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AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Holiday Fund raises \$83,000+

The Holiday Fund represents some of the most important and fulfilling work our staff does every year, and we are proud to have completed our 21st campaign.

Every November we ask readers to contribute to the Pleasanton Weekly's annual giving campaign. The total is then distributed to nonprofit organizations throughout the Tri-Valley.

Though we live in an affluent area, there is still a need for these "safety net" groups. With inflation, astronomical utility bills and general economic uncertainty, many are struggling. Funding for our nonprofits that serve these individuals and families is critical.

Because the funding is unrestricted, meaning it doesn't have to be used for a certain project or expense, it can be used for anything. This is extremely helpful for the fund's beneficiaries.

This is the second year we have partnered with Pleasanton-based Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF), which acts as the fiscal sponsor for the campaign so donations are tax deductible. We are fortunate (and appreciative) that the foundation does not charge a fee to administer our fund, and even picks up the credit card fees if contributors don't include those when they donate. Since we donate our time and advertising space, 100% of the money raised goes directly to the nonprofits.

Checks in the amount of \$10,302.67 were presented April 6 at the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's meeting to seven of the eight 2022-23 Holiday Fund beneficiaries. (Unfortunately, Open Heart Kitchen's representative didn't make it.) The organizations will all receive a second, smaller check from the donations made after the campaign ended.

The recipients are:

- Axis Community Health is the Tri-Valley's only provider of medical, dental and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or are uninsured.

- CityServe of the Tri-Valley supports the community by caring for people in crisis, coordinating resources between the faith-based community, nonprofits, schools, businesses and government agencies, and connecting volunteers in the community to nonprofits.

- Hope Hospice provides ethical hospice care, transition services for those not eligible for hospice, bereavement support for adults and

children and end-of-life education to Tri-Valley families, regardless of insurance or income status.

- Open Heart Kitchen is the largest hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley, feeding the hungry every weekday at multiple locations.

- The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation supports Pleasanton Unified School District students and staff with critical funding, grants and programs.

- Sunflower Hill provides housing and educational, therapeutic and life skills training for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the Tri-Valley.

- Tri-Valley REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) provides facilities for adults with special needs.

- Valley Humane Society rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort and supports and preserves existing pet guardian relationships.

Thank you to everyone who donated. Look for the launch of the 2023-24 campaign in November.

News vs. opinion

A letter to the editor writer who took issue with my March 24 column, "From illogical to absurd" about decisions and actions of Pleasanton city councilmembers, called it "biased reporting".

However, there is a significant difference between reporting a news story and writing a column.

News stories provide impartial information to help readers understand an event or issue. Staff writer Christian Trujano's story about the meeting that was the subject of my column is a good example.

A column, on the other hand, is the author's opinion — which is, by its very nature, a bias. Because opinion writers need to explain the reasons behind the point of view with facts, this type of writing helps readers form their own opinion and debate an issue.

What news reporting and opinion writing do have in common, though, is that both must be factually accurate and both hold value.

Holiday hiatus

I will soon be on a long-awaited vacation — or "holiday" as they say in Europe — with my husband, so "Around the Valley" will take a break too. ■

About the Cover

An aerial shot of the new science building at Hart Middle School funded through 2016's Measure I1. In front of the classrooms, the district has a shaded structure and lawn area planned for construction that has been delayed due to rain earlier this year. Photo courtesy PUSD. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXIV, Number 12



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What is the most important thing you ever learned in school?



Ray Carlisle
Financial adviser

I learned that if you want to have a friend, you need to be a friend — whether it is at school, at work, or in life generally. As part of a family that has five children and four grandchildren (so far), I preach this lesson to every member of my family, every single day.



James Robinson
EMT

Well, especially in my EMT classes, but even in school generally, I've learned that you can learn a lot from books but that there's no substitute for "street knowledge" and what you learn from actually doing things in real-life scenarios. Real-life experiences are far more valuable than anything I've ever learned from a book.



Lily Moore
Substitute teacher

I learned that most of the time, "the best way is through" — meaning that challenges should be faced head-on because there are always challenges in life and there is no pause button. So it's very important, in every situation, to just keep moving forward and pressing on.



Zach Sharton
IT field technician

I learned about the importance of financial stability, which really set me up in terms of knowing how to save and invest money. In fact, I'm totally self-sufficient, I no longer depend on my parents financially, and I'm just about ready to purchase my first home.



Kelly Derdak
Accounts payable/purchasing

I learned in school to appreciate the friends I made there because as we get older, it becomes harder and harder to make new friends who can become very good friends like the ones we made at school while growing up.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Night Ranger at fair

Alameda County Fair officials have booked the final act for this summer's Big O Tires Concert Series: classic rock group Night Ranger.

Best known for their 1984 hit "Sister Christian", Night Ranger is scheduled to perform at the fair in Pleasanton on the night of July 5. The band has played the fair multiple times in the past.

For tickets to this and all other fair concerts, visit annual.alameda-county-fair.com. The 2023 fair runs between June 16 and July 9.

BASIS School app

City officials are hosting two community meetings via Zoom next week for the public to offer input on a proposal to bring a BASIS Independent School campus to Dublin.

RPG Dublin, LLC, has submitted an application on behalf of the private school to open a campus inside the existing 81,985-square-foot office building at 7950 Dublin Blvd., as well as build a 9,134-square-foot gymnasium, outdoor play field area, trash area and associated site improvements. The property is located in the commercial area at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and San Ramon Road between the Sleep Number store and Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl.

The city is contemplating whether to approve a conditional use permit and site development review permit. The public input sessions are set for next Wednesday (April 19) at 7 p.m. and Thursday (April 20) at 6 p.m. To learn more, visit dublin.ca.gov.

Uncorked 2023

Livermore Valley Uncorked, an annual fundraiser for local non-profit Tri-Valley Conservancy, is on tap for the end of the month.

Meant to showcase the best of the best of local wines this year, the event marks the end of a competition that invited winemakers to submit wines crafted by grapes grown within the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area.

Judging took place last month and the winners will be revealed at the Uncorked 2023 celebration event on the evening of April 27 in the Bella Rosa Event Center at Garré Winery. Attendees can sample the medal-winning wines, taste local foods and participate in the reception emceed by former Livermore city manager Marc Roberts.

The conservancy aims to "protect open space for parks, farms, trails, ranches and wildlife habitat in the Tri-Valley so that you, wildlife and future generations can enjoy it," according to its mission statement. For tickets, visit trivalleyconservancy.org. ■

Woman sues PUSD alleging negligence after abuse at hands of teacher

Another survivor offers support publicly, asks other possible victims to speak up

By Christian Trujano

Katherine Roberts said that when she was an 11-year-old Harvest Park Middle School student more than two decades ago, all she wanted to do was practice gymnastics and spend her time at school — away from the stresses of home.

"My parents were going through a nasty divorce," Roberts told the Weekly in an interview on Tuesday. "So I spent my time at school looking for a parent figure, looking for a mentor."

That's when she said she and her friends started spending time during lunch with Stephen Briggs, her math teacher at the time.

"I didn't really feel too safe at home — it was really a destructive environment," Roberts said. "I got an affinity for being able to feel safe and hang out in this classroom."

But as time passed, she said that Briggs, who was in his late-20s at the time and a teacher at Pleasanton Unified School District from 1997 until 2003, started

making her feel more and more uncomfortable.

At first, she dismissed any negative implications because of how highly she thought of Briggs given that she saw him as her mentor.

But the now-35-year-old said that Briggs wasn't her mentor — she alleges that he was just grooming her so that he could rape her in a hotel room during a school-sponsored Disneyland trip. And Roberts now contends PUSD should have done more to protect her, filing a lawsuit at the end of

last year alleging negligence, violation of civil rights and other civil charges for the abuse she suffered some 23 years ago.

When questioned about the lawsuit this week, PUSD director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly, "The District is unable to comment on pending litigation."

Briggs was arrested in 2003 and ultimately convicted of two counts of statutory rape in 2004 for a

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Parents speak out after Sunol trustee wades into other district's debate over books

Resolution fails to advance about how SGUSD officials should represent themselves in public statements

By Christian Trujano

After first-term Sunol Glen School board Trustee Linda Hurley offered public comments at a San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education meeting two months ago during a discussion about that district's book acquisition guidelines and complaint processes, some stakeholders in small-town Sunol were left scratching their heads.

The meeting in Danville on Feb. 21, which had around 30 public speakers in attendance, garnered local media attention as several parents spoke out against "Gender Queer", a 2019 graphic memoir by Maia Kobabe, being made available to students in a school's library. The book, which is centered around the author — who identified as asexual and non-binary as an adult — coming out to friends and family, has come under scrutiny in several school districts across the nation for its blunt illustrations of some explicit sex acts.

"One would hope that those who are screening and recommending instructional material would reflect healthy uplifting values, but sadly this is not the case," Hurley said to the San Ramon Valley school board. "Providing graphic pictures and instructions on how to have anal sex is plain and simple pornography."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
First-year Sunol Glen Unified School District Trustee Linda Hurley.

But it was her next few statements to the other district's school board that really concerned dozens of Sunol residents in the following weeks.

"Why would we subject our children to this?" Hurley asked. "We are elected trustees because our electorate put their trust in us to protect their children and make wise decisions on the curriculum used to teach their children. Do you not realize this harmful material can subject our children to a lifetime addiction of porn?"

"We have the ability and responsibility to defend our children at all ages, from these assaults," she added. "Our school has a parent committee that will review all materials and I personally will be reading as many of them as I can

to make sure they are suitable for our children. We should be jealously guarding the innocence of our children and hope that you will be too."

Those were the statements that sparked outrage from several Sunol Glen School parents who spoke at last week's Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting.

"As a parent of two longtime students at Sunol Glen, I am deeply troubled by recent comments made by school board member Linda Hurley at a discussion surrounding the removal and censoring of books from school libraries under the guise of protecting children," Sunol resident Anna Berns said.

Berns, who read off a statement that was written by her husband and represented nine other Sunol parents who shared the same views, told the Sunol board that the comments Hurley made were "hysterical nonsense" and that someone who is directly involved in children's education should know better.

"As a parent, I simply will not stand for censorship for the banning of books and a blatant attempt to push some misguided exclusionary ideology," Berns said. "I can only assume that when a Sunol Glen School board member

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DA Price seeks to disqualify judge

Wants McCannon off criminal cases after nixing plea deal

By Keith Burbank / BCN

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price is seeking to have a judge disqualified from hearing any criminal case her office prosecutes, Price said in a YouTube video last week.

Price is seeking to disqualify Alameda County Superior Court Judge Mark McCannon, saying he has made inappropriate comments or behaved inappropriately on two occasions.

Price did not say exactly what McCannon said or did on those occasions.

McCannon "overstepped his boundaries as a judicial officer and has created a firestorm of prejudicial comments that do not, in my view, serve justice," Price said in the video on April 5.

McCannon is presiding over a case involving defendant Delonzo Logwood, who is accused of killing three people when he was 18 years old.

Price sought a 15-year sentence for Logwood, a plea deal that McCannon would not accept.

Price and defense attorneys on April 5 sought to disqualify McCannon from the Logwood case. McCannon denied both motions.

McCannon wrote in an order

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Green Elementary educator Avila named Dublin's Teacher of the Year

'All you want as a teacher is to see your students succeed'

By NICOLE GONZALES

The Dublin Unified School District recently honored John Green Elementary School's Chelsie Avila as the district's 2023 Teacher of the Year.

Avila began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher at Green Elementary five years ago. According to school staff, she is known to educate with compassion, creativity and motivation.

"It's been an incredible experience. Knowing that I have been recognized not only by my school but also the district as a whole, I feel incredibly honored," Avila told the Weekly about being named Teacher of the Year. "It's a peer-nominated award, so that was even more meaningful for me to know my colleagues supported me in that way."

Given that teaching is a career that requires an intense amount of patience, skill and knowledge, Avila expressed dedication for her job, students and parents.

"Teaching is my passion, it's about inspiring and educating the next generation of young students and making sure they receive the highest quality education they possibly can," Avila said. "All you want as a teacher is to see your students succeed."

"I first started here at (Green Elementary). It hasn't been the easiest being a teacher in the last few years but it has been absolutely worth it



Chelsie Avila



Green Elementary kindergarten teacher Chelsie Avila is surprised with flowers while being presented with her Teacher of the Year award.

for the kids and to see their growth," Avila added.

DUSD's Teacher of the Year awards aim to provide recognition for educators and employees across all 12

school sites at elementary, middle and high school levels. The certified educators were nominated by fellow staff members for consideration, with one recipient chosen for each school

site and Avila ultimately selected for the districtwide award.

In a press release issued by DUSD officials, Avila was described as "an exceptional and dedicated teacher who focuses on the youngest, and the most vulnerable students in our community."

"Every day she is there to accept and appreciate each student's special abilities and is always focused on creating an equitable learning program. Not only is she a great educator for her students, but also a great team leader for her teacher assistants and colleagues," officials added.

District officials have noted that Avila will now advance to the Alameda County Office of Education for the department's own Teacher of the Year competition. Last year, Dublin High School English and Freshman Mentor Program teacher Ramany Kaplan earned countywide Teacher of the Year.

The district serves over 12,000 students in grades pre-K through 12 and conducts Teacher of the Year awards every spring. ■

Library to close temporarily for final phase of roof project

Construction workers will use four-week shutdown to replace roofline windows

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Public Library will be closed for almost a full month starting next week in order to finish the final phase of the roof replacement project, according to a city press release.

The closure will run from next Monday (April 17) to May 15 so that construction workers can change out the building's old roofline windows to new energy-efficient windows now that the roof has been completely replaced, according to city officials.

"Preparatory construction will begin on April 10 with the removal of the roofline windows," the press

release states. "The library will remain open the week of April 10 but some areas directly beneath the windows will be closed, limiting access to some library materials and resources."

The project, which was meant to address water leaking, was a priority project on the City Council capital improvement program's list, which identified projects in the city to allocate funding toward repairs.

According to a city work plan, the library's roof was described as "being past its useful life and in need of replacing due to its age and condition." After the city's Library Commission recommended the improvements, the council

approved the funding during its midterm operating budget review last June.

The final construction bid to repair the roof approximately cost \$525,000 — which was much lower originally estimated at \$2.7 million. The project had first broke ground last August.

"We anticipate some of the finishing work to continue after May 15 as construction wraps on the project," Nick Binzoni, the city's community and public relations coordinator, told the Weekly. "Although additional work will be done, the library will be fully reopened to the public during this time."

Apart from replacing the roof, the project also included 35,900 square feet of new concrete roof tiles and 2,000 square feet of membrane roofing to provide an extra layer of protection against water leaks.

Residents will still be able to access library materials during the temporary closure, through the library's Sidewalk Service. Similar to pandemic times, people will have to call in their orders 30 minutes ahead of time so that library staff can check out the books and place them on tables outside of the library.

The Sidewalk Service hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Mondays

to Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Those are also times when library staff will be available over the phone or email for any additional assistance.

Library users will have the option to return materials using the book drop located next to the library's main doors or they can hold onto their materials until the library reopens, according to the press release.

As for other resources and programs, the Book Club, Film Club and Coding Club will all continue to meet online while Storytimes will be hosted at the city's Cultural Arts Center on Black Avenue. ■

Dublin council to debate land donation for Sunflower Hill housing

Would help clear way for residential complex for adults with special needs

By NICOLE GONZALES

The Dublin City Council is set to vote next week on a proposed land donation that would support the development project to offer secure affordable housing units for adults with disabilities.

Known as Croak Ranch, the proposed development would feature 22 designated units for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The community would act as a safe, affordable housing community for people with varying disabilities, such as autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy or others, according to Sunflower Hill, which is leading that part of the development.

Located on the corner of Croak Road and Central Parkway, the project belongs to a larger development consisting 573 residential units in six neighborhoods that was previously approved by the council, including a 77-unit affordable housing component with 22 units set aside to serve adults with developmental disabilities.

The special needs housing component of the project is spearheaded by Sunflower Hill, a nonprofit organization that partners with developers and local governments to create housing opportunities for adults with disabilities. The group runs an existing Tri-Valley location in the Irby Ranch neighborhood of

Pleasanton, and one other housing community based in Lafayette.

The nonprofit is seeking to create a third community space for adults with developmental disabilities, this time in partnership with Trumark Homes and Eden Housing in Dublin.

Sunflower Hill Executive Director Jen Lenard-Benson spoke to the Weekly regarding the housing project and its community impact.

"In Dublin, roughly 395 residents have been diagnosed with a developmental disability. Most adults with I/DD live with their parents or family members, and they are aging," said Lenard-Benson. "We need affordable housing options

in Dublin for adults with I/DD so they can live independently and stay in the community where they've grown up, where they attend day programs, where they work or volunteer or go to school."

"Croak Ranch will provide that opportunity for 22 adults in Dublin, and Sunflower Hill will provide enrichment activities to build life and social skills, as well, to establish a sense of community for residents," Lenard-Benson added.

The City Council is set to discuss and vote on the proposed project during its meeting next Tuesday (April 18) at the Dublin Civic Center. Approval of the land donation would enact further

funding and development for the project.

Sunflower Hill has been encouraging residents to extend their support for the project before the meeting takes place.

"To help support Sunflower Hill and our partners in this endeavor and be sure the land is donated to the Croak Ranch project, you can send an email (council@dublin.ca.gov) to the Dublin City Council, or share your comments at the meeting (via Zoom or in person)," Lenard-Benson said.

"This will be a start for the funding required for the project," she said. "Let's move this project forward and see more affordable housing for adults with I/DD in the Tri-Valley."

The council's staff report, revealing the city administration's recommendation on the project, had not been released publicly as of Wednesday morning. ■

Schedule changes coming for Wheels routes

Service for Rapid Route 10R to be restored to pre-pandemic frequency

By JEANITA LYMAN

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority has announced changes to three Wheels bus routes that go into effect Monday (April 17), including increasing one Rapid route back to its pre-pandemic pace.

Routes 14 and 15 will see slight schedule changes to weekday service, with a new timetable for the

two routes released by the transit agency this week. The schedule changes for the two routes are aimed at increasing transfer options to the third route that will see schedule changes, the Rapid Route 10R.

“The most significant change is that Route 10R buses will again operate every 15 minutes from approximately 6:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, restoring

the frequencies to pre-pandemic levels,” LAVTA officials said in a statement on April 7. “The slight schedule changes to some trips on Routes 14 and 15 are being made to optimize transfer opportunities from these routes to the west-bound Route 10R at the Livermore Transit Center.”

Rapid Route 10R provides service throughout the southern portion of the Tri-Valley, with stops

at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, Downtown Pleasanton, the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) Station in Pleasanton and the Livermore Transit Center.

Routes 14 and 15 also stop at the Livermore Transit Center, which serves as a transfer point between the two regular routes and Rapid Route 10R.

Route 14 provides local service between Pleasanton and

Livermore, with numerous stops along the route between and within the two cities. Route 15 provides services throughout downtown Livermore and the Springtown neighborhood.

The upcoming schedule changes will only affect weekday service on the three routes, with weekend schedules remaining the same. Learn more at wheelsbus.com/routes-and-schedules. ■

LAWSUIT

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case involving another Pleasanton student. Attempts to locate Briggs or clarify his whereabouts for comment about the allegations in the lawsuit were unsuccessful this week.

“I was alone in my room for a small period of time,” Roberts said. “I don’t know how he knew I was alone ... and so he came into the room and basically told me to be quiet, not say a word. Then he molested and raped me and threatened that if I ever did say anything, it would look like it was my fault and nobody would believe me.”

And because Roberts said she believed her teacher’s threat, that’s what she did for 23 years — she never said anything about and basically deleted the memory.

But Roberts said that her sister saw a change in Roberts ever since that day.

“When I was in sixth grade, she knew something had happened to me,” Roberts said regarding her sister. “She knew I turned into a different person. After it happened, I became very secretive. I became very shy.”

Then, her sister found out that in 2003 another 15-year-old girl who had attended Harvest Park came forward and reported to authorities that Briggs had molested and raped her as well.

Briggs was criminally prosecuted but accepted a plea deal before trial, admitting to two counts of statutory rape in exchange for the nine other felony counts being dropped and no jail time, according to an article from the Weekly in July 2004. He received five years probation and had to surrender his California teaching credential.

Despite the guilty plea in court, Briggs — a married father of two young children at the time — maintained his innocence but wanted to avoid the embarrassment of a trial for his family, his lawyer said in 2004.

“The ‘Alford’ plea is a statement to the court that although he is not guilty of the charges, he entered the guilty plea freely and voluntarily in an effort to spare

his family further grief and to avoid the potential for negative consequences,” defense attorney Elizabeth Grossman said on behalf of her then-client in 2004 — referring to precedent set by the U.S. Supreme Court 1970 case of North Carolina vs. Alford.

“One of the tragedies of this whole case is he was an extremely gifted and generous teacher,” Grossman told the Weekly in 2004. “It’s a great loss.”

After she saw news coverage of Briggs’ arrest, Roberts said she broke down and told her sister everything.

“I couldn’t hold it back anymore,” Roberts said. “I don’t know how I did for so long but it just kind of came out without me thinking about it.”

But rather than filing a lawsuit against Briggs, Roberts and her attorney, Jessica Dayton, wanted to take a different approach to get justice — go after the institution.

And that’s what they did when they filed a lawsuit seeking damages against the PUSD on Dec. 30, accusing the district of negligence; negligent hiring, retention and supervision; child sexual abuse; sexual harassment; violating her civil rights; and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

One of the main reasons Roberts was able to file this lawsuit was Assembly Bill 218, a law that was signed by then-Gov. Jerry Brown in 2019 that extended the statute of limitations for child sexual assault crimes.

The new law allowed victims to file civil lawsuits within three years of the date they discover their psychological injuries were caused by sexual abuse — the deadline for that window closed on Dec. 31, 2022, regardless of the age of the victim or how long ago the assault took place.

“The criminal process took care of — or was designed to take care of — the criminal aspect of what Briggs did,” said Dayton, who primarily represents victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

“But now, victims have a chance to hold the school accountable for what they did and what they did was allow this abuse to happen,”

Dayton added. “They fostered an environment where it was ripe to happen and then they actively, in this case, had someone come forward and they actively turned a blind eye to it. So that is the purpose of this case.”

The blind eye situation the attorney referred to was when Roberts first began feeling uncomfortable with Briggs before the school Disneyland trip in March 2000.

In the lawsuit, Roberts states that she went to her principal at the time, Jim Hansen, to report Briggs’ inappropriate conduct. Roberts claims that before he raped her, Briggs would often find different ways to touch her by “accidentally brushing against her and touching her body or touching her hair.”

“(Briggs) was the all-star teacher,” she said. “He had built himself a reputation for being the cool teacher ... and when I expressed myself, I was basically completely shot down and told perhaps I was over-exaggerating, or that he was really just a nice guy and it wasn’t intended to be harmful.”

Roberts said that with her speaking out she hopes more women will come out and share their stories — which has already happened with one former student since Roberts’ lawsuit became public, Kristin Florian.

Florian told the Weekly she was the 15-year-old who originally spoke out against Briggs in 2003, which led him to being convicted and fired from the school.

Another athlete who played soccer at the time and also spent lunchtime at Briggs’ class, Florian said her experiences were almost identical to Roberts, except for when she said Briggs would take her for lunch off campus and would even show up to some of her soccer games on the weekend.

“I never reached out to anyone though, during that time,” Florian said, mentioning that she didn’t go to the principal like Roberts reportedly did. “I had a similar experience of (Briggs) saying that no one would believe me.”

But when Florian confided in an adult during her sophomore year of high school who told her parents and got the ball rolling on

criminally prosecuting Briggs, she thought that was the end of it.

It wasn’t until last year that Roberts’ sister somehow found out that the person being referenced in the 2004 articles on Briggs’ conviction was Florian — Florian was underage at the time, which is why her name wasn’t mentioned publicly.

And while at first Florian said she was confused as to why Roberts’ legal team was pushing to sue the district rather than go after Briggs again, given his rather lenient punishment, she began understanding why she needed to support the case.

“I’ve thought that I was the only person that this happened to for 20 years now,” Florian said. “Then (Roberts) comes forward and especially with it happening at the same time my thought is, we can’t be the only people. So I also just want to really encourage and just make a really safe space for anyone who feels like they want to come forward ... to start that healing process for them.”

Dayton added to that saying that she sees the lawsuit as an opportunity to not only hold educational institutions accountable in how they respond to possible victims of sexual misconduct, but it’s also a way to educate people about the dangers of child grooming.

“This is two stories and they were mirrors of each other and that should not have gone unnoticed,”

she said. “So the way to make an impact, the way to affect change, the way to tell these victims, and the likely other victims, that what happened to them was wrong and didn’t need to happen and shouldn’t have happened is through a lawsuit against the system as opposed to the individual.”

According to court documents from the district’s defense attorneys, the district is challenging the lawsuit by filing what is known as a demurrer, which aims to dismiss the case by questioning the constitutionality of the three-year statute of limitations window granted under AB 218. The bill, passed in 2019, increased the amount of time victims of childhood sexual abuse have to file a lawsuit.

According to Dayton, she has seen these types of challenges before and said that “it’s a game that defenses have tried multiple other times and never succeeded with, but it’s a hoop that we need to jump through.”

“I just literally was in court yesterday arguing it in another case that happens to have the same opposing counsel, and they tried it in another case,” she said. “Thousands of survivors have filed lawsuits under this window, under this opportunity to file and no court has found the law to be unconstitutional.”

The hearing for the district’s demurrer will be on July 12, Dayton said. ■

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Webinar to highlight 'The Unseen Opportunity in Women's Health'

Startup Tri-Valley, venture capital firm Avestria to host virtual event

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Startup Tri-Valley is teaming up with women-led venture capital firm Avestria to present a virtual talk about innovations in women's health and opportunities to support them.

The April 25 event titled "The Unseen Opportunity in Women's Health" will feature remarks from Linda Greub, co-founder/managing partner of Avestria Ventures, and Yolanda Fintschenko, executive director of i-GATE Innovation Hub & Startup Tri-Valley, followed by a "fireside chat" with Tracy Dooley, a partner at Avestria Ventures and Neil Ray, founder and CEO of San Ramon-based Raydiant Oximetry.

Raydiant Oximetry is one of the companies focusing on advancing women's health that Avestria invests in. The company specializes in developing a safe, noninvasive fetal pulse oximeter that measures fetal oxygen

levels, allowing health care providers to make better-informed decisions and provide improved patient care.

According to Ray — an anesthesiologist by trade — the current technology used to measure fetal health has existed for 60 years and has seen very little innovation in that time. "Ultimately, this technology has the accuracy of a coin toss in predicting fetal distress," Ray said in an interview with Livermore Vine.

He added that many of the false alarms predicted by the current technology result in unnecessary cesarean procedures. Another consequence of the poor functionality of the current technology, according to Ray, is that it fails to identify babies in distress which leads to many of them developing brain injuries and cerebral palsy.

Ray said his company's technology, called Lumerah, has already been proven effective in a small

clinical trial and they are currently raising Series B funding to conduct a larger clinical study, which would be used for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The idea to host a webinar focused on innovation in women's health was sparked by a Startup Tri-Valley podcast episode that featured Greub and Dooley who discussed Raydiant Oximetry's work and the overall need to bring women's health to the forefront.

"I think through these conversations there's been this realization that we need to celebrate and highlight this innovation and the lack of innovation in this space," Ray said.

Fintschenko — who is also one of three newly appointed Livermore planning commissioners — said that in her work with Startup Tri-Valley, what especially attracted her to Avestria is that they've recognized that the unseen opportunities in

women's health make it a profitable market.

"Side-by-side there's the injustice in women's health being so ignored from a funding and technical perspective and at the same time they've seen something that other people haven't seen. They've seen the unmet need and they recognize from a business standpoint that this is an incredibly good business decision," Fintschenko said of Avestria.

"I feel like a lot of times when we talk about meeting an underserved community, the appeal is to justice. And I'm not saying we shouldn't work to create a more equitable and just world but at the same time, what I think is so important about Avestria and their thesis is that it's profitable," she added.

According to statistics shared in the event description, "Women's health is a market that is hiding in plain sight of investors. Women

are 80% of the health care workforce, make 80% of household health care decisions and spend 29% more per-capita on health care than men — yet only 4% of all (Research & Development) goes specifically to their health care products and needs and only about 1% of all venture capital healthcare funding goes to women's health."

In addition to highlighting Raydiant's work to exemplify a successful innovation in women's health, the webinar will address how health care practice and life science has defaulted to men — to the detriment of women and their health — and how stakeholders can start improving women's health today.

It will also cover what investors focus on women's health and what spaces and innovations they find exciting as well as what startups looking to innovate in the women's health space should look for in terms of attracting investors, getting funding and avoiding common pitfalls and challenges.

The event is set for April 25 from 11 a.m. to noon and is free with registration. To register, visit startuptrivalley.org. ■

PRICE

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denying the motions that he could not tell which of two sections of the California Code of Civil Procedure that Price was seeking to disqualify him under. He addressed both.

He said the challenge under

Section 170.6, which would disqualify him for prejudice, was filed too late. The challenge under Section 170.1 sought to disqualify him because he may be biased.

McCannon wrote that Price needs to set "out the facts that support the disqualification" from the case. He said Price's "request is completely

devoid of facts that support the request for disqualification."

Price merely "stated conclusions in support of the disqualification request," McCannon wrote. Conclusions "are insufficient," McCannon's order said.

McCannon set a date of April 17 for the trial for Logwood to begin.

Price is a former civil rights attorney, and she is seeking to change the criminal justice system, she has said. Numerous attorneys in her office have reportedly left or been forced to leave since she took office after being elected in November.

McCannon, through the court's

executive office, did not respond last week to a request for comment on the effort to disqualify him from any criminal case Price's office prosecutes.

Price's office did not immediately respond to a request to interview her or a member of her staff for this story. ■

SUNOL

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begins to raise such possibilities in public, that they have nothing less than that in mind for our school."

That's why Sunol Glen Trustee Peter "Ted" Romo said he authored a resolution, which he presented to the rest of the three-member board during their meeting on April 4, that was meant to clarify how board members present their views in situations such as other school board meetings. Both Romo and Hurley were elected in November to the board overseeing the small district that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the unincorporated community south of Pleasanton.

Romo said that the resolution was meant to serve as a clarifying document to help board members comply with the existing requirements under the district's bylaws and included recommendations on how to do so for the board members.

He also said that the resolution would help board members from making false statements such as the one Hurley made about a parent committee that reviews books, which he confirmed did not exist.

The bylaws that he referred to state that "all public statements authorized to be made on behalf of the

board shall be made by the board president or if appropriate by the superintendent/principal or designee or other designated representative."

"Our district bylaws state that when speaking to community groups, members of the public or the media, individual board members should recognize that their statements may be perceived as reflecting the views and positions of the board," Erin Choin, a parent of two Sunol Glen School students, told the board as she read from a statement that was supported by 41 Sunol parents.

"Board members have a responsibility to identify their personal viewpoints as such and not the viewpoint of the board," Choin added.

Romo said that the resolution was drafted with the intention to make that point clear to board members.

Constance Degrange, a member of the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council, was one of the residents who supported the resolution after she said she went to an award ceremony at the State Capitol and met with Assembly members who knew about Hurley's comments.

"People were talking to each other before the meeting and they were saying 'Where are you from ... and I said Sunol. It was a hushed silence,' Degrange said. "I realized what an impact it has all across the state

and how it reflects on us and how embarrassed I was being there and having to explain that the people of Sunol don't support that."

She said the resolution would have been the first step in rectifying Hurley's mistake of making those comments.

But while there were many who agreed with the resolution and defended the idea of not removing books like "Gender Queer" in schools, there were as many parents on April 4 who defended Hurley and called everyone who spoke against her actions a "bullying mob".

"I think there's a lot of hearsay going on," Sunol resident Debbie Ferrari said. "If this is a concern, get the actual books, read and have a discussion. But to have this mob bullying Linda, I mean, it's really disheartening."

Ferrari said what a lot of other residents echoed that evening which was: the book in question is not age appropriate and should not be made available to children.

And for parents like David Selinger, he went as far to say that he even agreed with Hurley's viewpoint. However, he said that those decisions shouldn't be up to the school, it should fall on the parent.

"I do not want my daughter to learn how to perform anal sex in the school curriculum. But I want that

to be my choice for my daughter, not Mrs. Hurley's, not anyone else's," he said.

Another point of view that was applauded at the meeting came from James Lowder, who said that the resolution was pointless because Sunol isn't even talking about removing books and that Hurley's comments, which he listened to, didn't come across as her speaking as a member of the Sunol school community.

"Whether I agree or I don't agree with what she's saying, I think she has a right to her opinion and she has a right to voice it," said Lowder, who was a candidate who lost in the school board race last fall. "I don't believe she was acting in that manner and I think that this resolution, while it may or may not be needed, it's totally punitive."

Hurley doubled down on that point when she was allowed to speak after public comments saying that when she used the words "we" in her comments, she was only referring to herself as an individual and the San Ramon Valley school board.

"I was trying to touch with them ... that our electorate — meaning their electorate and my electorate — put their trust in us to protect their children and make wise decisions to teach their children," she said. "I had never, at any point, stated that I was representing (Sunol)." ■

POLICE BULLETIN

BART Police Chief Alvarez retiring after four years at helm

BART Police Chief Ed Alvarez announced last week that he will retire from the agency's Police Department next month after four years leading the office.

Alvarez confirmed he will retire May 1. He was first named BART's interim police chief in April 2019 and was subsequently appointed as the permanent chief in January 2020.



Ed Alvarez

Alvarez has served within the BART Police Department for more than 25 years in total.

"It's been the greatest honor of my career to lead the people of the BART Police Department for the last four years as we've welcomed the Bay Area back to transit in the wake of the pandemic," Alvarez said in a statement.

During his time as police chief, Alvarez has overseen the launch of BART's Transit Ambassadors program, a group of unarmed police personnel who help those dealing

with mental and physical health crises aboard BART trains.

BART police also recently expanded its uniformed police presence aboard trains throughout the system in an effort to make riders feel safer.

Since Alvarez has overseen the department, BART police have also worked with the University of California, Los Angeles' Center for Policing Equity to make policing less aggressive by eliminating from the BART police policy manual the use of carotid restraints and chokeholds as well as the term "excited delirium," which has been used mostly by law enforcement as the cause of deaths in police custody, especially among those who are physically restrained.

"I'm proud of all the work we've done as we've strived together to make BART PD one of the most progressive and community-oriented police departments in the nation," Alvarez said.

Alvarez will be succeeded on an interim basis by Deputy Chief Kevin Franklin, who currently leads the BART Police Department's Operations Division. Franklin has served with the BART Police Department since 1996 and previously served as BART's manager of security programs from 2011 to 2018.

—Eli Walsh, Bay City News

In other news

- A former warden of a women's prison in Dublin was sentenced last month in federal court in Oakland to nearly six years in prison following his conviction on sex-related crimes.

Ray Garcia, 55, of Merced, was sentenced to 70 months in prison after being convicted Dec. 8 for sexually abusive conduct against three inmates and for lying to federal agents, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Garcia was the warden of the Federal Correctional Institute Dublin, a low-security all-women's prison.

Garcia was convicted of sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact with one victim and abusive sexual contact with two others between December 2019 and July 2021, federal prosecutors said.

Garcia was also convicted of making false statements to government agents on July 22, 2021. He also lied at trial. But at the sentencing on March 22, for the first time he took responsibility for his actions.

"I placed myself in this situation," Garcia told U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, who handed down the sentence at the federal courthouse on Clay Street in Oakland. "I didn't show strength, discipline or character."

He commended the women for coming forward and said he hasn't

PET OF THE WEEK



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Meet Hank

Hank is a super cute and fun companion — a nice, medium-sized, young adult Terrier mix who weighs 22 pounds. He's active, walks on a leash, loves to play fetch and would make a nice hiking buddy. Hank is doing great in his foster home with other dogs and cats. He will need a home with a yard, and an active family who has experience with dogs and who will provide regular exercise and training. He's available through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue; tvar.org.

earned the right to call the victims by their first names. "I couldn't be more ashamed," Garcia said.

Gonzalez Rogers weighed heavily that Garcia finally took responsibility. The judge cited similar cases in which offenders received 80 or even 100 months in custody. James Highhouse, the former chaplain at the women's prison in Dublin, received 84 months,

Gonzalez Rogers said.

"It was a critical, important step," the judge said about Garcia's decision to accept responsibility.

Garcia waived his right to an appeal. He must appear May 19 to enter custody and he must pay restitution of \$15,000 for therapy for his victims. Following his prison term, he must register as a sex offender. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 7

Trespassing/prowling

■ 10:45 a.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

■ 5:14 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:27 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 10:38 p.m. on Corte Salcedo

April 6

Theft

■ 12:33 p.m., 4200 block of Tamara Court; catalytic converter theft

■ 1:41 p.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

■ 4:25 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 7:28 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

■ 9:00 p.m. on the 4400 block of Yuma Court

April 5

Burglary

■ 11:26 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

Theft

■ 11:37 a.m. on the 4900 block of Hopyard Road

■ 2:32 p.m., 700 block of Bonita Avenue; theft from auto

■ 3:43 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 2:40 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

April 4

Theft

■ 8:56 a.m., 700 block of East Angela Street; catalytic converter theft

■ 9:04 a.m., 900 block of Madeira Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 10:34 a.m., 900 block of Madeira Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 1:33 p.m. on the 1100 block of Kottinger Drive

■ 3:24 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 6:11 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Embezzlement

■ 12:54 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Warrant arrest

■ 5:44 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Sunol Boulevard

■ 10:30 p.m. at First and Spring streets

April 3

Assault/battery

■ 12:39 a.m. on the 5100 block of Golden Road

Warrant arrest

■ 3:18 a.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

■ 8:34 a.m. on the 5200 block of Case Avenue; auto theft

■ 2:28 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

■ 6:56 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

■ 2:28 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

■ 4:32 p.m. on the 3700 block of Fairlands Drive

■ 4:51 p.m. on the 1900 block of Buckeye Court

April 2

Burglary

■ 12:47 a.m. on the 1800 block of Paseo Del Cajon

■ 1:55 p.m. on the 1600 block of Paseo Del Cajon

Shoplifting

■ 6:04 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 7:31 p.m. on the 1000 block of Pineto Place

April 1

Burglary

■ 10 a.m. on the 1600 block of East Gate Way

■ 8:10 p.m. on the 2600 block of Calle Morelia

■ 10:13 p.m. on the 5800 block of Black Avenue

Shoplifting

■ 1:11 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

■ 4:42 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

March 31

Alcohol violation

■ 4:07 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Trespassing/prowling

■ 4:37 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

■ 9:06 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 9:19 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

■ 1:52 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

■ 8:05 p.m. on the 1300 block of Benedict Court

■ 8:38 p.m. on the 900 block of Pamela Place

■ 9:12 p.m. on the 2600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Fraud

■ 2:01 p.m. on the 4500 block of Mohr Avenue

Stephen Roberts

October 2, 1951 – March 30, 2023

Stephen Roberts, 71, of Pleasanton, CA passed away peacefully on March 30. Stephen was a kind, loving soul who loved singing in choirs, played basketball, loved the Warriors and 49ers as well as the U of A Wildcats. He also loved cars and trains and enjoyed listening to a wide variety of music, walking, gardening, running, lifting weights, and greeting others with his gentle hello wherever he went. On daily walks, he even looked forward to greeting the neighborhood animals which always came running to him.



Stephen comes from a large family and is survived by his wife Rebecca, his son Chad (Tina), His daughter Michelle (Dave) and his two grandsons Makai and Neiko, his brothers and sisters Diana (Jim), Danny, Vernon (Marge), Ron (Debbie), Suzette (David), Laura, John (Jodi), as well as his mother-in-law Nancy and brothers-in-law Glen (Rita, James, and Matthew), and Douglas, and several nieces and nephews.

Stephen was preceded in death by his father Daniel Paul Roberts and his mother Dorothy Marie Roberts.

Stephen was born in Bloomington, Indiana. As a young boy, the family moved to Tucson, Arizona where he went to school and graduated from Palo Verde High School and later attended some years at Simpson University. He worked in the family roofing business and later served in the US Navy for two years. In the 1980's, Stephen was hired on with Bank of America as a technician and moved to Livermore, CA and retired in 2017.

Stephen was a beautiful Christian man who attended and served churches all his life. He started going to Trinity Baptist church in the late 1990s where he met his future wife, Rebecca. They were married over 20 years and lived in Pleasanton, CA. Stephen was a loving husband and made their house a home.

Thank you to pastors, friends, and families for your phone calls, prayers, and visits as well as to the staff at Bethany Homes in Livermore, Kaiser, and Hope Hospice as Stephen peacefully entered into heaven.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023 at New Beginnings Church, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore, CA, 11 a.m.

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way. We encourage parents and students to explore the camps and discover the opportunities that await them.

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A message from our Publisher, Gina Channell Wilcox



Gina Channell Wilcox
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

I'm Gina Channell Wilcox and I've been with Embarcadero Media Group since 2006, when I was hired as the president and publisher of the East Bay Division. At that time, the division reported on only Pleasanton and Danville. Now, with a smaller staff, we cover Tri-Valley communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville.

While I wear many hats in my position, I'm a journalist at heart. My passion is connecting people to their community and each other, providing useful information and being a catalyst for change.

My colleagues and I are committed to reporting the truth, like when false accusations were lodged against a group of cheerleaders and we set the record straight.

We try to explain complex ideas that affect residents, such as why city councils have to plan for more housing even though there is a water crisis and crowded schools and streets.

We shine light on those who use wealth, manipulation and deception for years to thwart plans for a downtown that is supported by almost all residents.

But we also tell stories of compassion and inspiration, like the family that went to Ukraine to help in the first days of the war or the tale of Danville resident Joe Alvarez, a World War II and Korean War veteran who survived his ship being bombed twice. At 98 years old, Joe still dances with his girlfriend and enjoys a beer (or two) while bowling with his friends. Now that's an inspiration!

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PUSD'S ONGOING MAKEOVER

After nearly seven years, most Measure I1 projects have been completed

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO



PUSD

Lydiksen Elementary School principal Jacob Berg cuts the commemorative ribbon in front of the school's newly rebuilt administration office alongside several members of the Board of Trustees and the school community on Dec. 8.

Spring has arrived in the Tri-Valley, which means the Pleasanton Unified School District is getting ready to sell bonds under Measure I — the \$395 million general obligation bond measure passed by voters last November that will go toward funding for school facility upgrades.

But as the district prepares to address key projects under that bond program, such as the construction of new gyms and theaters at both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, it's also timely to take a look at all of the projects recently completed under Measure I1.

It's been nearly seven years since Pleasanton residents passed the \$270 million general obligation bond in November 2016, which was meant to address some of the \$856 million in identified facilities improvement needs estimated at that time.

And despite having faced certain setbacks due to the pandemic, district officials and other residents said that the Measure I1-funded

work done during that time has not only helped create important new buildings and amenities for schools, but it has also set a precedent for how the district will carry out its new Measure I bond.

"I believe after watching the district deploy funds toward projects under I1, I think the district has done a good job," said Arne Olson, chairman of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC).

The CBOC, which was formed after Measure I1 was passed, is an independent oversight committee that "assists in ensuring bond revenues are expended only for the purposes outlined in the bond project list," according to the PUSD website.

"There's a prime contractor who's been working with the district on Measure I1 and he will continue to be the key entity key person going forward with Measure I," said Olson, who is also a former Pleasanton city councilmember. "He's done a terrific job of providing us over time with new data on the projects.

So what exactly has been accomplished over the past seven years?

According to the 2022 district annual report, along with the reports from the previous two years, much of the district received some extreme makeovers.

About 35,000 square feet of new buildings were constructed including new science classroom buildings at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools and at Hart Middle School.

Amador's new buildings, which officially opened for student use on Feb. 15, 2022, includes six standard classrooms, two special education classrooms with support spaces and three science classrooms. The project also included parking and walkway improvements, new fencing and landscaping, and bathrooms within the building.

"My favorite part of that is within that building are two classrooms dedicated to our special education program," said Ahmad Sheikholeslami, assistant superintendent of business services, during a March 9 presentation. "Prior to

this, they were in portables and had to walk over quite a long bit just to access bathrooms."

Foothill's new science building — also known as the career technical education (CTE) building — also received new parking, walkways, fencing and landscaping. The new building consists of three engineering classrooms, two computer labs and two science classrooms where students practice with things like flight simulators, computer hacking programs and much more.

The school has also used matching Measure I1 funds along with a state grant to begin the construction of a second CTE building in that same space, which would store things like 3D printers, laser cutters and other equipment that students use already.

"Before this, we were all scattered around campus and we were all in converted classrooms," Joshua Hill, chair of the CTE department, said during a walkthrough of the new space on March 9.

Hill, who helped write the grant that partially funded the second

CTE building now under construction, said that the whole reason for these new spaces was to give students real-life job experience.

"We didn't want to just make classrooms ... what we wanted was to create a space that replicated what it'd be like for kids to be working," he said.

Students are already taking advantage of these new spaces by turning bicycles into motorcycles and shopping carts into self driving carts.

"It's been an amazing process to design a space like this," Hill said. "The students love being in here, and what we've been able to do already, and what we will be able to do with (the new building), is going to be kind of off the charts."

Hart Middle School also just recently opened its new science building doors to students after not having the adequate classroom or lab space needed to teach.

The overall scope of work for that project included an 8,000-square-foot building with six fully modernized rooms equipped with LED



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Above: Superintendent David Haglund plays a bird's eye perspective video of Lydiksen Elementary's redesign.

Below: The aerospace class at Foothill High recently got a new flight simulator that is housed in the Measure I1-funded CTE building.

lighting, touch-screen televisions and connecting rooms in between each class that serve as lab equipment storage spaces and preparation areas.

But new classrooms were just one part of the \$191 million that the district invested in schools to date using funds from Measure I1.

"We've also expanded in doing some special education modernization projects, water conservation and all the technology — from the fiber to the cable to the Wi-Fi to all the switches — were upgraded under this bond measure," Sheikholeslami said.

According to the annual report, 671 classroom smart display boards were also installed, 25,000 square feet of parking and drop off lanes were constructed and 275 heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems were replaced.

Apart from that, Measure I1 funds helped the district make some severely needed safety and infrastructure improvements such as the 500 new fire alarm devices and the 496 security cameras that were installed and eight of the schools getting new fences to help keep dangerous people from easily entering the schools.

"The new districtwide security system is a step that we needed to take just so the environment is safer for students," Olson said.

There were other significant projects such as the 400,000 square feet of roofing work that Olson said benefited from students not being in school during the pandemic, but one of the projects that has been the most significant is the Lydiksen Elementary School rebuild project.

This \$38 million project, while not yet fully completed, has been in the works since February 2020 and includes a newly opened library, administration office and classrooms. Other features of the project include a new kindergarten classroom building and play structure,



an outdoor lunch area equipped with a massive shade structure and 700 feet added to the drop-off lane loop.

But while Sheikholeslami said that the district leveraged about \$9 million of savings in projects and built a lot of confidence in their ability to be able to deliver on projects, there are still some stakeholders in Pleasanton who are critical of certain issues like the district not following through with building a 10th elementary school, which was listed as a project in Measure I1 and a key campaign point.

Kathleen Ruegsegger, who served on the Pleasanton school board for three years in the early 1990s, told the Weekly that one of the main reasons she voted in favor of Measure I1 in 2016 was because she supported the 10th elementary school plan. She later openly opposed the 2022 Measure I, as well as the \$323 million Measure M from PUSD that failed to clear the 55% voter threshold in the March 2020 primary election.

The district has the \$35 million that was set aside for that project still available. The school board nixed the 10th elementary school project in November 2020 due to lower enrollment and after seeing demographics amid the pandemic that suggested the district wasn't going to have the student population to justify constructing that

new school in north Pleasanton.

But Ruegsegger, while still worried about the possible overpopulation of new families coming into Pleasanton thanks to new housing development projects, said her main concern was how the district plans on using that surplus bond money.

"I am still concerned about the \$35 million, because the promise was if there wasn't going to be an elementary school, they would not bond those funds," she said. "My sense is that they are holding out and will bond the funds and not build an elementary school."

And even though she said that she does support and appreciate all of the other projects that have been completed up until now — excluding the fencing projects, which don't allow residents to access things like playgrounds on weekends — she said her main problem with the last bond and the current bond is spending oversight.

"What I do have a problem with is the language in the bonds and the fact that it's so vague that any project can get approved," Ruegsegger said. "When you talk about the CBOC, the committee that oversees the bonds, they are approving things that are already done ... I wish the state would change the rules, so that it would have to come through the CBOC before they build it, not after they build it." ■



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"Fresh Works" at Firehouse

Juried exhibition featuring recent art returns to Harrington Gallery

By JEREMY WALSH

A familiar sight for art lovers is back inside the Firehouse Arts Center following a pandemic-induced hiatus — the 11th "Fresh Works" juried exhibition.

On display now through June 10 in the Harrington Gallery, the showing is made of up 72 artworks created within the past year by many of the region's most creative artists and selected for the exhibition by juror Ashley L. Voss, owner and director of Voss Gallery in San Francisco.

"This year's 'Fresh Works' group exhibition highlights the wide range and reach of the arts community in the Bay Area and Northern California," Sydney Tang, curator of the Harrington Gallery, told the Weekly. "The exhibition showcases the most current and eye-catching works that artists have produced in recent months."

"The first time hosting the show in two years, the gallery was excited to bring back the exhibition as it has always been an opportunity

to connect artists of all mediums and backgrounds. Hoping to continue the tradition in the years to come, the Harrington Gallery is excited for the return of its annual show," Tang added.

"Fresh Works XI" features works from long-established artists, burgeoning artists and every level in between. Mediums include works of oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel and more.

The exhibition held an opening reception on April 1, which included a showcase of floral ikebana arrangements — inspired by artworks in the show — crafted by practitioners of the Sogetsu school of ikebana, "which is known for its unique and versatile interpretation of plant materials," according to gallery officials.

That same day, the winners of the "Fresh Works XI" awards were revealed. Leading the way was Pleasanton artist Lynda Briggs, who won the top Gary and Nancy Harrington Award for her painting "Round Midnight".

Seven Merit Awards were presented: "Place and Time 3" by Julie Cuy, "Prickly Poppies" by Buffy Davis, "Quiet Strength" by John DeVilliers, "Woman With the Yellow Hat" by Ellen Gust, "Friends 2" by Joie McClements, "Cathedral de Oaxaca" by Daniel San Souci and "Spring Time" by Kaye Strickland.

Honorable Mention recognition went to Karen Barry ("Canada Geese"), Dmitry Grudsky ("Pelican's Crew") and Denise Howard ("Extreme Agave").

The Harrington Gallery, located inside the Firehouse at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton, is free and open to the public on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays



The "Fresh Works XI" exhibition in the Harrington Gallery includes (above) "Cathedral de Oaxaca" by Daniel San Souci, as well as (top) "Round Midnight" by Lynda Briggs, winner of the Gary and Nancy Harrington Award.

and Fridays from 12-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To learn more, visit firehousearts.org/gallery. ■



"Heading Out" by artist Leslie Landers.

Acclaimed actor Jason Alexander to headline Brilliance at the Bankhead

September gala is LVA's biggest fundraiser

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore Valley Arts has unveiled the headliner for this year's Brilliance at the Bankhead fundraising gala: award-winning actor and comedian Jason Alexander.

Best known for portraying George Costanza on the sitcom "Seinfeld" for nine years, Alexander is also a Tony Award and Daytime Emmy Award winner, an accomplished director and a touring performer with his one-man show "As Long As You're Asking: A Conversation with Jason Alexander".

Alexander "will bring comedy

and a whimsical salute to Broadway musicals to the Tri-Valley" during his performance on Sept. 9 at the Brilliance at the Bankhead, which is Livermore Valley Arts' largest fundraising event each year, according to the foundation. He will be accompanied onstage by the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

"Proceeds support activities at both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, as well as the independent nonprofit organization's broad educational and cultural arts outreach activities," LVA officials said.

After breaking into the New York stage acting scene in the early

1980s, Alexander became a regular performer on Broadway throughout the decade, including his Tony-winning lead performance in "Jerome Robbins' Broadway" in 1989.

That same year, the television show that would catapult him to international stardom debuted. Alexander co-starred on "Seinfeld" through 1998, earning seven consecutive Emmy nominations for his performance as George Costanza.

Alexander has made countless appearances on TV, and his notable film work included supporting roles in "Pretty Woman," "Dunston

Checks In" and "Shallow Hal", as well as voice work in Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". He would also earn a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Original Song for "The Bad Guys?" on "Brainwashed by Toons" in 2020.

"Aside from his performances on stage, screen and television, he has worked extensively as a writer, composer, director, producer and teacher of acting," LVA officials said. "In between all this, he has also become an award-winning magician, a notorious poker player, and a respected advocate on social and political issues."

Alexander's appearance at



COURTESY LVA

Jason Alexander will perform at the 2023 Brilliance at the Bankhead.

Brilliance at the Bankhead will mark the ceremonial start of the Bankhead's 2023-24 season. VIP tickets, as well as sponsorship opportunities, are now available for the Sept. 9 gala. To learn more, visit livermorearts.org. ■

By DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Food adventures at the Livermore Downtown Farmers' Market

On Saturday mornings picture me as a homing pigeon landing at the Pleasanton Farmers' Market to taste the top picks of the season. After a rash of wintry storms, I'm impatient for samples of juicy peaches and ripe apricots.

The first article I wrote for the Pleasanton Weekly as a freshly minted journalist was a food-related cover story about the farmers' market for the second edition of the newspaper in February 2000. Along with the fresh produce displays, I emphasized the community atmosphere as shoppers greeted friends while others chatted with vendors.

As the new Tri-Valley Foodist, I unleashed a long-delayed desire to explore the Livermore Downtown

Farmers' Market. Yes, this was new territory for me. Given the inclement weather, I didn't see any friends but schmoozed with producers, saw kids delight in puddles, and found many goodies.

Fortuitously I parked near Second and K streets and promptly experienced cuisine heaven — an entire block of food booths. The Cal Crab Feed stand was busy grilling crab cakes and selling string bags of oysters. I remembered my Mama bringing home bags of Chesapeake Bay oysters from our Delaware farmers' market.

Wisely, I had skipped breakfast. Many shoppers were happily munching burritos and buns. Since dim sum counts as morning food, I bought vegetarian pan-fried dumplings at Papa's Dumpling booth and downed one. At the Starter Bakery booth, I chose Philly soul food, a big soft pretzel. I spied pancit at Mego Kitchen and made a mental note to buy my favorite Filipino mélange of rice noodles on the way back for lunch.

I was delighted to see the Dan Good Cookies booth that used to sell at the Pleasanton market. Owner Dan Floyd gained fame in June 2020 when he distributed free pride flags at the Livermore market in honor of Pride Month. The market manager at the time forbade this "political" action. A viral video of the confrontation and media coverage followed, and the company operating the market resigned.

The following week at the Pleasanton market, I stood in a line with a dozen others to support Floyd

and buy his cookies. Since then, Floyd opened a Livermore store and only sells at the Livermore market where he continues to offer free pride flags in June and LGBTQ flags in October.

After buying Floyd's chocolate gluten free cookies, I wandered the block with growers and other artisanal producers. At the market manager's stand, I learned that Foragers Market group took over the contract to run the market for the Livermore Downtown Association in July 2020, shortly after the flag incident. Since then, the market has grown from around 35 vendors to over 70.

Foragers Market operates five farmers' markets including the new Niles Fremont market and the seasonal Thursday Livermore Market. Opening on April 13, the Thursday Livermore evening market features entertainment and food favorites like Smoke Cellar BBQ and new, local option Wingen Bakery.

Harv Singh, founder of Foragers Markets shared their mission, "We curate an experience for shoppers with a variety of diverse vendors to sell local, healthy, seasonal farm and artisanal food products for our customers."

By now I realized that the Livermore market is larger and hosts many more hot food vendors than the two at the Pleasanton market. With different market management in Pleasanton, few vendors overlap which motivates me to frequent both. Adding to the bounty of options are the Danville, San Ramon and Dublin markets.

Shopping at farmers' markets awakens the visual senses and taste buds in unique ways. At Safeway, I'm not normally served by someone in a Russian wolf fur hat like



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LETTERS

Fundraiser success

The April 1 and 2 "Incredible Edible Plant Sale" at the Pleasanton Senior Center was a tremendous first-step success towards supporting the future 1-1/3 acre educational garden that is planned on the Laguna Creek property in Pleasanton.

This will be the venue for the UC Master Gardeners of Alameda County to demonstrate wise gardening methods, teach successful growing strategies, hold annual plant sales and model sustainable practices.

Raising over \$27,000 from over 800 supporters and dozens of Master

Gardener volunteers (with hundreds of hours of service) the combined efforts validate the interest and support of our community members for a "gardening educational park" in our community.

What's needed now is the written support from community members to the city of Pleasanton and its Parks and Recreation to prioritize and commit to the development of this educational garden. Let's create one more venue to get families outside in nature that will promote healthy, positive lifestyles!

—Gail Myers, Alameda County master gardener and 39-year Pleasanton resident

Rashid Savitri's headgear behind the Hummus Heaven counter. His kale and almond hummus looked good and paired well at home with toasted pita chips.

At Gustine Gourmet Mushrooms, I became acquainted with pink mushrooms and learned they tasted like bacon. Though I knew Lion's Mane mushrooms, co-owner and walking fungi encyclopedist Brayan Badali shared their health benefits such as improving immune function. After weighing my purchase, Badali popped in a few extra pinks, a perk uncommon at, say, Whole Foods.

The next booth, Miss Bee Haven Honey, displayed many products. Though popular CBD honey was temporarily out of stock, the owner's daughter, Jasmine Combs, said customers find the honey helpful to transform stinging pain "into more of a bearable buzz."

Jim Hanson of Hanson Family

Farms sells a wide variety of locally grown, grass-fed meat and sausages. He doesn't join the Thursday Livermore Market because, he said, "It's more entertainment and snacky things like popcorn and potato chips."

Those elements sounded good to me. When I returned to Mego Kitchen, the pancit was sold out. At Dan Good Cookies, I heard a customer's disappointment that the gluten-free were gone, and I offered to sell her mine. She declined. I was happy to have them home until I reached for the last two and discovered my husband had eaten them.

Farmers' market tips: Go early and stock up. ■

Editor's note: "Tri-Valley Foodist" is a new blog for Embarcadero Media by Pleasanton-based culinary writer Deborah Grossman. It debuted this Monday and will be a recurring feature online. Visit www.pleasantonweekly.com/blogs.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- Receive any protests and adopt a resolution to approve the 2023 Weed Abatement Program and authorizing the abatement of weeds, rubbish, dirt or refuse upon or in front of certain described properties within the city of Pleasanton
- Receive presentation and informational report on the 2023 Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment
- Consider adoption of a resolution for the Housing and Human Services Grants and Community Grant Program:
 - a. Approve allocations for Housing and Human Services Grant and Community Grant Program Funds for 2023 grant funding cycle (Fiscal Year 2023/24)
 - b. Approve the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2023/24 for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Livermore for environmental review of the CDBG-funded Tri-Valley Haven Emergency Shelter Rebuild Project
- Adopt a resolution declaring a water shortage due to infrastructure limitations and requesting voluntary 15 percent reduction in water usage

I-680/Sunol Interchange Improvement Project Virtual Open House

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

- This meeting will be held virtually. The link for the meeting will be posted on the Traffic Engineering site at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/traffic/default.asp>
- Project description and overview

Economic Vitality Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.
Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Rd.

- Receive an Overview of the Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan and Provide a Recommendation to the City Council for Adoption

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador softball, baseball shine in spring break tournaments

Girls finish third in Livermore Stampede;
boys 4-0 at Fresno Easter Classic

The Amador Valley girls' softball team had a great spring break, advancing to the Championship Flight of the prestigious Livermore Stampede before finishing third in the 16-team

tournament.

The Dons opened the event on April 6 with a tough 2-0 loss to Benicia, but then rallied on Friday for a 2-1 win over Carondelet.

Amador was led by sophomore

pitcher Lauren Tran, who pitched a complete-game victory with no earned runs and seven strikeouts. Tran also had the game-winning RBI in the final inning.

The big game of the week for Amador came later Friday when Amador faced and beat highly touted Mitty of San Jose, 3-2.

This time it was sophomore pitcher Kaylee Davis who pitched a complete-game victory, only allowing one earned run, while striking out seven. The offense was led by freshman shortstop Mai Falcone who had three hits and senior second-baseman Aleena Helms who drove in three runs.

That sent the Dons to the four-team championship bracket, where they fell in the semifinals to eventual champion Saint Francis.

The loss put Amador in the third-place game where they played East Bay Athletic League rival Livermore, and it was the Dons who came away with the 6-2 win.

Junior pitcher Emily Bull pitched a complete game without giving up an earned run while striking out 10 and surrendering no walks.

Falcone, Davis, sophomore catcher McKenna Charboneau, Bull and senior third-baseman Maddie Neves each had two hits. Charboneau drove in three runs, with Bull plating a pair of runs.

The game was tight at 3-2 until the top of the seventh where the Dons blew it open.

Charboneau hit a booming double to the centerfield fence to drive in an insurance run, then Bull singled to right to drive in a pair, accounting for



TONY WHITWORTH

Matthew Foley celebrates rounding third after hitting the go-ahead home run for Amador Valley in its 4-2 win over Hoover in the Fresno Easter Classic.

the final score.

Amador Valley baseball

The Dons made the trip to the Central Valley to take part in the Fresno Easter Classic and came away with a 4-0 mark.

Amador opened the tournament on April 3 and got going with an 8-0 win over North Clovis.

The next day, the Dons beat Hoover 4-2, then followed with an 8-0 win over Highland in the second game of the day.

In their final game of the tournament the Dons dumped Madera 8-1 to end the perfect week.

Oliver de la Torre was the starting

pitcher in the first game, with Brady Lederer getting the win in the second game. Gavin Haus kept the game going with a win in game three, and Matthew Foley finished off the unbeaten run through the tournament. Foley had the big hit with a go-ahead home run in the tight win over Hoover.

The Amador offense was strong all week, scoring 28 runs, with the pitching staff equally as tough, yielding only three runs. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.

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(2) OTs to assess & treat OT dsrdrs. CA OT Lic. Req'd. Salary: \$98218/Yr (MS), \$83366/Yr (BS). Rqrs MS or BS or foreign equiv & 0-5 yrs exp in rlt'd fld req'd.

Travel req'd thru CA. Apply w/ res & pos. appl'd. to Attn HR, EdTheory LLC, 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Ste 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566. REF: MP23

OTs & SLPs

BMR Health Services Inc (Pleasanton, CA) seeks

1) OTs to dvlp, plan, org, occu thrpy rehab. Salary \$83366/Yr (MS), \$98218/Yr (Bs+ 5 yrs exp).

2) SLPs to assess, treat speech language disorders. Salary \$102482/Yr. Rqrs MS/BS or Frgn Equv &/or 0 to 5 yrs exp in the rlt'd fld.

CA RPE/Full License, Trvl req'd. Resume to BMR Health Services, Inc, 7041 Koll Center Parkway, Ste 210, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Senior Software Engineer

Senior Software Engineer – Microservices (Mineral Inc.; Pleasanton, CA): Analyze product roadmap & gather all requirements to formulate appropriate architecture required to provide system functionality. Salary range: \$183,310-\$205,000. Telecommuting from anywhere in the USA permitted. Send resume to careers@trustmineral.com Req. 23-EngSM.



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TAKE US ALONG



Opening Day in the Bronx: The Crawford family from Pleasanton celebrated MLB Opening Day 2023 as a family. San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford was playing against his brother-in-law, New York Yankees starting pitcher Gerrit Cole. Other Crawfords in the picture at Yankee Stadium are Lynn, Jenna, Kaitlin (Medeiros) and Amy (Cole), and their families.

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

Entertainment

JOHN OATES AT THE BANKHEAD Join for an evening of acoustic music and storytelling with John Oates, one half of the best-selling duo of all time, Hall & Oates, as well as an accomplished solo artist. 8 p.m., April 14. Tickets \$65-\$95. Visit livermorearts.org.

SONGS OF THE EAGLES One of These Nights-Songs of The Eagles returns to The Bankhead, brilliantly re-creating the harmonic sounds of the legendary Eagles. 8 p.m., April 15. Tickets \$38-\$58. Visit livermorearts.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH NIKOLA TESLA He was a scientist who was forgotten by history, yet his discoveries transformed the landscape of human evolution. His dream was to provide unlimited free energy to the world. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 18. Tickets \$15-\$25. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

LAS POSITAS SPRING CHOIR CONCERT The Las Positas College Music Department announces a concert series which includes the Spring Choir Concert. 7 p.m., April 20. Tickets \$5-\$15. Visit laspositascollege.edu/music/events.php.

SUSAN TONKIN AT THE FIREHOUSE Bay Area stage actress and vocalist Susan Tonkin debuts her cabaret show at the Firehouse Arts Center. Experience jazz and theater standards as Susan recounts her experiences as “That Tall Blond at the Callback”. 8 p.m., April 20. Tickets \$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

Expos

ALAMEDA SPRING HOME SHOW Meet experts face to face to get lots of ideas to help turn your house into the home of your dreams. Everything from kitchens and baths, windows and doors, heating and air, sunrooms and floors, landscaping

displays and more. April 14-16. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

PLUMBING HEATING COOLING INDUSTRY EXPO The 43rd Annual Plumbing Heating Cooling Industry Expo is 4-8 p.m., April 18. Free admission. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The next Pleasanton City Council meeting is 7 p.m., April 18. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION The Livermore Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of

the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., April 18. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The next meeting of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is 7 p.m., April 18 at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. Visit livermoreschools.org.

Seniors

TED TALKS AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Secret of Making New Friends as an Adult is the topic of the next free Ted Talk at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 18.

Public Notices

CHURRITOS CON XOCHITL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 595521

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) ChurrITOS con Xochitl, located at 1855 locusts st Livermore CA 94551, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ALEJANDRA ARROYO
1855 locust st
Livermore CA 94551

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/10/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 10 2023.

(PLW Mar 24, 31, Apr 7 and 14, 2023)

FAVOR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: #595720

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) FAVOR, located at 1807 SANTA RITA RD STEH-190 PLEASANTON, CA 94566, Alameda county.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

RICARDO WHITESIDE
2812 Garden Creek Cir
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 22 2023.

(PLW Apr 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023)

SCRIPT MOLECULAR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596096

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Script Molecular, located at 4198 Rennellwood Way, Pleasanton. CA-94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

DEKA BIOTECH INC
4198 Rennellwood Way
Pleasanton. CA 94566
California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 07 2023.

(PLW Mar 24, 31, Apr 7 and 14, 2023)

SHENZHEN VALLEY VENTURES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596536

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Shenzhen Valley Ventures, located at 4975 Middleton Pl, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

HAXIS LABS INCORPORATED
4975 Middleton Pl
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Delaware

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2016

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 22 2023.

(PLW Mar 31, Apr 7, 14 and 21, 2023)

BERNAL DENTAL GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596400

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Bernal Dental Group, located at 4466 Black ave, Suite K, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

CHAITRA K BHAT DDS INC
4466 Black Ave, Suite K
Pleasanton, CA 94566
california

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/27/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 16 2023.

(PLW Apr 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023)

EASTBAY MAIL & DELIVERY
EASTBAY DELIVERY
MODERN EXPRESS
MODERN EXPRESS COURIER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596303

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Eastbay Mail & Delivery, 2.) Eastbay Delivery, 3.) Modern Express, 4.) Modern Express Courier, located at 750 4th St. Oakland, CA 94607, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

MODERN MAIL SERVICE INC
750 4th St
Oakland, CA 94607
California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/2012

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 14 2023.

(PLW Mar 24, 31, Apr 7 and 14, 2023)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 23CV029834
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Linda Marie Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

LINDA MARIE SMITH to LINDA SMITH
D'AMBROSIO

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: 05/23/2023, 9:30 a.m., Dept. 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 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: 03/09/2023

none listed

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Regarding Alterations to Golden State Finance Authority (formerly California Home Finance Authority) Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1215 K Street, Suite 1650 Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 8, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Golden State Finance Authority (“GSFA”) adopted Resolution No. 23-05, (the “Resolution”) scheduling a public hearing to consider altering its Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) (the “District”) to revise the proposed financing arrangements, authorize the financing of seismic safety improvements and wildfire safety improvements, and make various administrative changes, and all other matters set forth in that resolution.

The District was established in 2014 in accordance with section 53328.1 of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Government Code section 53311 et seq.), as amended (the “Act”).

The purpose of the District is to levy a special tax to finance the acquisition, installation, and improvement of certain improvements permanently affixed to or on real property and in buildings, with the unanimous approval of the property owner or owners.

The territory of the District, to wit, the territory proposed for annexation to the District in accordance with Section 53328.1, includes (1) any unincorporated land within those counties that are now or in the future either full members or associate members of GSFA and consent to the annexation of properties within their jurisdiction to the District and (2) any incorporated land within those cities that are now or in the future either full members or associate members of GSFA and consent to the annexation of properties within their jurisdictions to the District.

By adopting the Resolution, the Board of Directors has determined that the public convenience and necessity require alterations to the District, including revisions to the arrangements for financing the District to allow for the participation of multiple program administrators using a streamlined financing process; addition of seismic safety improvements and wildfire safety improvements to the types of authorized public facilities or services which may be financed by the District; and various administrative changes and updates.

A public hearing to consider these proposed changes will be held by the Board at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, in the regular meeting place of the Board of GSFA, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, California 95814, or as soon thereafter as the Board may reach the matter.

In addition, it is expected that the public hearing will be continued to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 999 Yosemite Drive, Chico, California 95928.

Members of the public can watch, listen or participate remotely using the methods prescribed in an agenda to be made available in advance of each public hearing described immediately above at <https://www.gsfa.com/about/public-records.shtml>.

This Notice briefly summarizes the Resolution. You should read the Resolution itself for the definitive description of the District’s financing program, including a description of the costs and the improvements that are authorized for this method of financing.

The Resolution can be found at <https://legistarweb-production>

s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/1822117/SB_555_PACE_Program_Revisions_A_TTACH_1.pdf. A copy of Resolution No. 23-05 also may be reviewed or obtained at the office of the Secretary of GSFA, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, California.

As provided in the Act, the Board must hold a public hearing before the Board may make these proposed alterations to the District. **This is the notice of the public hearing.**

At the public hearing, any persons interested, including all taxpayers, property owners, and registered voters, may appear and be heard, and the oral or written testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the proposed alterations or any other matters contained in the Resolution will be heard and considered.

Any protests to the proposal may be made orally or in writing by any interested persons, except that any protests pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings must be in writing and must clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which objection is made.

The Board may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written protest and, at the public hearing, may correct minor defects in the proceedings.

All written protests not presented in person at the public hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Board at or before the time fixed for the public hearing in order to be received and considered.

Any written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing.

After the conclusion of the public hearing, if written protests against one or more of the proposed changes have been filed and not withdrawn by 50% or more of the registered voters residing and registered within the territory of the District, or if written protests against one or more of the proposed changes have been filed and not withdrawn by the owners of one-half or more of the land area that is within the territory of the District and not exempt from the special tax, then such change or changes shall be eliminated from the resolution ordering changes and such change or changes shall not be included in a resolution for a period of one year from the date of the Board of Directors’ determination that a majority protest exists.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Directors may abandon these proceedings or may, after passing upon all protests, determine to proceed with the changes set forth in this resolution.

If the Board determines to proceed with the changes, then the election procedure shall be combined with any other elections required by law, and will consist of the execution of Unanimous Approval Agreements as provided in Sections 53328.1, 53329.6 and 53355.5 of the Government Code.

The GSFA Executive Director or such officer’s designee (the “Executive Director”) has studied the proposed changes and will provide, at or before the time of the public hearing, a report describing the following: A list of Authorized Improvements; a representative listing of incidental expenses; a recommended form of Unanimous Approval Agreement; recommendations for appropriate procedures and criteria for processing and evaluating applications for participation and annexation to the CFD from the owners of property within the territory of the CFD; recommended forms for properties to annex to the CFD; and an estimate of the related incidental expenses – all in accordance with the Resolution.

The report will be available for inspection by the public and will become a part of the record of the public hearing. Questions should be directed to Craig Ferguson, Deputy Director, GSFA, whose telephone number is (916) 447-4806.

DATED: April 14, 2023

/s/ Craig Ferguson
Secretary

Golden State Finance Authority

(PLW Apr 14, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the marriage heretofore subsisting between Leslie-Anne Plettner and Deborah Susan Meyer is annulled due to fraud and lack of parental consent.

The marriage of Leslie-Anne Plettner, (formerly of 3250 Wyman Street, Oakland, California [94619-99999]) and Deborah Susan Meyer (living at 3250 Wyman Street, Oakland, Ca 94619) is null and void through the authority of Divine Harmony Temple.

(PLW Apr 14, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

HOWARD LIM
Case No.: RP23139585

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HOWARD LIM.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LINDA SUE LIM HOSCHLER in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA SUE LIM HOSCHLER AND MEILEE LIM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 26 2023 at 9:45 AM in 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.

A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:

POLLY WELSH MCGILVRAY
1115 ALHAMBRA BLVD.
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-5214
916-453-1418
(PLW Apr 7, 14 and 21, 2023)

Place a legal notice at

PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

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Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update - the Spring Surge is Here

The Pleasanton real estate market showed a surge in activity in March. Seems like buyers are emerging and demand is strong, with many buyers feeling that the market is at or near the bottom after the strong decline in values last half of 2022. Closed sales in March were up 50% from February, pending sales were up 37%, and the median sold price was up 24%. Inventory remained constrained, with the number of available homes for sale up just 3% from February. Median days on market was unchanged from February, and the median price per sq ft was down slightly at \$770 per sq ft, but the average list price to sales price ratio edged up to 100%, up strongly from 93% in November.



Inventory remains the largest variable, and it remains stubbornly low by >> **To read the rest of this article go to www.680homes.com/blog.**



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 6-9 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

Pleasanton

- 2185 Arroyo Court #2** Rw Garage Doors Inc to S. & R. Read for \$374,500
- 5642 Belleza Drive** Katreddi Family Trust to F. & S. Sharief for \$975,000
- 5668 Belleza Drive** Vermatandon Living Trust to Sharath Family Trust for \$1,125,000
- 4451 Fairlands Drive** Dennis Trust to M. Kaur for \$700,000
- 1224 Harvest Road** C. & D. Stonecypher to H. & C. Hu for \$1,950,000
- 7417 Maywood Drive** K. Mancebo to L. & Z. Yang for \$1,091,000
- 3282 Melanie Circle** R. & S. Boiteux to Msr Rental Properties LLC for \$1,200,000
- 3867 Picard Avenue** Chao Family Trust to P. & K. Vangipuram for \$3,000,000
- 678 Romeo Court** Ed Survivors Trust to Liu Family Trust for \$2,727,000
- 1300 Safreno Way** Mirchandani Family Trust to Ruhi Family Trust for \$2,675,000

Livermore

- 317 Anna Maria Street** M. Rinna to R. & D. Agarwal for \$1,110,500
- 4739 Apple Tree Common** B. & L. Bowen to J. & E. Sarraco for \$850,000
- 1270 Asti Court** M. Nguyen to M. & J. Gerow for \$1,450,000

- 46 Daisyfield Drive** Yuers Family Trust to D. & A. Pawar for \$1,268,000
- 5826 Elder Circle** L. & J. Bolls to L. & S. Vinnakota for \$1,850,000
- 911 Florence Road** Zammit Appointment Trust to M. & R. Foust for \$1,105,000
- 679 James Street** C. Coatney to M. Ramos for \$825,000
- 980 Jessica Drive** A. & M. Parken to N. & B. Stimson for \$1,450,000
- 244 Lee Avenue** Morris Living Trust to S. & C. Dara for \$830,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #102** Goldstein Family Trust to T. Dorsey for \$390,000
- 125 Northwood Commons** A. & K. Huertas to L. & D. Gomez for \$805,000
- 1693 Paseo Laguna Seco #25** B. Swift to Wilgus Trust for \$500,000
- 3866 Pestana Way** C. & M. Richardson to M. & B. Middaugh for \$945,000
- 3942 Stanford Way** Patrick Trust to J. & W. Gibbons for \$687,500
- 747 Wimbledon Lane** Behrin Trust to P. Benguerel for \$1,255,000

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

PLEASANTON

- 7 Deer Oaks Drive** **\$3,800,000**
Sat/Sun 1:00-3:00 6BD/5BA
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Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).
Agents: Submit open homes at PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

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2637 VISTA DIABLO COURT
PLEASANTON

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5 BD | 4.5 BA | 6,448 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE | 1.75 ACRE LOT

LISTED FOR \$4,495,000

OAK HILL, PLEASANTON



**7774 OAK CREEK COURT,
PLEASANTON**

4 BD + DETACHED OFFICE/STUDIO
2 BA | 2,004 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

**SOLD FOR \$1,875,000
MULTIPLE OFFERS RECEIVED**

SOUTH LIVERMORE



**1141 RIESLING CIRCLE,
LIVERMORE**

3 BD + OFFICE AREA | 2.5 BA
2,617 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

SOLD FOR \$1,509,000

DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON



**1027 ROSE AVENUE,
PLEASANTON / PARCEL**

24,678 SQ. FT. LOT

**SOLD FOR \$1,500,000
MULTIPLE OFFERS RECEIVED**

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Realtor, Top Producer
(925) 963-5446

Alexis participated in \$40M+ ranking in the top 10% of Keller Williams Tri-Valley, top .5% in her age group Nationwide, and earned Rookie of the Year in 2020. She looks forward to sharing the love she has for the Tri-Valley area with new residents, as well as her firsthand knowledge of the home buying and selling process.



Michelle Kroger
Realtor
(925) 785-3134

Michelle plays an integral part in the success of our team as top producers in Pleasanton. A California girl at heart, she truly believes the Tri-Valley is one of the best places to live and is excited for the opportunity to help people secure their next home of their dreams.



Brenda Meckenstock
Realtor
(925) 353-6484

Having lived in Pleasanton since 2013 and currently living in Ruby Hill, Brenda is a local luxury expert. With 35 years of experience in commercial real estate, Brenda brings a unique expertise and extensive knowledge to her role on our team. She is a wealth of information.



Celeste Storrs
Realtor
(925) 519-3019

Celeste is an experienced Keller Williams Real Estate Professional, consistently achieving KWTW's Top 20% of Realtors. She has a strong working knowledge and administration in housing, and public relations. She is steadfast and always has her clients best interests at heart.

Meet Our Operations Team



Amanda Davlin
Chief Operating Officer

Amanda is always sourcing new ways to streamline efficiencies and make the buying and selling process easy for our clients. She is a key member of our team earning the prestigious KW Quadruple Platinum sales award and was recognized among the top 1% of real estate teams nationwide. Amanda holds the magic ever revolving.



Michele Diaz
Transaction Coordinator

As our in house transaction coordinator, Michele ensures that all required documents and signatures are compliant from contract to close. Michele lives downtown Pleasanton and always has her finger on the pulse of all things happening in our city.



Kelsey Schmitt
Marketing Manager

As our marketing manager, Kelsey ensures that we are staying on top of social media and marketing trends, and is always working on new and innovative ways to market our team and properties.



Steve Venema
Vista Construction

Steve is our in-house general contractor, he plays an important role in getting our clients top dollar on the sale of their home. Steve is involved in all listing preparation and brings a unique blend of talent, knowledge and current trends to our clients.





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If you're thinking about selling your home, now is the time. Call us today to learn how our proven strategies can get you the highest possible price for your home.



PENDING WITH 3 OFFERS

772 Saint John Circle, Pleasanton
4bd/2.5ba, 2,159+/- sq.ft, 4,512+/- sq.ft, lot
LISTED AT \$1,749,000



PENDING IN 6 DAYS WITH 9 OFFERS

4516 Fabriano Place, Dublin
4bd/2.5ba, 2,706+/- sq.ft, 3,502+/- sq.ft, lot
LISTED AT \$1,599,000



PENDING

720 Polaris Way, Livermore
4bd/2.5ba, 2,172+/- sq.ft, 10,049+/- sq.ft, lot
LISTED AT \$1,498,000



PENDING

5 Grey Eagle Court, Pleasanton
5bd/6+2.5ba, 5,619+/- sq.ft, 37,113+/- sq.ft, lot
LISTED AT \$4,250,000 (Representing Buyer)



SOLD \$42K OVER ASKING

4121 Moller Drive, Pleasanton
3bd/2ba, 1,731+/- sq.ft, 3,716+/- sq.ft
SOLD FOR \$1,330,000



SOLD

7786 Bloomfield Terrace, Dublin
5bd/4.5ba, 3,788+/- sq.ft, 8,303+/- sq.ft, lot
SOLD FOR \$2,300,000



SOLD \$78K OVER ASKING WITH 5 OFFERS

309 Lone Oak Drive, Pleasanton
3bd/2ba, 1,657+/- sq.ft, 3,600+/- sq.ft, lot
SOLD FOR \$1,328,000



PENDING IN 4 DAYS

SOLD

2417 Sevillano Court, Livermore
5bd/5.5ba, 4,676+/- sq.ft, 16,500+/- sq.ft, lot
SOLD FOR \$3,250,000



SOLD

1358 Legend Lane, San Jose
5bd/3ba, 2,688+/- sq.ft, 3,920+/- sq.ft
SOLD FOR \$1,910,121 (Represented Buyer)

Zillow 271 ★★★★★ Reviews

Tim's knowledge of the local real estate market is unsurpassed. His professional approach and calm demeanor really helped us feel more comfortable throughout the entire home sale process. Tim and his team were able to effectively and efficiently help us out with all of the aspects of a home sale from market analysis, pre-inspections, clean up and repair and even to finding a moving company. That is true concierge service. We highly recommend Tim and would not hesitate to use him and his team again.

– Michael DeMange, Pleasanton



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