiday shopping season. ■



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ELECTION

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The major intrigue for Pleasanton Unified School District includes the \$395 million school facilities bond Measure I, which requires 55% approval in order to pass. PUSD’s Trustee Area 2 seat is also contested, between newcomer Urvi Shah and Laurie Walker.

In neighboring Livermore, the city has three elected contests: John Marchand and Mony Nop for mayor, Evan Branning and Carol Wahrer for City Council District 1 and Ben Barrientos and Mel Chiong for City Council District 2.

Nine candidates are competing for three at-large seats for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education: incumbents Craig Bueno, Emily Prusso and Anne White, and challengers Steven Drouin, Alexandria Izarrara, Deena Kaplanis, John Kupski, Kristina Mazaika and Hayden Sidun.

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has six candidates for

three seats on its Board of Directors: incumbents Maryalice Faltings, David Furst and Philip Pierpont, and newcomers Corey Hahn, Ruby Moppin and Robert Sanchez.

There are three ballot measures of interest in Livermore, including LVJUSD’s \$450 million school bond Measure G, the sewer extension to wine country Measure P and amendments to agricultural and open space land-uses countywide Measure D.

The Dublin City Council has three candidates vying for two at-large positions in incumbent Vice Mayor Jean Josey and newcomers Lynna Do and Kashaf Qaadri. Mayor Melissa Hernandez is also on the ballot unopposed.

For Dublin Unified School District, current Trustee Dan Cherrier and former trustee Sameer Hakim are battling for a full term in Trustee Area 5, and appointed incumbent Trustee William Kuo and challenger John Wu face off for Trustee Area 3.

Dublin San Ramon Services District has two contested positions: Division 2 with incumbent Ann Marie Johnson and challenger Jim

Brady and Division 5 (short term) with incumbent Arun Goel and newcomer Seema Badar.

In Sunol Glen Unified School District, incumbent Ryan Jergensen and challengers James Lowder and Peter Romo are on the ballot for a full term and newcomers Chris Bobertz and Linda Hurley are on the ballot for a two-year short term. SGUSD voters will also decide the \$10.9 million Measure J bond.

As for regional contests, there are four runoffs of interest: Pamela Price and Terry Wiley for Alameda County District Attorney’s Office, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (incumbent) and Joe Rubay for State Assembly District 16, newcomers Shawn Kumagai and Liz Ortega for Assembly District 20, and Eric Swalwell (incumbent) and Alison Hayden for Congressional District 14.

Go to PleasantonWeekly.com’s “Election Guide” for candidate interviews, forum coverage and editorial endorsements. Results coverage will begin shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday and continue into the following weeks until certification. ■

No criminal charges against ex-deputy in Tyrell Wilson's death

DA deems no legal or policy violation in second fatal shooting by Andrew Hall on duty in Danville

By JEANITA LYMAN

Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton announced last Friday morning that she would not be filing charges against ex-sheriff's deputy Andrew Hall for fatally shooting Tyrell Wilson in Danville in March 2021 — the same former officer now incarcerated after an October 2021 conviction for a prior on-duty fatality.

Becton determined following a 19-month investigation by her office that there was no evidence of criminal wrongdoing by Hall when he shot Wilson one time as the unhoused 33-year-old Black man with a history of mental illness approached Hall with a 3-inch folding knife in an intersection near a freeway overpass in Danville. Wilson died from his injuries at John Muir Medical Center two days later.

"Due to the fact that a jury could draw two reasonable conclusions regarding whether Deputy Hall is guilty of a crime, there is insufficient evidence to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Deputy Hall is criminally liable for his actions in the death of Tyrell Wilson," Becton said at a press conference in Martinez on Friday morning. "As such, the Contra Costa County

District Attorney's Office will take no further action in this case at this time."

The decision means that Hall, a Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office deputy at the time assigned to the Danville Police Department, will face no penalties or time behind bars from county prosecutors for Wilson's death as he continues serving a six-year prison sentence after being convicted of assault for fatally shooting Laudemer Arboleda while on duty in Danville in November 2018.

Sheriff David Livingston cleared Hall to return to duty some time after the Arboleda shooting, while the DA's office investigation into that case was still pending. Becton charged Hall with voluntary manslaughter and assault for Arboleda's death on April 21, 2021 — a little over a month after Wilson's death. A jury found Hall guilty of assault and deadlocked on the manslaughter count.

Attorney John Burris, who represented both families of the men fatally shot by Hall in separate lawsuits against the county that netted \$9.4 million combined in settlements, told the Weekly that he was "disappointed but not surprised" in the news of no charges that he



JEANITA LYMAN

Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton announces her decision at a press conference on Oct. 28.

and Wilson's parents received from Becton's office the day before she announced it to the public.

"We did have a young man who was mentally ill," Burris said. "The police (officer) was aggressive and the standard is was it reasonable and was it necessary, and my view is it wasn't necessary."

"He could have calmed the situation down as opposed to being confrontational," he added.

Despite not bringing charges against Hall for Wilson's death, Becton said that the decision hadn't been easy, and also called for de-escalation tactics by police as an

alternative to deadly use of force during confrontations like the one between Hall and Wilson.

"In reaching this conclusion, the district attorney's office does not condone the actions of Deputy Hall in the fatal shooting of Tyrell Wilson," Becton said. "This was a difficult and challenging case. My legal team and I spent a considerable amount of time and resources evaluating the evidence before coming to this conclusion."

"As a community, we need to find ways to de-escalate law enforcement encounters where the use of force leads to tragic outcomes,"

she continued. "The loss of Tyrell Wilson's life weighs on our community and I express my deepest condolences to the Wilson family."

However, Becton noted that Hall had acted in accordance with both sheriff's department policies and training in effect at the time, according to the findings of a law enforcement-involved fatal incident report released by her office Friday.

The two fatal shootings by Hall are the only police-involved shootings of any kind on record in Danville since 2001.

With Becton's announcement, Burris is now at the end of a three-year journey of representing the families of both Arboleda and Wilson in legal actions against Hall, resulting in large settlements for both in civil cases against the county, and Hall's six-year sentence in the criminal charges brought by Becton last year in Arboleda's death.

The resulting civil settlements — for \$4.9 million with Arboleda's family and \$4.5 million for Wilson's family — led to Danville setting a 10-year record for liability costs associated with the sheriff's office. ■

Editor's note: Embarcadero Media East Bay editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.

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Margaret Fluck Smith

November 9, 1948 – October 19, 2022

Margaret Ann (Peg) Fluck Smith passed away on October 19, 2022, in Portland, Oregon. The daughter of Paul George Fluck and Ella Lillias Dicke, Peg was born on November 9, 1948, in Madison, Wisconsin. She grew up in the close-knit neighborhood of Orchard Ridge, attending Madison schools through her graduation from West High. Four years at Oberlin College led to a BA in Biology (1970) and a friendship with Gary Richard Smith, whom she married on December 28, 1970. They were a mutually supportive couple for more than 51 years, enjoying especially their travels in the western parks and in Europe.



Peg's graduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, resulted in a PhD in Zoology (1978) and an enduring and productive research career at Berkeley's Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, focusing on the genetics and evolution of mammals. She retired early due to disability caused by multiple sclerosis. Thereafter, Peg served as a volunteer, applying her tutoring and computer skills.

Peg and Gary lived in Pleasanton, California, for 39 years, where they raised their son, Brian Kendall Smith. In 2016 they moved to Willamette View, a retirement community in the Portland, Oregon, area to be near their son, daughter-in-law, and grandson.

Peg is survived by her husband; brother James Fluck (Julie Scott) of Iowa City, Iowa; son Brian Smith (Lena Wood); and grandson Neil Caius Woodsmith.

A memorial gathering will occur at 1:30 pm on Saturday, December 3 at Willamette View, 12705 SE River Road, Portland, Oregon.

Memorial gifts can be made to The Grinnell Fund, c/o MVZ Director, 3101 Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley CA 94720.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pennsylvania man pleads guilty to threatening Rep. Swalwell

A young man from Pennsylvania accepted a plea deal in federal court last Friday for threatening to kill Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell in a series of "terrifying" phone calls two months ago.

Joshua Hall faces a maximum of five years in prison after pleading guilty for the threatening calls across state lines that prosecutors say occurred while the 23-year-old man from Mechanicsburg, Penn., was out of custody pending sentencing after admitting to wire fraud for impersonating then-President Donald Trump's family members online to trick people into donating money to a fake political organization.

"I am deeply grateful to the FBI, U.S. Capitol Police, Yonkers Police Department, and the U.S. Department of Justice for taking these threats — and the safety of me and my staff seriously — and for seeking accountability," Rep. Swalwell (D-Livermore) said in a statement.

"Politics can be polarizing, but we must never normalize or tolerate death threats. Today, MAGA political violence is at peak level in America and it's going to get someone killed. I urge GOP leaders to denounce the violence," Swalwell added.

The plea deal for the threats against Swalwell and his office came on the same day that Paul Pelosi, husband of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco), was seriously injured in an assault by a Richmond man whom authorities say broke into the couple's San Francisco home around 2 a.m. Friday seeking to kidnap and injure Speaker Pelosi — who was in Washington, D.C. at the time — and hit 82-year-old Paul Pelosi in the head with a hammer.

Swalwell has become a lightning rod figure of sorts in the U.S. House of Representatives in recent years as a vocal critic of congressional Republicans, Trump and his supporters.

The Tri-Valley Democrat, who was raised in Dublin, sued the former president and others including Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.) in 2021 for inciting the violence in the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. The civil case is set for oral arguments in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on Dec. 7.

"Joshua Hall made terrifying threats to the staff of a United States Congressman whom he disliked rather than attempting to effect change through any of the freedoms of expression that all Americans enjoy," said Damian Williams, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, which prosecuted the

case against Hall.

"These threats of violence endanger our public officials and thwart common decency, which is why this Office will continue to prosecute crimes like those committed by Joshua Hall," Williams added.

According to prosecutors, Hall made a series of calls from the Yonkers, N.Y., area on Aug. 29 to congressman's office and "conveyed threats to kill the congressman to at least three different members of the congressman's staff". The federal press release did not identify the victim, but Swalwell confirmed he was the targeted congressman in question.

In one exchange with Swalwell's staff, Hall stated "that he had a lot of AR-15s; that he wanted to shoot the congressman; that he intended to come to the congressman's office with firearms; and that if he saw the congressman, he would kill him," according to prosecutors.

Hall also threatened to beat up Swalwell, to find Swalwell wherever he was and hurt him, and to come to Swalwell's office and shoot him to death, according to prosecutors.

Hall was arrested and detained on the same day he made the threats, according to prosecutors.

At the time of his arrest, Hall was out of custody on pretrial release pending sentencing for a fraud scheme in which he had already pleaded guilty for posing as Trump family members, including the then-president's teenage son Barron, among others. He duped hundreds of people via social media to provide thousands of dollars to a fictitious political organization to support Trump's reelection bid, prosecutors said.

For the Swalwell case, Hall faces up to five years in federal prison for one count of making interstate communications with a threat to injure. For the fraud scheme case, Hall faces up to 20 years in prison for one count of wire fraud. He is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gregory H. Woods on Dec. 8.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• Nelson Chia — who was arrested last Friday for allegedly murdering his girlfriend, prominent Oakland dentist Lili Xu — died by suicide later that day at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, officials said.

Alameda County sheriff's public information officer Lt. Ray Kelly said Chia, 73, was being processed around 2 p.m. Friday and was in a single-person holding cell awaiting further processing and assignment to a housing unit when deputies found him unresponsive.

Kelly said medical staff and emergency responders immediately went to Chia's aid but were unsuccessful in reviving him.

Sheriff's office detectives are investigating, but Kelly said there were no indications of foul play or other unusual activity.

Chia, an Oakland resident, was arrested Friday along with 33-year-old Hasheem Bason of Stockton for allegedly killing Xu in August. Investigators allege she was killed for money.



Nelson Chia

Alameda County prosecutors were expected to file charges against both men Monday and both were expected to appear in court Monday or Tuesday.

"This is not a case about race," Oakland Police Chief LeRonne Armstrong said at a news conference Friday, alluding to prior speculation in the public about the motive for the fatal attack on Xu. "This is a case about greed."

Xu was killed on the afternoon of Aug. 21 in the 1000 block of Fifth Avenue in the city's Little Saigon neighborhood. She was 60 years old and had an adult son, police said.

She was shot multiple times by someone who was waiting nearby in a white, older Lexus, Armstrong said. Besides a video capturing the suspect vehicle and the slaying, police received dozens of tips from the community, the chief said.

—Tony Hicks, BCN Foundation

• A former correctional officer once employed at the Federal Correctional Institute facility in Dublin pleaded guilty in federal court last week to abusive sexual contact with a female prison inmate.

On Oct. 27, Enrique Chavez admitted in his plea agreement that in October 2020 he met the female victim in the food service pantry at the Dublin facility. After they met in the pantry, Chavez locked the door. With the lights turned off, Chavez admitted to putting his hand inside the victim's underwear and touching her genitals. Chavez also admitted to touching the victim's breasts.

According to the plea agreement he entered today, Chavez, 50, formerly of Manteca, was employed in October 2020 as a correctional officer at the Dublin prison, a correctional institution operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons that houses female prisoners. A female prisoner identified only as Victim 1 in the plea agreement was in detention there. Victim 1 was under Chavez's supervision and disciplinary authority at the time.

Chavez pleaded guilty to one count of abusive sexual contact with a prisoner.

The count carries a maximum statutory sentence of two years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine, with a minimum period of supervision following release from prison of five years and a maximum of a lifetime of supervision. However, any sentence following a conviction would be imposed by a court only after consideration of the U.S.

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Stanley Dale Vierk

December 30, 1933 – October 15, 2022

Stanley Dale Vierk liked to call himself "just a country boy." He grew up in Cairo, Nebraska, son of the town mechanic, Victor Vierk, and grandson of the local mailman. As a teenager in rural Nebraska, he was curious about everything, whether that was fixing cars, operating a printing press, or learning polkas on the harmonica to impress the girls at the Czech-German club. After a stint in the Army during the Korean War, Stan came back to attend the University of Nebraska, where he graduated with a degree in chemistry and met the love of his life, Margaret "Susie" Powell. They married, and over the years, had five children and lived in Nebraska, Iowa, Washington and finally California. In the 1970s, Stanley began working in the new field of computer technology in Silicon Valley. His last job was at Seagate Technology, where he worked as an engineering manager, developing substrates for hard disks. During this time, Stanley went back to painting, a pastime he picked up in the army. He was active in the Pleasanton Art League and the Livermore Art Association and won awards for his paintings at Tri-Valley shows. Stanley is survived by his children: Victoria Kazarian, Pamela Ballin, Matthew Vierk and Kerry Nozicka; his sons- and daughter-in-law Peter Kazarian, Matthew Ballin, Paul Nozicka and Claire Vierk; and his grandchildren Peter Jules Kazarian, Armen Kazarian, Lisa Kazarian, Emily Ballin, Moss Ballin, Braeton Nozicka and London Nozicka—and a great-grandson, Isaac Immanuel Kazarian.



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 27

Theft

- 12:27 a.m., 4700 block of Harrison Street; bicycle theft
- 1:34 p.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle
- 2:21 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:53 p.m., 2800 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting
- 5:53 p.m., 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; theft from auto

Vandalism

- 10:30 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 12:46 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive

Oct. 26

Theft

- 8:53 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 12:47 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; catalytic converter theft
- 2:14 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- 5:32 p.m., 3200 block of West Lagoon Road; theft from auto
- 7:37 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Graffiti

- 11:31 a.m. on the 500 block of St. John Street

Fraud

- 1:30 p.m. on the 7700 block of Chestnut Way

- 2:26 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Missing person report

- 1:32 p.m. at Foothill and Dublin Canyon roads

Burglary

- 10:46 p.m. on the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

Warrant arrest

- 11:37 p.m. on the 700 block of Palomino Drive

Oct. 25

Theft

- 8:28 a.m., 3400 block of Park Place; catalytic converter theft
- 8:35 a.m., 3000 block of Calle De La Mesa; catalytic converter theft
- 12:23 p.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle
- 12:25 p.m., 6200 block of Inglewood Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 4:32 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:31 p.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; catalytic converter theft

Domestic battery

- 9:27 a.m. on Laguna Creek Lane

Warrant arrest

- 3:13 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Warrant arrest

- 3:36 p.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

Assault/battery

- 4:27 p.m. on the 4200 block of First Street
- 6:08 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and

Stanley Boulevard

Fraud

- 4:54 p.m. on the 5900 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

- 6:53 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 10:25 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Oct. 24

Theft

- 4:05 a.m., 1600 block of Holly Circle; catalytic converter theft
- 5:06 a.m., 1700 block of Beachwood Way; catalytic converter theft
- 5:28 a.m., 4900 block of Black Avenue; catalytic converter theft
- 7:49 a.m., 3000 block of Staples Ranch Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 8:23 a.m., 2100 block of Rheem Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 1:18 p.m., 2100 block of Rheem Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 1:20 p.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- 1:57 p.m. on the 3900 block of Fairlands Drive

Oct. 23

DUI

- 12:24 a.m. at Foothill Road and Deer Oaks Drive

Auto theft

- 11:27 a.m. on the 4600 block of Lakewood Street

Assault/battery

- 10:50 p.m. on the 41600 block of East Gate Way

BULLETIN

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Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence.

U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers set a sentencing hearing for Chavez on Feb. 2, 2023, at 3 p.m.

Chavez remains out of custody on bond while awaiting his sentencing hearing.

He was at least the fifth former worker at FCI Dublin indicted in connection with alleged sexual abuse against inmates at the female prison since 2020.

—Bay City News Service

• A former inmate at Santa Rita Jail is being sent to prison for seven years for distributing fentanyl that killed a fellow inmate at the Dublin facility.

A federal judge last Friday sentenced Kameron Patricia Reid to 84 months in prison following a written plea agreement entered earlier by Reid, 38, of San Leandro, describing the events that led to her fellow inmate's death on May 16, 2021.

At the time, Reid was incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail, and she admitted that during her incarceration she distributed fentanyl within the jail, hiding the fentanyl from correctional officers by concealing it in a cavity of her body.

On May 16, 2021, Reid provided fentanyl to two inmates, identified in the plea agreement as Victim 1 and Inmate 2. Reid said she saw both inmates ingest the fentanyl, each

becoming visibly intoxicated. Reid suspected Victim 1 was overdosing.

In Reid's plea agreement, she admitted not calling for assistance for fear of getting into trouble. Instead, she flushed the rest of her fentanyl down the toilet. Another inmate called for assistance, but Victim 1 died. Reid admitted in her plea agreement that she then lied to investigators about her role in Victim 1's death.

The government described in its sentencing memo filed for Friday's hearing that Reid distributed fentanyl to multiple inmates at Santa Rita Jail from approximately April 23, 2021 — when Reid was arrested by San Leandro police officers and found with fentanyl — until her release in May 2021.

The day before Victim 1's death, Reid distributed pink-colored fentanyl to Victim 1 and Inmate 2. After learning the pink fentanyl created little effect on the inmates, the next day — May 16, 2021 — Reid provided Victim 1 and Inmate 2 with white-colored fentanyl. According to the government's sentencing memo, Reid knew the white-colored fentanyl was stronger and referred to it as the "big dog."

The sentencing memo further describes that once Victim 1 ingested the white fentanyl and showed signs of overdosing, Reid checked on the victim multiple times but never summoned help. Hours later another inmate summoned assistance, and a half hour after that Victim 1 was pronounced dead. The government argued in its sentencing memo that

Reid's distribution of fentanyl was reckless and her failure to summon help was callous, selfish, and cruel.

In addition to the 84-month sentence, U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar ordered Reid to serve a three-year period of supervision once she completes her sentence.

Reid was in custody at her sentencing hearing and began serving her sentence immediately. ■

—Bay City News Service



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Douglas Arthur Bosma

March 4, 1939 – May 11, 2022

Doug passed away in the arms of his devoted wife Patricia in their Pleasanton home. On October 9, 2005, Doug and Pat were involved in an auto collision which left Doug with multiple injuries, including TBI (traumatic brain injury), total blindness and confinement to bed or wheelchair. Patricia employed caregivers to support him. Doug was born on a dairy farm in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota to parents Helen (Light) and Ed Bosma. His sister Carole was 6



years older. He proved to be an excellent student, loved to sing and was a gifted athlete. At Milaca High School he earned letters in both baseball and football. Doug graduated in 1956 and began attending Northland College, Ashland Wisconsin. He had received a football scholarship. He joined the Northland Touring Choir, where he met Patricia Uspel, who became his friend and duet partner and later his wife. In 1958 he transferred to St. Cloud state in Minnesota, where he majored in Math and Physics. Doug continued to participate in choir and theatre. And he began to golf, which he loved. On August 8, 1964, Doug and Patricia married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. They taught school in Sheboygan, Wisconsin for the first year of their marriage. Their first son Peter was born in July 1965. Doug began a career with Green Giant in Le Sueur, Minnesota. The family grew: Elizabeth (1966); Mary (1968) Timothy (1970) and Sarah (1974). Doug was a devoted and involved father who loved deeply. Doug accepted a job offer from Clorox in 1978 and the family moved to Pleasanton California. He frequently rode his bike to the R and D center. The entire family enjoyed biking together. Doug became known as "Mr. Clorox" representing the company with his keen mind, quick wit, and ability to negotiate and simultaneously charm. Doug was an active member in the Catholic Community. He and Patricia continued to sing in the choir. Doug served on several councils, taught CCD, worked Bingo, was a Eucharistic Minister to Shut-Ins, collected food for the Food Bank, built houses for Corazon, made his Cursillo and willingly helped with charity fund raisers. Doug and Pat also were members of the Valley Choral Society and the Las Positas Choir. They also performed during the Shakespeare Festival at Retzlaff Winery, singing madrigals with a group. He brought his hands and heart to others. Doug received awards from various organizations including the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, the Lions Club and Valley Care Hospital where he served on the Board of Directors and was chairman for a year. Doug is survived by his wife Patricia, son Peter Bosma; daughter Elizabeth Hardage (Christopher); daughter Mary Bosma; son Timothy Bosma (Jennifer), daughter Sarah Bosma (Jared Shucha) and grandchildren Colin Hardage; Amanda, Hannah and Samantha Bosma; Malcolm and Hunter Abdul-Wajid. He will be missed. Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Mass, Friday November 11th at 10:00 A.M. at St. Augustine's Church 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. A reception will follow in the church hall. Wear colors and a smile. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Doug to Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org, DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS at doctorswithoutborders.org, Knights of Columbus at catholicsofpleasanton.org or the charity of your choice.

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Taking the new Livermore Wine Trolley dinner tour

My experience dining at three restaurants during 'Taste of the Tri-Valley' route

BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

What was the Livermore Wine Trolley doing on a Thursday night on Main Street in Pleasanton, with nary a winery within three miles?

For years I had spied the green and red Livermore Wine Trolley at local wineries. But the new "Taste of the Tri-Valley Food Tour" on Oct. 20 spurred me to hop on.

The three-hour adventure at three restaurants, including Oasis Wine Lounge on Main Street, satisfied my tummy with appetizing treats, enabled me to sing along with a well-curated playlist and converse with many happy guests.

During the journey I asked Chrystallynn Sakata of Hayward to describe the experience. She replied, "This is a multi-sensory event which makes the evening more memorable."

Yes, the Livermore Wine Trolley manifests elements of a "party bus". But owner Brian Luke had broader aims when he started the business in 2014.

"I saw a need to offer a fun getaway highlighting our Livermore Valley wine country," Luke said. "The tours are somewhat like field trips for adults, especially the 'Sip & Savor' to three wineries and 'Lights of the Holidays' in December. The holiday tour also offers a family-friendly schedule. But I always wanted to feature the Tri-Valley's amazing restaurant scene."

The new tour simplifies decision-making on where to dine. A search of "restaurants in Pleasanton" on TripAdvisor yielded 246 entries, which included multiple fast-food outlets. I turned to Pleasanton city staff, who reported 220 city-licensed restaurants. As for the broader region, Visit Tri-Valley has researched the area's restaurant scene and counts 150 family-owned or unique restaurants — a daunting number.

Along with 21 others aboard, I trusted Lisa Tolido, general manager of the trolley company, to find three tasty restaurants and leave the driving to them.

After boarding at Stockmen's Park in Livermore, Tolido handed out plastic wine

cups and poured Las Positas Vineyards Coccineous red blend, a smooth, approachable wine. Reflecting Luke's mission to educate guests, many from out of town, Tolido briefly described the Livermore winery as reminiscent of Tuscany with its architecture and scenic vineyard views.

I underestimated how quickly the happiness factor would rise on the trolley, one of three in the company fleet.

As we rolled onto Railroad Avenue to Terra Mia Ristorante Italiano in Livermore, Dean Martin's voice crooned "That's Amore" and "Volare", a perfect pairing to get us into the mood for a warm greeting by Luca Speroni, one of the owners.

A bonus of the tour was seating in quieter, semi-private dining rooms. At Terra Mia flanked by Italian prints on the wall, Speroni introduced the no-host wine recommendations including Italian red blend "Tatone" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo and a local Livermore white wine from Darcie Kent Vineyards.

Speroni also spoke about the homemade elements of our food. House-made bread was toasted for the three bruschette: full-on garlic bread, one slathered in pesto and another topped with diced tomatoes.

The second course was pasta made with imported Italian 00 flour. I enjoyed the savory pasta with mushrooms and sausage but grew cautious about devouring the entire near-entree size pasta at the first stop.

Back in the trolley, the music took a rock 'n' roll turn. By the time we rolled into Pleasanton, most everyone joined in singing "Party in the U.S.A." and followed singer Miley Cyrus' request for periodic "hands up".

Luke's other "day job" is a world away from getaways. In addition to owning the wine trolley and Golden State Trolley private charters, Luke works two, 24-hour days on and then four days off as a fireman-engineer with the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Before the tour, I asked him about the contrast between his CEO role and driving a fire truck to handle emergencies.

"No one is unhappy on our Livermore Wine



DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Stops on the Livermore Valley Wine Trolley dinner tour included Oasis Wine Bar and Lounge, which served a pumpkin borani and mini-gyro (shown below).

Trolley," he quipped.

For the second stop, at Oasis Wine Lounge, the word spread to order cocktails. Our table chose no-host drinks from a chocolate espresso martini to a Moscow mule. The decor at Oasis tracked the owners' Afghan heritage with copper mosaics and Middle Eastern table lanterns.

Oasis co-owner Sadaf Shaghahi served pumpkin borani, an Afghan specialty, and a Greek-Turkish style mini-gyro. The slice of pumpkin in the borani was slow cooked in traditional Afghan spices and topped with garlic yogurt. The "mini-gyro" was a hearty portion of spiced, spit-roasted beef on a large pita bread.

Veteran trolley riders Wyn and Jenny Davies of Livermore enjoyed the Oasis food. Jenny added, "The tours are always a good date night because it's planned, and the drive home is short."

Though traveling to three places for dinner may not be everyone's cup of tea, Shaghahi told me later that after observing the guests' happy vibe at Oasis, she too wants to ride the trolley.

On the short ride to BottleTaps in Pleasanton, the festive atmosphere accelerated with the first chords of the classic sing-a-long, "Dancing Queen" by ABBA.

We received a warm welcome at the final stop, brew pub BottleTaps, before being led to the side room.

BottleTaps was a new dining experience for most guests, prompting owner Eric Wall to share his views on beverage pairings. "We are on the edge of Livermore wine country and want to show how good food and good beer pair well — or better — than food and wine," he said.

Stephenie Sargiotto of Discovery Bay and others were ready for beer. "I've been on the wine trolley tours before," Sargiotto said, "but I like this one with BottleTaps because I also like beer."

The first complimentary, 4-ounce pour was English Pub Ale from East Brother Brewery in



Richmond. Wall described why the ale paired well with BottleTaps' fan favorite smoked pastrami slider, saying, "This pale ale is richer than most ales. The malty and layered flavors in the ale complement the smoky pastrami."

A slider is theoretically smaller than a sandwich. But the soft bun piled high with meat engendered requests for takeout boxes. I ate my slider with gusto then reached for a box when the chocolate ganache cake arrived. I did, however, sneak a taste with the second complimentary beer, Blonde Coffee Stout from Faction brewery in Alameda.

At BottleTaps several guests told me they appreciated tasting different cuisines in one evening.

Self-professed foodie Asal Daoudi of Danville enjoyed having smaller plates rather than one big meal, and I concurred with her dining philosophy. On her first trolley ride, Corrine Davies of Livermore was pleased to see so many happy faces throughout the evening.

As we drove into Livermore, the final song was "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond with the words, "Good times never seemed so good."

More "Taste of the Tri-Valley" tours are scheduled bimonthly in 2023 starting on Jan. 26. ■



DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Saying "Cheers!" at BottleTaps in Pleasanton on the dinner tour are (from left) Chrystallynn Sakata, Amy Phan, Stuart Greenlee, Wyn Davies and Corrine Davies.

Highlighting the climate crisis through interactive performances

SPARC Theater announces feature shows in Science@Play series

By NICOLE GONZALES

A Livermore performing arts group is kicking off its 2022 season of performances. This year's theme — the climate crisis.

Shakespeare and Performing Arts Regional Company Theater has announced two new feature shows as part of its second annual Science@Play reading series. Presented through spoken word, the programs aim to highlight the environmental changes brought on by global warming in the 21st century. Both plays will be done as live, script-in-hand, semi-staged readings.

Producing artistic director Lisa Tromovitch described the play series as a combination of social justice, science outreach and the Tri-Valley community.

"The Tri-Valley includes two national labs and a lot of companies that engage in science and engineering. So by starting a reading series on science plays is a way of responding directly to our unique community," Tromovitch said.

The first of the two plays is Tira Palmquist's "Two Degrees". The plot follows Emma Phelps, a paleoclimatologist, as she is called to a Senate committee meeting to testify about climate and environmental legislation.

In the play, Emma focuses her work on ice caps in Greenland and conservation methods. Throughout her experience, Emma grapples with emotional and professional

turmoil in her desire for advocacy.

The second play will be "Basilosaurus" by Marisela Trevino Orta, which was recently commissioned by SPARC. Its show will be the first public reading for the piece, incorporating audience members and allowing them to give feedback as Orta continues to tweak the script for a final draft.

"The play isn't just about the whale and how climate change impacted it," Orta said in a press release from the SPARC Theater. "I very much want to set the narrative in our present time since climate change is impacting our lives regularly in the form of extreme weather, rising sea levels and rising global temperatures."

Orta will be in the house for the shows, actively taking feedback from audience members.

Aside from Orta's commission, the theater has reserved an additional four other plays by various writers. Each piece intentionally comes from diverse playwrights.

"We chose to commission plays from BIPOC (Black, indigenous and people of color) artists," Tromovitch said. "We combined our desire to keep artists working, to reach out to our scientific community and to support those artists in our community."

"The theater communities in general in the Bay Area certainly are very engaged in social justice aspects. When we're telling stories and we're depicting people on

stage, we want to reflect the whole community, not just a segment of it," she added.

Due to the intimate reading style of the shows, Tromovitch explained how each performance will be unique. The plays are read aloud with minimal production, then audience members will be allowed to engage and interact with actors, staff or the playwright themselves.

"What the audience will hear is something that no one else will ever hear again," she said. "You actually become a part of the writing process. There may very well be individual line changes from day to day."

Tromovitch shared what she feels makes the two pieces work well together, as they are from contrasting starting points scientifically.

"One starting point is when the water was sucked out of the oceans to become the polar ice caps, and then the other play talks about a point in the future when those polar ice caps melt again," Tromovitch said. "They're kind of bookends to each other with these two climate change events."

The series will be performed at the SPARC Studio in Livermore through the month of November, with "Two Degrees" shown today through Sunday and "Basilosaurus" playing Nov. 18-20. Shows begin at 7 p.m.

To find more information about the theater and its productions, visit sparctheater.org. ■

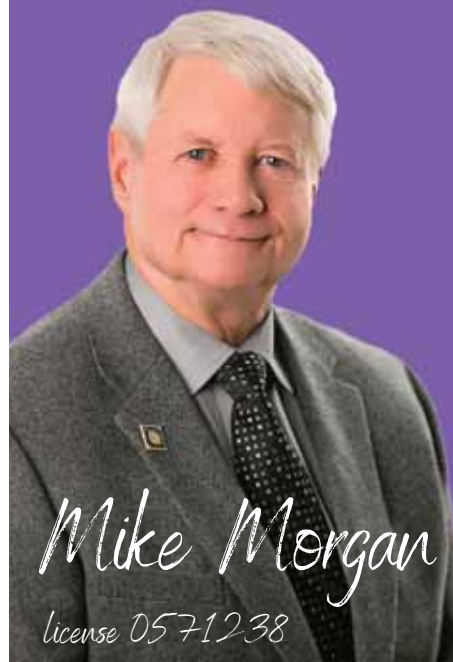


CHUCK DECKERT

Generous gifts at Grapes & Gratitude

Tri-Valley nonprofit Culinary Angels raised \$120,000 in donations at its Grapes & Gratitude benefit gala, held on Oct. 8 at McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore. Founded by Lisa McNaney just six years ago, Culinary Angels prepares and delivers tasty and nutritious meals to those going through cancer treatment or other serious health challenges as well as their caregivers. "Our annual gala is critical to the viability of our programs as it allows us to continue to use quality ingredients in the meals prepared for our recipients, and tackle the cost increases of the current economy. We are so grateful to everyone who participated in this year's event, which exceeded our expectations," McNaney said.

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DUSD

'The Addams Family' onstage in Dublin

Dublin High School's drama department is presenting "The Addams Family" musical this weekend. "The show, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with someone sweet and smart — someone her parents would never expect and whom they have never met," DHS officials said. Performances are set for today at 7 p.m. and Saturday (Nov. 5) at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit <https://bit.ly/Addams-Tickets>.

LETTERS

Vote Jeff Nibert for Pleasanton District 1

We need experienced city leaders on the Pleasanton City Council, and we need Planning Commissioner Jeff Nibert for District 1.

Jeff is running against a one-year transplant from Dublin with zero Pleasanton city experience. This is not the time for learning on-the-job. Our city is challenged with water quality concerns (PFAS), plus we must meet state mandates for 6,000 new housing sites. We are in this together, so our city budgets have been stressed while we reached out to help those residents and small businesses hit hardest during COVID.

Experienced leadership is critical to retain our safe and award-winning community. This is not the time for inexperience and untested ideas from out of town; instead, we need a Pleasanton planning commissioner with an impressive engineering career, who respects women and has deep roots in Pleasanton — yes, in Pleasanton.

As a planning commissioner, Nibert is respected by his colleagues and endorsed by the majority of the City Council. While evaluating options for the Stoneridge Mall framework, Nibert knows we must balance roads, schools, safety for residents and environmental considerations with any new housing.

Nibert stands alone in District 1 when he promised to reject donations from all builders and developers who often hope to gain financial influence.

Jeff Nibert has the experience and integrity to lead Pleasanton as a councilmember through the next four years, he understands why Pleasanton is special, and he deserves your vote. Visit www.VoteJeffNibert.com.

—*Karla Brown,*
mayor of Pleasanton

Yes on Measure I

I long for Wednesday, Nov. 9 when some sense of normalcy might seep back into my life as a husband, father, working professional, coach and volunteer.

I have not been nearly as involved in those duties as I should or like to be. There have been far too many early mornings (or late nights) where I have awoke at 4:30 a.m. from a dead sleep only to think, have I done enough, who do I need to speak to, how can I be better in advocating for Measure I?

I have learned so much about our community. I had no idea how many people would voice their concerns to me on issues having nothing to do with the buildings and infrastructure our teachers educate in and our

students learn in.

You see, I am a volunteer but also a concerned parent, homeowner and citizen in this community. I really do wish there was another way, another funding mechanism to improve the quality of school facilities in Pleasanton, but there is not.

And I wish the need was small but it is not. Many of the facilities our students go to learn in and perform in are embarrassing. If you don't believe me, ask the kids, the teachers and the parents who frequent these facilities. I will attest each of these groups know it.

Vibrant communities — communities of character — invest in their future, they invest in their kids, their teachers, and their schools. Pleasanton, we must do better.

—*Bill Butler*

A new American voter endorsing Laurie Walker

Anyone who knows my husband James and I for even a quick minute will know we are unabashedly proud Canadians, but what you may not know is that after living legally in the United States for 25-plus years — mostly in Pleasanton — we decided to apply for our U.S. citizenship.

We are now full blown Americans as well, getting ready to vote in our first midterm election.

I am proud to be an American citizen who has known and worked with Laurie Walker-Whiteland for about 16 years — through our time living in the Pleasanton Meadows, I've seen her impact on my kids and thousands of others at Fairlands Elementary School, on our Pleasanton Meadows Sharks swim team as a head coach, through her time working to raise money for our entire school district and as an employee of PUSD at Walnut Grove and Amador Valley over the last 10 years.

Laurie is the volunteer who shows up in all the ways you need and never backs down from a challenge. She's worked tirelessly to raise money for our whole district in ways that have benefited all of our children. As a coach she made sure both my children were part of a team that encouraged them to be their best through hard work and commitment.

Laurie has three almost-grown kids of her own but her time, energy, and donations of resources are unmatched. I have full confidence that she will be an outstanding representative and deserves your vote!

—*Lisa Thorsden*

Break the mold: Support Liu and Wallace

I support Joel Liu for Pleasanton City Council, District 3, and Dean Wallace for the Pleasanton City Council, District 1. These two candidates bring fresh ideas to Pleasanton and represent much of our current

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Endorsements recap

Here again are our editorial board's recommendations for the Nov. 8 election. Read each full article online at PleasantonWeekly.com, LivermoreVine.com or DanvilleSanRamon.com.

Pleasanton City Council District 1: Dean Wallace
Pleasanton City Council District 3: Jamie Yee
Pleasanton Mayor: Karla Brown
Pleasanton School Board Area 2: Laurie Walker
Livermore Mayor: John Marchand
Livermore City Council District 1: Evan Branning
Livermore City Council District 2: Mel Chiong
Livermore School Board: Steven Drouin, Emily Prusso, Craig Bueno
Livermore Park District: Ruby Moppin, Corey Hahn, Philip Pierpont
Dublin City Council: Jean Josey, Kashef Qaadri
Dublin School Board Area 3: William Kuo
Dublin School Board Area 5: Sameer Hakim
DSRSD Board Division 2: Ann Marie Johnson
DSRSD Board Division 5: Arun Goel
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Sunol School Board (Short Term): Chris Bobertz
Alameda County District Attorney: Terry Wiley
San Ramon Mayor: Sabina Zafar
San Ramon City Council District 2: Mark Armstrong
San Ramon City Council District 4: Heidi Kenniston-Lee
SRVUSD Board Area 1: Jesse vanZee
Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder: Kristin Connelly
State Assembly District 16: Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
State Assembly District 20: Shawn Kumagai
Congressional District 10: Mark DeSaulnier
Congressional District 14: Eric Swalwell
Alameda County Measure D (agricultural land use): Yes
LVJUSD Measure G (\$450 million bond): Yes
PUSD Measure I (\$395 million bond): Yes
SGUSD Measure J (\$10.9 million bond): Yes
Livermore Measure P (sewer extension): Yes ■

and future community. They both found Pleasanton to locate and now want to give back to it, much like many of us!

Liu has two children in our schools and understands the value of a safe and sustainable Pleasanton for their future. Wallace is a young professional with a goal of home ownership and brings an abundant wealth of legislative experience that will help Pleasanton.

Both of these candidates support a safe community in partnership with our police department. They both represent a break in the "traditional" candidate and represent the future of Pleasanton. I strongly encourage you to vote Joel Liu and Dean Wallace for Pleasanton. To learn more, visit www.VoteJoelLiu.com and www.DeanWallace.com.

—*Herb Ritter*

Supporting Measure P in Livermore

Our community enacted the South Livermore Valley Area Plan to preserve and protect vineyards and open space from urban development.

But existing land-use restrictions don't ensure this area will remain in agricultural use or in a natural state. Planted vineyards guard against less

scenic uses from encroaching on this beautiful area (like junkyards, lots filled with old cars, and paintball courses).

Sustaining a healthy wine country requires a critical mass of agricultural activity — and right now winery operators are hesitant to plant due to the high cost of treating wastewater. Today, local vintners are forced to haul wastewater offsite, which is expensive and inefficient. Without access to safe and affordable wastewater disposal, our community will be unable to meet our goals for preserving scenic open space — or growing our wine country.

That's why Livermore voters will have a chance to approve Measure P in this November's election. Measure P would amend the South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary to allow extended sewer service to support already permitted uses within the South Livermore Valley.

Extending sewer services will not change restrictions on residential building or development unrelated to wine country uses. Sewer line construction costs will be covered by a grant from Alameda County and by state and federal funds. Property owners connecting to the line will pay their fair share of operations and maintenance fees.

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Livermore voters who support our natural environment and a thriving wine country should join Greenbelt Alliance and vote Yes on Measure P.

—*Amanda Brown-Stevens,*
executive director, Greenbelt Alliance

Town hall results

I want to thank the city for listening to the community at the Senior Center Town Hall meeting on Sept. 27, regarding a reported change of services at the Senior Center to include homeless services and shower program. Thank you Julie Testa, the only City Council representative who took the time to attend this important meeting.

My hope for a humble apology from CityServe's CEO was dashed with Christine Sevier's speech of mis-truths perpetuating anger and set the tone for the entire meeting. Not one individual on the CityServe panel or city officials took responsibility for creating the public distrust, expressed by attendees.

Please review the new FAQs, located on the city website. Poor communication and an inability of city departments to inform each other of major decisions shows a need for restructuring.

I am uneasy with the wording that the "pilot shower program" has been suspended at the Senior Center building. This does not mean it has been removed from consideration in the future.

With little trust of the newly merged nonprofit, taking their word "that their service model for those experiencing homelessness is to take services to them" is meaningless. Stating the primary function of the office at the Senior Center will be to provide senior programs is "open-ended".

The "service agreement" for in-kind office space with the city of Pleasanton, should reiterate the requests of the community for only senior programs at the Senior Center building and permanent discontinuation of "pilot shower program".

—*Pam Silliman*

Reelect Julie Testa

Referencing your comment regarding "Campaign finances show thousands spent on City Council" posted on Friday, Oct. 28, let's set the record straight: Julie Testa has not accepted donations from individuals or political action committees that do not live or work in Pleasanton. She has not accepted monies from special interest organizations such as the California Real Estate PAC from LA and The Lincoln Club of NorCal in Sacramento.

Further, she has not received monies from the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 3 from San Leandro or the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 PAC in Livermore or monies donated from outside the state of California. Both challengers (Joel/Jamie) have received such funds from outside entities trying to sway the

election based on special interests.

Lastly, Jamie accepted \$2,500 from Raindrop Investments in Livermore based on her last filing. Julie is supported by local individual Pleasantonians who live amongst us. Yes, you are correct in your article that the City Council election for District 3 challengers "spending thousands on the City Council election"

However to beat Juile Testa, we longtime Pleasantonian residents know better ...We hope you will join us to reelect Julie Testa for City Council for District 3 on Nov. 8.

—*Steve Berberich*

Joan's great deception

Three news articles worth discussing this past month.

The first was a front-page Independent piece that cited donations made by well-respected nonprofits to John Marchand's campaign. The problem is that the donations had been made from Marchand to the nonprofits. Error or intentional misrepresentation?

The second was in the East Bay Times on the 20th. It chronicled the four-year saga of Joan Seppala's campaign to thwart the electorate's will to move forward with the downtown plan. The plan includes 130 affordable housing units.

I know this because Joan recruited me to help pursue an alternative plan. There never was a plan. During the four months I worked with Joan, I had weekly calls with Bob Woerner and we discussed possibilities. None of Bob's suggestions were acceptable to Joan as it was always "too soon to negotiate". Once I realized there was no "win-win" alternative, I resigned.

The third article can be found in the LivermoreVine of Oct. 20. It is titled "Around the Valley: The Group of Many Names". This is a detailed accounting of the several PACs focused on stopping the downtown development. The one thing that these have in common is that 90% of the \$1 million funding is from the Seppala family and Jean King.

It appears to me to be an orchestrated plan by Joan to push her anti-downtown plan by supporting candidates with essentially no experience in city governance as long as they oppose the downtown development.

—*Mark Palajac*

Vote Yes on G for 21st-century learning

Vote Yes on Measure G so we can upgrade classrooms and labs to meet current safety and instructional standards, provide career training facilities and equipment for today's careers, replace outdated air filtration and electrical infrastructure, improve campus security, and replace old portables with permanent classrooms.

An independent audit rates half of the facilities at Livermore High School in "poor condition". Bonds are the only mechanism our state

provides for upgrading school facilities, and it allows us to access matching grants.

All funds from the bond will be used for facilities in our school district, and none can be used for salaries. An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits ensure that the funds are spent as promised in the plans posted on our website and available at the Livermore Public Library.

As any Realtor will tell you, the most common question they get from homebuyers is: "How are the schools?" Investing in our schools and students benefits us all. It's time to give our students the schools they need for 21st-century learning, and a bond is the only way. Vote Yes on G!

—*Kristie Wang, LVJUSD trustee*

Jeff Nibert for Pleasanton City Council

Jeff Nibert is running for City Council in Pleasanton District 1. He is a 35-year resident and has been active in volunteer and civic activities over that time. He is currently a member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, which gives him a good understanding of city planning and land-use issues.

Jeff's priorities are to protect the quality of life in District 1 neighborhoods and to bring his engineering and project management background to civic decision-making. This is vitally important considering the redevelopment plans for Stoneridge Mall, which includes thousands of new high-density housing units, retail, and commercial development.

It will be critically important to have a councilmember representing District 1 neighborhoods as the plans evolve, and Jeff is that person. This is in stark contrast to his opponent, who moved to Pleasanton last year and is running on a pro-growth platform. Please vote for Jeff Nibert for City Council.

—*Matt Sullivan,*
former Pleasanton councilmember

No on Measure I

Vote No, a better plan is possible. PUSD's own data for past Measure 11 and proposed Measure I: Total district debt will increase to \$665,000,000. Total repayment obligation will be a minimum of \$1.157 billion.

Consider an alternative plan I propose to reduce the requested bond amount to \$200 million or less, with minimal impact to schools.

Measure I has a fatal flaw which drives up cost. Bonds are issued through 2029; work will be completed in 2031 or later. The staggered release drives up projected costs (due to inflation) by a minimum of \$30 million to \$50 million.

How to reduce Measure I by \$200 million:

- Apply \$35 million from Measure 11 for the unnecessary new school.
- Sell unused, not needed property, yields \$30 million, potentially \$50 million.

• One bond, not four; accelerate work within four years versus eight to 10.

• Commit an additional 1% of the \$200 million annual budget to maintenance every year, \$20 million over 10 years.

One bond for \$200 million will save \$5 million to \$10 million in costs for issuing the bonds.

The arts and gym facilities for both high schools represent 30% of Measure I or \$120 million (total debt obligation, with interest, is a quarter billion dollars). The board should reduce the plan by at least half or \$60 million and look at upgrades, retrofit, to spend no more than \$60 million total.

My revised plan will save taxpayers more than \$400 million in principal and interest.

—*Joe Milelli*

Nibert for City Council

Please support Jeff Nibert for City Council in District 1. As a former planning commissioner, I worked hard to preserve the hillsides from development. Jeff will be a council member who values the environment as much as I do and will advocate for local control.

Our city needs council members who will stand up to outside interests and not those who have other agendas. Jeff is smart and respectful and will listen to constituents.

I have known Jeff for over 25

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HIGHLIGHTS

Civic Arts Commission Meeting

Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

- Review Fiscal Year 2020/21 Civic Arts Community Grant Final Performance Reports
- Review Fiscal Year 2021/22 Civic Arts Community Grant Final Performance Reports
- Review and approve Civic Arts Commission Meeting Schedule for 2023
- Review and comment on the Civic Arts Project Status Report for November 2022

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available after November 2, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- **PUD – 145: 535 Sycamore Rd**

Applications for: 1) Minor Subdivision approval to subdivide an approximately 2-acre parcel into two parcels measuring approximately 1-acre each; 2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to construct a one-story home and related site improvements on each parcel. The property is a zoned Planned Unit Development – Agriculture (PUD-A) District.

Youth Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

- Review Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Community Grant Final Performance Reports
- Review Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Community Grant Final Performance Reports
- Approve Funding Criteria for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Community Grant Program – Youth Category

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very services and amenities, such as a resort hotel and spa, that the area plan envisioned and are essential to a vibrant wine country.

The alternative is scary. Fallow unproductive farmland will always attract unwanted development despite housing restrictions, be it solar farms, storage yards, paintball fields or debris dumps. To protect our groundwater and quality of life, I urge you to vote Yes on Measure P.

—David Kent

The future of Livermore

I'm happy to be a resident of Livermore. We moved here in 1976, raised three kids in the public school system, took advantage of a lot of what the city had to offer and are still enjoying it here.

Lots has changed: the downtown is now a walkable, interesting place to be with many restaurants and shops. There are over 30 neighborhood parks, the Bankhead has a full lineup of shows, parking is plentiful, and there will be a boutique hotel for out-of-town visitors who come to enjoy the over 50 valley wineries and several breweries.

I see many projects that will come to fruition in the next few years bringing more to offer, especially in the downtown area. And it's not just about downtown. We have Sycamore Grove and Veterans Park, there is potential for another open space in Springtown, and we enjoy some of the best biking around.

Our City Council is made up of smart caring people who have the residents' best interest in mind when they make decisions. What I'm really looking forward to now is the completion of the Eden Housing project and the whole area around it so that moderate wage earners who add so much to our economy and our town can have a place to live where they can enjoy the amenities and the area as much as we do.

—Jennifer Dayrell

Newsom has failed California — Vote for Brian Dahle

Newsom has failed California with his radical progressive policies. Taxes and gasoline prices are the highest in the nation. We have heavy government regulation and taxes on business which has caused many to leave the state.

His COVID strategy locked out students from schools, shut down churches and caused business to close permanently. His policies have failed the public schools — as witnessed by the low test scores. He has turned our state into a sanctuary for illegals and now wants to pay for late-term abortions right up until the birth of a baby. His administration supports DAs unwilling to enforce the laws and permits cashless bail which allows criminals to run free

and wreak havoc in our cities.

Overall, we are worse off than we were four years ago due to Newsom's failed policies. On Nov. 8, vote for Brian Dahle for governor.

—David Ott

Vote for Jeff Nibert

Jeff Nibert has the experience, familiarity and community knowledge required to effectively serve Pleasanton on the City Council.

Jeff not only serves as a Pleasanton planning commissioner, he is also a retired engineer and project manager who knows how to manage multimillion-dollar budgets.

As a 30-plus-year resident who raised his family in Pleasanton, Jeff understands Pleasanton and will protect its historic and small-town charm.

As an advocate for local control and reasonable growth, Jeff helped to create Pleasanton's new housing plan. He does not accept developer donations to his campaign, and will not allow unrestrained growth that would make our city unrecognizable.

His District 1 opponent moved from Dublin to Pleasanton only last year and cannot claim any of the above attributes.

The choice of Nibert is a clear one. VoteJeffNibert.com

—Abdullah Salarzai

Vote for Julie Testa

I have been a resident of Pleasanton for over 27 years now; I am a retired oncology nurse. I am writing in to the newspaper to encourage everyone to vote for Julie Testa for Pleasanton City Council for a second four-year term.

I have known Julie for almost 38 years, having met her in a mom-and-baby group when we both lived in Fremont. When I think of Julie, the first character traits that come to mind are that she is an extremely hard-working woman of integrity. She and her husband and young sons moved to Pleasanton over 34 years ago, and Julie has always been very interested in all aspects of the development of Pleasanton, with a commitment to reasonable, well-planned growth that retains the small-town feel of Pleasanton that drew both of our families here decades ago.

Her priority has always been to represent residents and their concerns regarding quality of life, schools and public safety, water quality and conservation. She has consistently pushed back on the state's excessive growth mandates that threaten the careful balance of infrastructure and services that make Pleasanton such a desirable place to live!

Reelect Julie Testa for Pleasanton City Council.

—Diane Martinez

Testa supports downtown

City Councilmember Julie Testa has been a strong supporter for Pleasanton businesses and has

continually voted to invest resources to ensure the success of small businesses and the vitality of our downtown.

In 2020 when we faced the challenges of a global pandemic, she supported the development of a business assistance program to provide 0% small business loans to support more than 115 small businesses who were affected by the global shutdown.

Julie demonstrated leadership in converting emergency parklets into a downtown parklet program that allows continued outdoor dining in a safe and esthetically pleasing form. Julie has been a champion for Weekends on Main that brought a renewed vitality to downtown emerging from the pandemic stronger than ever.

Councilmember Testa is pro-business as well as pro-resident when it comes to Pleasanton and is very deserving of reelection to a second term on the City Council. Thank you.

—Maurice Dissels, downtown business owner

Yes on Measure G

Yes! Vote "Yes on Measure G". Measure G, the Livermore school district bond, will bring resources to Livermore to maintain our aging facilities, and also to update our classrooms to modern technical and instructional standards. Further, funds will be available to meet the matching requirements to receive money from the state school bond. Taxpayers, that's all of us, have already paid for this resource.

Our bond team has a stellar record bringing Measure J projects to completion — on time and under budget with clean audits. Measure G funds will be spent according to the priorities of the district Facilities Master Plan and at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

As a trustee, I voted to put Measure G on the Nov. 8 ballot. Please join me and vote "Yes for Measure G" on your ballot.

—Anne White, LVJUSD trustee

Nop for Livermore mayor

As a former Mayor of Livermore, I have been at the beginning, the middle and the end of many projects and changes in the city over the years. I am very proud to be a part of Livermore's blueprint and history. But that was then, this is now.

Elected officials need to listen to their constituents. They need to hear all voices — not just each other or their own. Livermore residents are speaking but the current council and mayor don't seem to hear them. We have term limits for a reason, to ensure fresh, innovative perspectives and leadership that is representative of what the city needs today and wants tomorrow.

Today, I am excited to support new representation, a new chapter. For our city to thrive while retaining our character, we need new leadership.

It is time for a mayor with a vision

to ensure everyone is represented, heard from and included. It is time for Mony Nop!

Mony Nop is a natural leader and innovator. He is a thinker, a planner, a doer, a problem solver. He is aware of the needs of our city and citizens. Mony will be responsive to the issues that Livermore will face in the next few years.

I know that Mony is dedicated to service and will lead Livermore into the future while preserving what makes Livermore Livermore.

Let's work to elect Mony Nop our next Livermore Mayor.

—Cathie Brown, former Livermore mayor

Fiction on our doorstep

During this election cycle I have seen many things that are examples of malfeasance in the literature sent to our doorsteps. All the materials sent by the Take Back Livermore group, the Mony Nop for Mayor Campaign, the Save Livermore Downtown and the Move Eden Housing Group are misleading the general public.

Not only are they malicious, going so far as to paint their opponents as criminals, and extract excerpts from articles that take the words out of the original context given, but the lies are outrageous!

When I look at the John Marchand campaign material, it is very positive talking about the accomplishments and experience that he will bring to our city. Whereas, Mony Nop's campaign takes every opportunity to bad mouth, lie and negatively impact the community.

Is this really the mindset we want leading our community? It doesn't seem like Mony Nop will or can give our community what it needs — a chance to heal from the damage done by these groups over the years and an opportunity to complete the long-term projects that have been delayed from completion time and time again.

Until campaign laws adjust to prevent this malfeasance, we have to decide for ourselves based on facts not fiction. Be a responsible voter and get the facts. Don't believe the fiction that lands on your doorstep daily.

—Sherri Souza

Nibert is my choice

Jeff Nibert is the best choice for City Council in Pleasanton's District 1.

I have personally worked with Jeff on large construction projects. As a project manager he consistently demonstrated an effort to gain consensus with project team members. His experience as a project manager, and his role as a city planning commissioner, provide the background to be a successful member of the City Council.

Like Jeff, I have been a Pleasanton resident of over 30 years. In that time there has been significant development in adjacent communities without consideration of utility

infrastructure, open space and traffic. Jeff will support Pleasanton's smart growth policies for commercial and residential projects to maintain the current quality of the city. Jeff supports a balance between preserving the historical areas like Main Street and an upscale to the Stoneridge Mall.

Jeff's professional experience and knowledge of Pleasanton makes him the best choice District 1!

—John Villalobos

Testa truly listens

I am an admitted pickleball fan and there were no designated pickleball courts in Pleasanton a few years back. I asked Julie to meet me a Peet's one day and she gave me about an hour and a half of her time to hear me out. She listened to me and explained the process it would take to make this happen.

Well now, six new designated pickleball courts will be opened up in Pleasanton at Muirwood Park very soon. This happened in great part to Julie Testa. Thank you, Julie!

—Laura Ditto

Nibert for District 1

I've known Jeff Nibert since our now-adult sons were in Cub Scouts together at Lydiksen. He has all these years been exactly the kind of involved parent and concerned and responsible citizen that makes Pleasanton great.

A retired engineer and project manager, he has brought his professional expertise in managing multimillion-dollar projects, a broad and balanced view, and a logical and reasonable approach to volunteering on our planning commission. He contributed to our new 2023 Housing Element and is now collaborating on the planning framework for the Stoneridge Mall. We need his familiarity, deep experience and perspective to move forward on the large and complicated projects.

Jeff knows how important our schools have been to our families and the support they need from the city. He knows how our police have helped make this a safe community and need continued partnership with us. He knows intimately from his own children how difficult it is for young families to get a start here. Jeff is already a champion for local control and balanced growth, and will fight the pressure from Sacramento and developers for unrestrained growth that would ruin our small-town charm.

His District 1 opponent says on his website that he is a 22-year resident of the Tri-Valley, but nine of those years he was in high school and away at Stanford. He moved from Dublin to Pleasanton only last year, hardly an invested, knowledgeable and committed contributor to our town.

It's a clear choice. VoteJeffNibert.com

—Gene Vilain



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Freshmen make impact on Amador varsity football team

Also: Highlights from volleyball, water polo

This time last year, Anthony Harrington and Jackson Visconti were eighth graders at Harvest Park, both typical middle school boys, mixing middle school pranks with enjoying their last year before entering high school.

As a campus supervisor at Harvest Park, I was around them throughout the year and got to know both well. Both were incredibly athletic, and successful athletic careers surely awaited at Amador Valley.

But where they would be one year later was hard to fathom.

The two indeed have made an impact at Amador, with the two starting for the Amador varsity against De La Salle — as freshmen.

The Dons may have lost last Friday's game, but they played well, falling only 27-7 after leading in the first quarter and being tied 7-7 at the half.

It is rare when you see a sophomore starting for varsity — but as a freshman is unheard of except in extreme circumstances.

"Those two didn't even flinch," Amador coach Danny Jones said of Harrington and Visconti. "They belong up here; they are very confident in their abilities."

Harrington — a 5-foot-7, 135-pound starter at cornerback — has been up with the varsity for some time, with Visconti (5-10, 160) coming up last week due to injuries in the Amador quarterback room.

In another twist, the pair spent two games last season as Amador ball boys.

"We did a couple games last year as ball boys," Harrington said of he and Visconti. "We were watching from the sideline and just the speed of the game was scary. It was something that we didn't want to be part of for sure."

Yet one year later there they were, starting against De La Salle, the iconic powerhouse — not only one of the best programs in California, but in the entire country.

"There was no way we expected this," Visconti said. "We thought we would be playing freshman ball and then maybe hopefully make the varsity as sophomores."

It is one thing to suit up as a freshman and get the start against any team in the East Bay Athletic League, but then make it De La Salle



COURTESY HARRINGTON FAMILY

Anthony Harrington with Amador Valley coaches Bryan Burtaro and Christian Williams.

and the anxiety can go off the charts. "Obviously, De La Salle is a nerve-racking game at any age, but as a freshman ..." Visconti said.

Visconti finished 9-for-12 passing in the game and found some calm on the Dons' first play from scrimmage.

"We called a sprint out on the first play and the Notre Dame commit (Cooper Flanagan, 6-6, 255) they have didn't get out on me," Visconti said. "That helped me set my pace for the game."

Harrington was quick to praise his older teammates for helping with the adjustment.

"As soon as I was on the team, they have all been so welcoming," Harrington said. "The first practice was scary — it was shocking what the pace was just in practice. But they made me feel like part of the family."

There is one more regular season game left against California today, then a spot in the North Coast Section playoffs followed by a wrap on their unexpectedly exciting freshman campaign.

"I know I'll be feeling a lot better this week," Visconti said. "Coach told me he liked how I played and that made me feel good."

Foothill girls' volleyball

The Falcons got a pair of wins in the North Coast Section Division I playoffs last week.

The first was a 25-13, 25-18, 25-14 win over Mission San Jose. Later in the week the Falcons advanced to the semifinals with a

25-13, 23-25, 25-23, 25-17 over James Logan.

On offense the Falcons got great play as usual from Paige Bennett, Kaycie Burdick and Katie Salonga.

Amador girls' water polo

The Dons celebrated their Senior Night with a 13-4 win over Foothill.

Kate Harris had three goals, with Susan Swyers, Regan Braga and Evenly McLaughlin getting two apiece to lead the offensive attack.

Lyle Keegan, Paige Reynolds, Erin Brown and Ruby Harkness rounded out the scoring with one each. Brown also had 13 saves in the goal.

Foothill JV water polo

The Foothill junior varsity girls' team brought home the title of the 16th annual Delta Shootout on Oct. 22.

The tournament started with a 14-7 win over Carondelet. Natalie Williams had four goals, with Emmy Tsao adding three.

In the second game the Falcons edged Liberty 10-6. Sarah Overton scored three times, with Williams, Tsao and Mikayla Esguera scoring two goals each.

In the championship Foothill beat Las Lomas 14-7, with Clare Alexander leading the way with four goals. Medha Nadathur made over 30 saves throughout the tournament. ■

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Employment

Software Engineer V [Backend Java Development]

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TECHNOLOGY

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Entertainment

THE BOOK OF WILL AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE The true story of two loyal friends who band together to save the literary works of the most famous and beloved playwright in history, William Shakespeare. Nov. 4-6. Tickets \$10-\$20. Visit showtix4u.com/event-details/66388.

EAST BAY MUSICAL SOCIETY - BROADWAY CHORUS Join for a night of music as The East Bay Musical Society-Broadway Chorus performs their Fall concert, “Come Alive!”. 7 p.m., Nov. 5. Tickets \$10-\$25. Ashbury United Methodist Church. Visit eastbaymusicals.org.

HARMONY & HEALING BENEFIT CONCERT David Victor, formerly of Boston, brings his San Francisco-based Supergroup whose mission is to bring live music from world-class musicians to patients’ bedsides, community spaces and their loved ones in healthcare facilities. 6 p.m., Nov. 5. livermorearts.org.

HIGH SCHOOL CABARET VILLAINS Cabaret teens present classic and contemporary songs from musical theater’s greatest villains. Join for a variety of fun and evil songs from the Tri-Valley’s talented group of high schoolers. 7 p.m., Nov. 5. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS T.S. MONK Bringing his funky jazz to the Bankhead stage, T.S. Monk has received the New York Jazz Awards Recording of the Year and Downbeat’s prestigious Reader’s Poll Award. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 10. Tickets \$45. Visit livermorearts.org.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS JOSE FELICIANO 9 time Grammy winner Jose Feliciano will be performing some of his greatest hits at the

Bankhead. 8 p.m., Nov. 18. Tickets \$105. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE TOAG QUARTET This Oakland-based ensemble debuts their new music showcase featuring never before heard compositions from their upcoming third album. 8 p.m., Nov. 18. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org

Veterans Day

TRI-VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CONCERT The 25th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and concert begins at 1:00 p.m. in front of Veterans Memorial Hall and all are encouraged to celebrate and cheer for the more than 100 expected parade participants who support our veterans. Patriotic music will be played in front of the Hall. 1 p.m., Nov. 6. 301 Main St.

LAS POSITAS VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION Las Positas College Veterans First Program will be hosting a Veterans Day Celebration with Keynote Speaker, Howard “Butch” Wilson. 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Nov. 10. Visit laspositascollege.edu.

Festivals

I ‘Oe E Ka L HULA FESTIVAL & COMPETITION This competition at the Alameda Fairgrounds is the longest running Hula competition outside of the Island of Hawaii. Nov. 4-6. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

WEEKENDS ON MAIN Every first weekend of the month enjoy street closures for roaming historical downtown Pleasanton, events and outdoor dining. Nov. 4-6. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT BANKHEAD PLAZA This free

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

EAGLES AUXILIARY CRAFT BOUTIQUE Visit with local artists displaying and selling handmade crafts along with a bake sale at the annual craft holiday show. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Nov 12. 527 N. Livermore Ave.

Exhibits

TAPESTRY OF REMEMBRANCE EXHIBIT The Firehouse Arts Center presents Kiana Honarmand’s solo exhibition, Tapestry of Remembrance, reminiscent of the Persian rugs of her homeland. This exhibition explores themes of memory, longing, and familial history. Now through Nov. 5. Visit firehousearts.org.

FALL BOTHWELL OPEN STUDIOS Join for a peek inside the artist studios and meet the artists, see demonstrations and purchase artwork. This event is free with light refreshments included. 5-7 p.m., Nov. 10. 2466 8th St., Livermore.

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

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE MEMBERS’ EXHIBIT The group’s 15th annual Fall Members Show comes to the Harrington Gallery exhibiting a variety of 2D and 3D art. Through Dec. 17. 444 Railroad Ave. Visit pal-art.com.

Talks

NATURE STORYTIME AT SYCAMORE GROVE PARK LARPD and the Livermore Public Library hosts a free Nature Storytime with a Ranger leading the group on a short walk to the storytelling site where the audience will enjoy a story and facts about wild turkeys. 2 p.m. Nov. 6. For more information, call 925-373-5505.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS-GRIEF WORKSHOP The winter holiday season can be painful for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Hope Hospice offers a free zoom workshop to discuss healthy coping strategies. 2-3:30 p.m., Nov. 8. Call the Grief Support Department at 925-829-8770 to reserve a spot.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS PROGRAM The Livermore Library presents, “Iceland: 2 Weeks, 3 Women, 4 Wheel Drive”, where Susan Gerber will share photos and stories of her adventures in Iceland. 1:30 p.m., Nov. 10. Civic Center Library.

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB A seasonal DYI program for Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club members and

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet Scary Spice

Scary Spice is a sweet gal who is soft-hearted and loves snuggles — maybe you can smother her with your significantly special salutations! Her spirit sparkles and she’s seeking a forever home. Learn more about Scary Spice and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare

guests will be presented by Anna and Karen Zakaria, co-founders of The Contra Costa Succulent Garden Club. Their presentation, “Succulent Crafting”, includes a demonstration on how to create succulent-topped pumpkins for the season. 7 p.m., Nov. 10. visit lavgc.org.

EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP Alameda County’s Housing and Economic Rights Advocates will host a workshop to share information about the County’s Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program. 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 10. Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. RSVP to 510-271-8443, ext. 307.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS April Sproule, an artist whose medium is textiles, will speak on The Myth of Creative Genius, at the next Amador Valley Quilters meeting. April is a full-time studio artist who works as a designer and workshop facilitator. 12:30 p.m., Nov. 12. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Madeline Yanov, owner of Time Travel Genealogy, presents “Ancestral Road Trips, Part I: East of the Mississippi”. This 2-part talk will focus on U.S. migration. 7-8:30 p.m., Nov. 14. Visit l-ags.org.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY This virtual program through the Pleasanton Library is every third Tuesday of the month. Each registrant will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation. Registration closes the Saturday prior to the Tuesday event. 6-8 p.m. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets virtually via Zoom on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month from 12p.m.-1 p.m. Overcome fear of speaking of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org.

Farmers’ Markets

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

LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS’ MARKET Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J and L streets in Livermore.

Seniors

TECH TUTORING AT THE SENIOR CENTER If struggling with a PC laptop, tablet or smartphone, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Bring device to session. \$2.50R/\$4NR. Call 925-931-5365.

SENIOR CENTER NEWCOMERS WELCOME If new to Pleasanton or the Senior Center discover all the programs, classes and services available during this orientation. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Nov. 10. RSVP to 925-931-5365.

LARPD TRIP TO POINSETTIA FARM Get ready for the holidays and pick up great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers on this Olives & Poinsettias trip to Modesto. 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 15. \$60/R/\$66NR. To register call 925-373-5763.

ESTATE PLANNING WITH SHIRLEY WHITE Free twenty minutes appointments the 2nd Thursday of the month. A consultation or review only of Estate Planning including advice on trusts, wills, power of attorney and health care directives. Visit pleasantonfun.com and click on the Mature Adults tab or call the Pleasanton Senior Center at 925-931-5365.

PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER LUNCHESES Senior Lunches (60+) served in the Main Hall, 11:45a.m.-12:45p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241.

PLEASANTON RIDES Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service for Pleasanton Seniors. For reservations and information call 925-398-1045.

MEALS ON WHEELS Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). Call 925- 931-5385 for more information.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

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

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 22CV019830 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Thelma Adaku Njoku filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Thelma Adaku Njoku to Tyla Ada Ijeoma Njoku. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a

written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 2, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Dept. 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2022. Judge Charles A. Smiley, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Pleasanton

- 3575 Ballantyne Drive** Streng Living Trust to Sobrero Trust for \$1,580,000
- 3567 Ballantyne Drive** R. Kan to N. & A. Ramu for \$1,500,000
- 321 Brianne Court** Davies Trust to Y. & X. Wu for \$2,272,000
- 7880 Canyon Meadow Circle #G** V. Joshi to A. & M. Cox for \$628,000
- 5804 Corte Margarita** Patel Family Trust to M. & D. Kumar for \$1,850,000
- 2088 Crestline Road** Capizzelli Living Trust to N. & S. Sinha for \$1,600,000
- 4833 Funston Gate Court** Boerman Living Trust to S. & H. Haryanto for \$1,549,000
- 2224 Greenwood Road** Leber Family Trust to M. & A. Kurakula for \$1,860,000
- 1406 Groth Circle** C. & A. Boyd to T. & R. Pham for \$1,000,000
- 3665 Huff Court** A. & N. Nagar to X. & Y. Chen for \$1,770,000
- 507 Malbec Court** K. & P. Dishman to S. & A. Chen for \$1,425,000
- 277 Mavis Drive** Redfinnow Borrower LLC to P. Hottigimath for \$1,445,000
- 3771 Muirwood Drive** Sobrero Trust to Shingate Family Trust for \$1,699,000
- 4103 Stanley Boulevard** C. Barber to H. & A. King for \$958,000
- 3422 Torlano Place** Dubiel 2018 Family Trust to B. & A. Sasikumar for \$3,350,000
- 2785 Turnstone Drive** P. Quinton to S. & M. Hashim for \$1,560,000
- 5391 Black Avenue #1** P. & V. Desai to S. & S. Athanikar for \$850,000
- 4621 Cochise Court** Redfinnow Borrower LLC to R. & V. Khurana for \$665,000

- 3120 Cranwood Court** D. Bhawal to V. & G. Maihotra for \$1,800,000
- 5716 Dakin Court** Wilson Trust to Tozin Living Trust for \$3,600,000
- 7340 Elmwood Circle** V. Kramer to H. & S. Bomminayuni for \$1,275,000
- 964 Finovino Court** C. & C. Bo to Y. & J. Wang for \$2,500,000
- 2735 Huff Drive** L. & B. Bommakanti to N. & H. Singhal for \$1,850,000
- 7396 Jaybrook Court** Nagda Living Trust to P. & J. Putrevu for \$1,650,000
- 4156 Morganfield Court** G. Batta to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,571,500
- 2341 Oakland Avenue** K. & M. Maguire to N. Veeramani for \$1,259,000
- 3363 Sagewood Court** Dong Living Trust to S. & V. Venkataraman for \$3,150,000

Source: California REsource

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

SAN RAMON

- 176 Canyon Green Place (T)** **\$1,150,000**
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 3BD/2.5BA
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Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).
Agents: Submit open homes at PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

1675 Paseo Del Cajon - New in Pleasanton!



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Welcome to this fabulous Del Prado home featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms with approximately 2,220 sq feet of living.

Wonderfully maintained tri-level home with welcoming entry and generous living room featuring vaulted ceilings. Easy access to the formal dining room, kitchen with breakfast nook. Updated kitchen with white cabinetry, stainless appliances, granite counters and subway tile backsplash. Lower level includes one full bedroom and bath with access to the large family room and secondary eating area. Cozy up to the inviting fireplace with an updated stone surround.

You cannot miss the outdoor living! Oversized lot with no rear neighbors. So many areas to enjoy from the garden beds, planted borders, fruit trees, beautiful babbling fountain to the plush lawn, generous patios and hot tub. This yard is a show stopper. Listed at \$1,699,000



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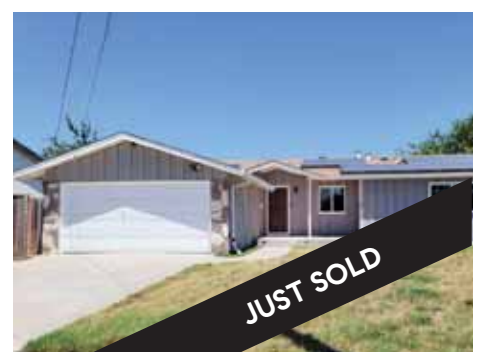
176 Canyon Green Place, San Ramon
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,159sf | Offered at \$1,150,000
End-unit, no rear neighbor, prestigious Canyon Hills gated community, over \$200,000 in upgrades
Call Farida at 925.784.2524 for details or to request a showing.



440 Canyon Woods Place Unit F, San Ramon
2BD | 2 BA | 1,026sf | Offered at \$750,000
One-story, lower unit, 1-car attached garage, one assigned parking space, gated community
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1845 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette
Two houses on one lot...Situated on almost one-acre lot. Main house offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths plus a guest house (studio and full bath) Listed at \$1,848,888
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6810 Langmuir Lane, Dublin
4 BD | 2 BA | 1,305sf | \$1,025,000
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7456 Sundrop Court, Pleasanton
3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 1,890 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$4,449,999

12400 Morgan Territory, Livermore
5 Bedrooms | 5.5 Bathrooms | 5,992 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$3,295,000

7959 Foothill Knolls Drive, Pleasanton
5 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 3,399 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$1,774,950

6981 Corte Antonio, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,336 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$2,495,000

579 Trebbiano Place, Ruby Hill
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,806 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$2,589,000

6625 Amber Lane, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 3,440 Square Feet



SOLD
Sold for \$2,265,500

6900 Riddell Street, Pleasanton
5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 3,246 Square Feet



SOLD
Sold for \$3,350,000

3422 Torlano Place, Ruby Hill
5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 4,450 Square Feet



SOLD
Sold for \$2,380,000

921 Trebbiano Court, Danville
5 Bedrooms | 4.5 Bathrooms | 3,668 Square Feet

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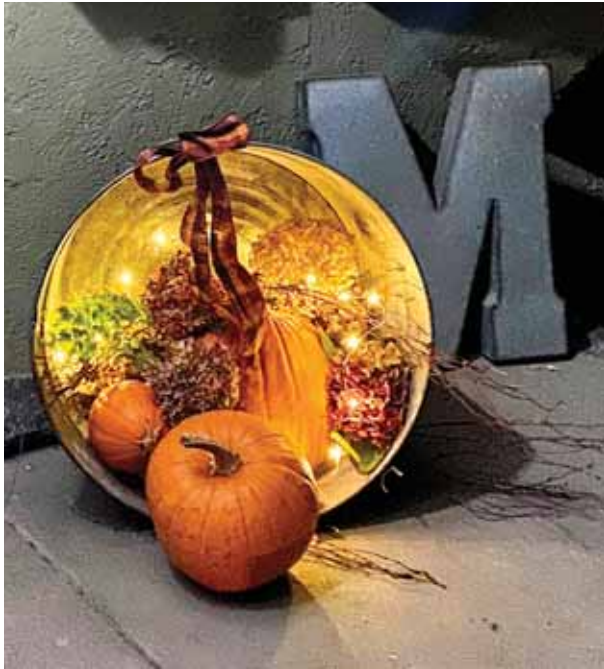
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SOLD - \$1,940,000

4242 Bevilacqua Ct., Pleasanton



SOLD - \$1,750,000

4735 McHenry Gate Way, Pleasanton



SOLD - \$1,550,000

11302 Rolling Hills Dr., Dublin



SOLD - \$2,050,000

6415 Calle Esperanza, Pleasanton
(represented buyers)



SOLD - \$1,169,000

5476 Arrowhead Ct., Livermore
(represented buyers)



SOLD - \$1,265,000

4226 Silver St., Pleasanton

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