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AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Rome is burning

Rome is burning. If the Pleasanton City Council majority of Mayor Karla Brown and Councilmembers Valerie Arkin, Jeff Nibert and Julie Testa have their way, we might not have the people or the water pressure to put out the fire.

At a special session April 18, which preceded the regular council meeting, the council discussed the proposed two-year budget and four-year capital improvement plan (CIP). If the majority rams these spending plans through like they did the election district map last year (minus Nibert), Pleasanton residents will very likely be negatively impacted.

Some might find a trickle of water from their faucet during summer months, and we might not be able to hire police officers or firefighters. But we'll have a brand-new expanded skate park and completely renovated historical building!

Staff presented a balanced budget for fiscal year 2023-24, but it's balanced because it uses staffing vacancies to create roughly \$2 million in labor cost savings. Only by using this technique does the proposed budget achieve a whopping \$1,829 surplus. If the positions are filled, the city's in the red by nearly \$2 million.

The situation with water is the most troubling, and the "mission critical" message appears to not be getting through to the council majority.

Three wells that produced about 20% of the city's water are contaminated by PFAS chemicals and are offline, forcing the city to rely solely on water purchased from Zone 7.

Zone 7 charges the city a flat fee, regardless of how much or how little water is used. The city charges residents based on usage. The mandatory 15% drought reduction meant less money going to the city coffers, but Zone 7's fees did not decrease.

The city's water enterprise fund reserve should be at 30% of operating expenditures; it's currently at 23% because it's been dipped into to cover operating expenditures. If the trend continues at the current rate, it will be depleted by the end of 2024 without intervention. They plan to raise rates before then.

The drought is over, and with it the drought surcharge and the 15% mandatory reduction in usage. However, because of "infrastructure limitations", a voluntary 15% reduction in usage was to be

discussed, but was continued until May 16 by staff.

Zone 7 can supply the water, but the turnouts, pumps and pipes that transport the water into the Pleasanton system are fixed in size. Without Pleasanton's wells, those pipes might not be able to handle the additional flow during summer peak periods, which affects water pressure.

According to the staff report on the now continued agenda item, if water demands exceed capacity, it could cause "... low or zero water pressure, empty reservoirs and loss of water flow for firefighting." Water quality could also be compromised.

Turnouts cannot meet demand experienced prior to drought conditions when there was not a 15% mandatory reduction.

A plan to treat and rehabilitate the PFAS contaminated wells and create a new centralized facility for PFAS treatment was put on hold in September. One reason was cost, which was estimated at \$46 million, and another was that the facility would require additional staff and operational costs.

Without this or alternative plan, 100% of water in Pleasanton will be supplied by Zone 7. Municipalities and agencies are looking to diversify their water supply, so Pleasanton would be going backward.

When inflation is high, most individuals and households don't make unnecessary purchases.

So why does a budget balanced on not filling staffing vacancies include a \$6 million skate park and \$4.6 million to renovate the historic Century House inside and out?

To borrow money, the city needs to have good reserves and financial stability. We have underfunded reserves and a budget balanced on very shaky ground.

Why isn't clean water with enough pressure to put out a fire the priority for this council majority? Like Nero, the majority is fiddling on paying off grudges and justifying pet projects while Rome is burning.

Let them know how important water is prior to and during the meeting next Tuesday. ■

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About the Cover

Members of the 40th anniversary delegation of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association view exhibits displayed in the Tulancingo Room inside Pleasanton City Hall last month. Photo by Chuck Deckert.

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Biotech Bootcamps

- Intro to Biotechnology: June 19-22, 2023 | 10am to 3pm Building 1800
 - Intermediate Biotechnology: June 26-29, 2023 10am to 3pm | Building 1800
 - \$100 per student per session | Age Group: 16-18 Years
- Biotechnology is used to diagnose diseases, make vaccines, solve forensic cases, and improve the food we eat. In this week-long camp you will get a chance to utilize some basic molecular biology tools used in biotech to observe and analyze cells, viruses, proteins, and DNA. Students are encouraged to enroll in both courses.

Digital Media

- Character Design Camp: June 12-15, 2023 | 9am to 2pm Building 700, Room 714
 - \$100 per student per session | Age Group: 14-18 Years
- Have you ever wanted to create your own character and bring it to life? Designing a captivating character is vital for graphic novels, movies, video games and many other industries. In this summer camp, we will draw and paint your own character in Photoshop, taking style, costuming and props into consideration, as well as expressions and gestures.

Digital Media

- Creature Design Camp: High School: June 26-29, 2023 | 9:00am to 2:00pm Building 700, Room 714 Middle School: July 10-13, 2023 | 9:00am to 2:00pm Building 700, Room 714
- \$100 per student per session
- Age Group: Middle School 11-14 Years, and High School 14-18 Years

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Interior Design

- June 26-29, 2023 | 10:00am to 12:30pm | Via Zoom
 - \$100 per student per session | Age Group: 14-18 Years and Up
- Introduction to Interior Design with use of design tools and products. Students will be hands-on to create digital boards and presentations of a desired space. Students will hand draft and computer draft a room working with drafting tools given and computer programs. Design kits will be available for pick up on campus the week before.

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- July 17-20, 2023 | 10:00am to 3:00pm | Room 2416
 - \$100 per student per session | Age Group: 14-18 Years
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- Middle School: June 19-22, 2023 | 10:00am to 3:00pm Building 4000 | Age Group: 11-14 Years
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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are your plans for Mother's Day this year?



Jyothi Sampat with Agatha

Employee communications specialist

I will be spending it in my favorite way — with my four-legged and two-legged children. And if the weather is nice, my Valley Humane Society foster pup Agatha and I will snuggle outside while the kids bake me a decadent vegan dessert to make me feel extra special.



Tom Smith

Retired

My wife and I will be making a really great dinner for both of our mothers, who we are so fortunate to still have with us. They both love chicken tikka masala so that's what we plan to make. Along with lots of side dishes, of course. And then we'll just enjoy spending time together.



Felicity Hodgson, Stylist

I don't observe Mother's Day because I think of it as a manufactured holiday that gives people an opportunity to show appreciation for their mothers in a way they sometimes forget to the rest of the year. I'm very close with my mom and show her love, respect, appreciation and admiration all the time. So she really doesn't want or expect me to do anything special on Mother's Day.



Stephanie Schmidt

Marketing and bartending

I haven't planned anything yet, actually. I totally forgot that Mother's Day is coming up. I'm just not very good at keeping track of formal holidays. But my mother knows that I love her, and I will frame this column and give it to her as a gift at some point in time. But probably not on Mother's Day.



Joe McCormack

Engineer

I haven't actually figured that out yet, aside from knowing that the day will involve no cooking by my wife. She definitely deserves a break from the kitchen. I'll suggest that we go to a bottomless Champagne brunch at one of the downtown restaurants. I feel pretty confident that she'll agree to that plan.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

A hydrogen future?

“Is hydrogen fuel on the menu?” That’s the topic du jour for next week’s meeting of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group Executive Board featuring an exclusive presentation from Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, who is chair of the Regional Rail Authority spearheading the Valley Link project.

A proposed commuter light rail system to connect the San Joaquin Valley and Livermore directly to BART in the Tri-Valley, Valley Link has long been eyed for sustainable-energy technology operations.

Hernandez will delve into new specifics at the luncheon meeting — “a vision to be the nation’s first passenger rail system to operate on self-produced green hydrogen fuel.”

The meeting, open to the public with pre-registration, is set for Wednesday (May 17) at noon in the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. Visit innovationtrivalley.org/valleylinklunch.

Gift for special mom

Dublin Police Services is soliciting nominations for its “Mother’s Day Mommy Makeover” raffle, which will give one special Dublin mom the relaxation-filled grand prize at the end of the month.

DPS is partnering with Justin Michaels Salon, the Hand and Stone spa and Mimi’s Chocolates to offer the winner a mani/pedi, hairstyling, spa gift card, brow wax tint and desserts.

Nominations are due by May 31 via direct message to the DPS Instagram account (@dublincaplice) with your mom’s name and contact information.

Prescribed burn set

The Livermore Lab is scheduled to conduct its annual prescribed burn at its Site 300 experimental test site south of Tracy beginning next week.

“The purpose of the prescribed burn is to help prevent seasonal wildfires from spreading to or from Site 300. This process involves careful burning along the site fence line and in portions of the site interior under controlled conditions,” officials said. “The burn schedule is heavily dependent on appropriate weather conditions, which are confirmed by air district meteorologists on the day of a planned burn.”

The burn will be performed by the Alameda County Fire Department under its contract with Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. Learn more specifics at enviroinfo.llnl.gov. ■

Correction

The May 5 What a Week column, “Enjoying ‘Memory Lane,’” incorrectly described the length of the book. “Cruising Down Memory Lane: Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950s” is approximately 400 pages. The Weekly regrets the error.

Council reviews progress report for city’s Climate Action Plan 2.0

Also: Staff present legislative framework, update to objective design standards

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton City Council last week received its first yearly update on city staff’s progress in implementing the Climate Action Plan 2.0 (CAP 2.0), which includes dozens of environmental projects to reduce greenhouse gasses.

The CAP 2.0, which the council adopted in February 2022, is a framework that creates a more focused approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to City Manager Gerry Beaudin, and sets targets that he and staff called ambitious.

“The CAP calculates the city’s expected emissions accounts for legislation that will affect our emissions and then sets the target pathway,” Megan Campbell, associate planner for the city, said during the May 2 council meeting.

Some of the most notable primary action projects that have either been

completed or are on track to be completed soon include efforts to get more buildings to be all electric powered with more solar panels, more electric vehicle charging station locations and a gas leaf blower ban that could soon come before the council for a final decision.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin, who said she has people calling her all the time regarding leaf blowers, had asked Campbell about why the efforts to ban these gas powered tools has taken so long given that it has been brought up many times before and was supposed to come before the council this month.

Campbell said that due to the city having received comments back from the California Department of Housing and Community Development regarding Pleasanton’s sixth cycle Housing Element, she had to switch her focus to that and away from the gas leaf blower topic.

She did, however, say that the council will hear more about that ban in a later time this year.

Vice Mayor Jack Balch also asked about the ban and clarified with Campbell that the state recently passed legislation that bans the sale of new gas-powered small engine equipment, which includes leaf blowers, mowers and other trimming tools.

“That will handle part of our problem, because if your leaf blower breaks, and you go to buy one at the store, it will only be electric in the near future,” Campbell said. “The (gas powered) leaf blowers though, do have a lifespan of maybe 10 years ... so there will definitely be a lot of gas leaf blowers still out there and so the question is do we want to take it further and make sure that we’re also banning all of those ones that are still operational?”

Apart from leaf blowers, Campbell went through all of the other projects

that the city is currently working on such as the implementation of building codes that require new buildings have to be all electric; municipal facility energy improvements; expanding portable charging stations to places like the Pleasanton Senior Center and the Firehouse Arts Center; and the increased city rebate maximums for lawn transformation to use less water.

But for solar panel infrastructure efforts, specifically for city-owned buildings, Councilmember Julie Testa said that not much has been done on that front and wanted to know more about why the Pleasanton Library and the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center haven’t had solar panels installed, given that they each use up a lot of energy.

Beaudin said that while the library roof replacement project doesn’t include solar panels, there are other

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CIERRA BAILEY

U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm announced \$45 million in federal funding for fusion research during the ceremony at LLNL on May 8.

‘It is the holy grail’

Livermore Lab ceremony celebrates fusion breakthrough

By Cierra Bailey

“Fusion offers the promise of affordable, abundant, reliable, clean energy — it is the holy grail,” U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said during a special ceremony Monday at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory recognizing the accomplishment of the first successful controlled fusion experiment.

The National Ignition Facility (NIF) at the lab — the world’s largest and most energetic laser system — first achieved scientific energy breakeven on Dec. 5, 2022, meaning it produced more energy from fusion than the laser

energy used to drive it.

Fusion ignition, as it’s called, was accomplished by 192 laser beams delivering more than 2 million joules of ultraviolet energy to a tiny fuel pellet. The experiment harnessed “the power of the sun and the stars right here on Earth,” according to Granholm.

The LLNL campus was buzzing with excitement during the celebration event which, in addition to Granholm, featured remarks from LLNL Director Kimberly Budil and other officials from the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

During her comments,

Granholm announced a total of \$45 million in federal funding to support fusion to be made available over the next four years — with up to \$9 million of it available this year. “This funding opportunity is going to support the creation of inertial fusion innovation hubs, which will draw on the expertise and the abilities obviously from our national labs and academia and industry to advance inertial fusion research,” she said.

Granholm and Budil were joined on stage by Jill Hruby, under secretary for nuclear security of the Department of Energy

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District, union reach agreement

5.65% salary raise, improved health benefits are deal highlights

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Unified School District announced a tentative agreement with the classified employee union on a contract settlement including a 5.65% salary increase and improved health benefits, district staff said last week.

Patrick Gannon, PUSD director of communications, stated in a press release that the Classified School Employee Association (CSEA) union members will still have to vote on the agreement before it goes to the school board for approval. According to Gannon, both parties’ bargaining teams went through five hybrid interest-based bargaining (IBB) model negotiations sessions before settling on the agreement on April 28.

“Our CSEA negotiations team felt the hybrid interest based bargaining process was productive and collaborative. The CSEA team felt free to offer their insights and ideas as we worked together through many negotiation

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Amador's Kiyoi named 2023 PUSD Teacher of the Year

'I just feel fortunate and appreciative that somebody said, 'Hey, look what he's doing''

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

When Amador Valley High School math and science teacher Kevin Kiyoi first got out of college with a mining engineering degree, he knew he didn't want to spend his life extracting and analyzing minerals.

"I worked in a gold mine for a summer," he told the Weekly. "I gave it a try, but I just knew it just wasn't for me."

That's why when Kiyoi was recently recognized as the 2023 Pleasanton Unified School District Teacher of the Year after 20 years at the district, he knew he was doing what he was meant to do in life.

"I'm very humbled by the nomination and by the fact that I work with such talented people at this school, in the school district," he said. "I just feel fortunate and appreciative that somebody said, 'Hey, look what he's doing.'"

PUSD will be submitting Kiyoi's name to be considered for the Alameda County Teacher of the Year Awards later this year.

Kiyoi's educational career started when he went to University of California, Berkeley for mining engineering after one of his physics teachers told him it was the easiest way to get into the university's engineering program.

He said that while poor guidance from a high school teacher led him to a field that he immediately hated due to the lack of interactions with other people, it did lead him to follow the career path of his father — teaching.

"Right around my junior year, I kind of said, 'Why am I gonna wait?'" he said. "Why would I wait to do something that I would enjoy instead of settling for something for 20 years or something, and then going into teaching?"

So after finishing up his engineering degree, Kiyoi decided to volunteer at Alhambra High School — the school he attended in Martinez — given his interest in sports as a teen.

After eventually getting his teaching

credential in math and spending time as the head wrestling and freshman football coach at Alhambra, Kiyoi received a phone call from Amador's athletic department offering him a wrestling and math teacher job.

"I share that story with my students," Kiyoi said. "A lot of times, it's not going to be one direct path ... You have to kind of figure some things out and try different things until you find the thing that you love."

After some years, Kiyoi eventually got involved with the Amador career technology education (CTE) department in 2016 after the program started growing from the then-five computer classes, to what it is now.

He is now currently the lead teacher for Amador's instructional and communication technology CTE pathway and helps lead CTE collaboration across the district.

"The more I got into it, the more I'm really finding that this is my niche ... talking to kids about their career and about trying different things and trying different things in their careers," he said. "I think that's kind of been the emphasis of what I've been doing over the last few years, which is trying to reach as many different kids and say, 'Hey, give this a try, maybe this is something you'd like.'"

He added that given his own experience with not knowing what he wanted to do careerwise, he felt like he could relate to students more and help them work through the struggles of finding out what they want to do in life.

"CTE has given me the opportunity to share my story, how it wasn't a full linear path, but also to say, 'OK, here's what jobs are looking for, here's what businesses are looking for,'" Kiyoi said. "Even if they choose not to do something in computer science, I think these lessons are important going forward."

But helping students with their career pathways isn't the only thing that Kiyoi does apart from teaching.

Kiyoi is not only on the district's



COURTESY PUSD

Amador Valley High's Kevin Kiyoi (third from right) is honored by top administrators after being named as PUSD's 2023 Teacher of the Year.

Equity Committee where they are currently looking at why a third of the African American students in Pleasanton are classified as special education, but he is also involved in getting more disenfranchised students interested in computer science.

From advising the Amador Girls Who Code Club, to hosting computer programming family events for Pleasanton's African American and Latino students after school, Kiyoi has made it his mission to help all students realize their potential.

"Congratulations to Mr. Kiyoi on this well-deserved honor for his incredible work with students both inside and outside the classroom," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in a press release. "His dedication to students is evident in the nationally recognized Girls Who Code chapter he's helped lead, his work to reach under-represented groups in computer science and the individual achievements of the students that benefit from his pedagogy."

Kiyoi said that he was especially proud of seeing an increase of students interested in computer science.

"I don't have the numbers for next year, but this year 36% of the students are female," he said after quoting how back in 2015, that number was 24%.

"36% is nice, but it's not good enough for me. But that's kind of something I guess I'm proud of is that we're building confidence in our females in that diversity piece."

Another way he said he is getting more students interested in the topic is through hosting family coding nights every other month where he goes out in the community and focuses on bringing PUSD's African American and Latinx students and their families together for pizza and lessons on programming.

"I don't care what school they go to, they could go to Foothill, they can go to Dublin, they can come here," Kiyoi said. "It's not about me building my program, but more about me getting kids interested and excited and keeping them interested."

Another thing that Kiyoi said he is proud of doing during his time at PUSD is leading efforts to introduce an advanced computer science class next year for students who are bored with the current curriculum and need more of a challenge.

And for Kiyoi, that is very important. Whether it's in his own classroom, or outside of the school, he believes that keeping students engaged in these subjects will keep them interested in possibly pursuing these topics as careers.

"Walk into Kevin's classroom and you are immediately struck by students' engagement. Kevin has designed a space and a practice where students feel safe and comfortable engaging with the material and their peers in a way any teacher would be thrilled to see," said fellow Amador teacher Tony Dennis in the PUSD press release. "This is a result of his constant examination of his practice and his search for ways to help and encourage all his students to do their best work and get the most out of their experience with him in class."

Kiyoi also said that while he appreciates his district family and how much they care about him and his own family, including his three kids who all attend PUSD school, the most fulfilling moment from his teaching career was when he recently reconnected with two students while he was at a UC Berkeley open house for his son.

"It was really fulfilling ... just to see that maybe I was a part of something that made them into the women that they've become," Kiyoi said. "I was really proud to see them now as adults, and to see them loving what they're doing, because again, I guess it always comes back to my message: You have to love your job, and if you don't, then you kind of sacrifice a lot." ■

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and administrator of the NNSA; Marvin L. Adams, NNSA deputy administrator for defense programs; and Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-San Jose).

"It really is important to pause and celebrate an achievement like this, to reflect on all the struggles and successes and to recognize the many people who contributed in ways large and small. I'm continually awed by the accomplishments of this community," Budil said.

With hundreds in the crowd — many of them sporting LLNL-branded sun visors — each speaker highlighted various aspects of

the six decades of dedication and commitment that led to the breakthrough and how it could impact the futures of national defense and clean energy.

The experiment, which briefly simulated the conditions inside of a star, has the potential to help scientists "safely study nuclear explosions and simultaneously pave the way for a clean energy future," Hruby said.

In addition to its national security and environmental implications, Budil acknowledged another factor the milestone represents.

"The pursuit of ignition is also a testament to the importance of long-term, public investment in science. Without that patient and consistent support over these decades,

we wouldn't be here today," she said.

Lofgren noted in her comments that support for pursuing ignition is "deep in the Congress and it's bipartisan," adding that because of this, she has "high hopes" for the future of the program.

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) was also scheduled to share remarks at the ceremony but was stalled due to a delayed flight. He arrived shortly after the ceremony to participate in the remaining festivities.

Although NIF has not reproduced fusion ignition in the months since the initial achievement, LLNL officials said they are working on refurbishing lasers and other maintenance, so they can continue their



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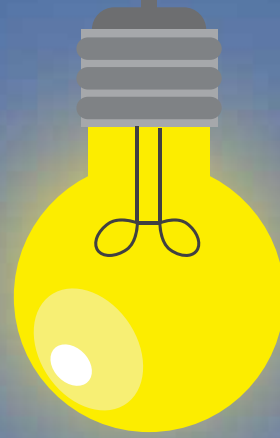
Officials speak outside Livermore Lab's National Ignition Facility on May 8.

work to recreate and eventually get more energy from fusion ignition.

"Today's not the end of the ignition

journey. It marks the beginning of what will be an incredible era of discovery and innovation," Budil said. ■

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Don and Julie Lewis receive Pleasanton Mayor's Award

City honors couple for longtime contributions to local youth, music industry

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton leaders recently celebrated the wide-ranging contributions of Julie Lewis and her late husband Don when the couple were presented with the 2023 Mayor's Award in recognition of their positive impact on local youth, the Pleasanton community and the music industry at-large.



Don Lewis

The city award specifically called out the couple's years of work organizing their "Say YES to Music!" assembly series and "Young Expressions" youth music program and their time with the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, as well as Julie Lewis' efforts with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and Amador Friends of Music and Don Lewis' international legacy as a synthesizer pioneer.

"It's an amazing feeling to live in a city where one can feel so supported

and appreciated," Julie Lewis told the Weekly after the ceremony. "It was a lovely way to acknowledge his contributions to our community during his 42 years here."

Don Lewis, a professional musician who performed and composed for decades and invented the Live Electronic Orchestra (LEO) synthesizer system in the 1970s, died last November at the age of 81.

Mayor Karla Brown revealed the partially secret award during the city's annual Commission and Committee Recognition Dinner and Mayor's Award event at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton on April 13 — Julie Lewis said she knew Don was getting the posthumous award because she was asked to postpone a trip in order to attend, but she didn't know she would be honored as well.

"Becoming a champion for music education was never on his radar, but now it is his legacy," Brown said in her speech. "But that's only half of tonight's award-winning duo. I'm sure that if you know Julie Lewis, you know she was with Don, step by step

through it all, serving as his steady supporter and his biggest champion. Together, Don and Julie created two programs to encourage kids' interest in music and the arts: 'Say YES to Music!' and 'Young Expressions.'"

"The city of Pleasanton is lucky to have had two such generous people leave their mark here," the mayor added.

Son Marc Lewis joined Julie Lewis onstage at the ceremony to accept the award and honor his father.

"It was a wonderful evening to see the current and former mayors and councilmembers in attendance, as well as friends from Leadership Pleasanton, the Chamber, and from various groups such as Rotary, PCAC and different commissions," Julie Lewis told the Weekly. "This recognition really encouraged me during this difficult time and reminded me that there is more to come."

In addition to years of supporting young musicians and local nonprofits, Julie Lewis worked for 20 years as a pediatric nurse and has been a member of the National Academy of



COURTESY JULIE LEWIS

Marc and Julie Lewis at the Pleasanton Mayor's Award ceremony, at which Julie and her late husband Don received the night's top honor.

Recording Arts and Sciences since 2012.

Don Lewis attended the Tuskegee Institute and served in the U.S. Air Force before embarking on a storied music career that included touring with the Beach Boys and working in the studio with Michael Jackson and Quincy Jones among others. His original LEO system would become the inspiration for the Musical

Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) in the 1980s.

The city of Pleasanton is sponsoring a tribute to Don Lewis at the Firehouse Arts Center next month, as well as a screening of the documentary "Don Lewis and the Live Electronic Orchestra," which was produced by Ned Augustenborg and aired nationwide on PBS earlier this year, according to Julie Lewis. ■

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topics and language," CSEA President Laura Martinez stated in the district press release.

Interest-based bargaining is a bargaining process that focuses on creating mutually-beneficial settlements for both parties. The CSEA, along with various district leaders and bargaining teams, underwent a training at the beginning of the year focused

on this new process.

The training also took place a month after PUSD and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers union signed a memorandum of understanding that both sides said signified a successful start to the year's labor negotiations.

Apart from the 5.65% salary increase, the settlement also includes a "total 6.67% compensation package including improved health benefits," according to the district.

Gannon said that the increase was based on a "fair share formula," which was established through the new interest-based negotiations process, that prioritizes the sharing of new anticipated revenue on an equitable basis.

"As a whole team we are invested in the process and committed to continuing to solidify our bargaining relationship, built on trust and mutual respect," Martinez said. "The fair share model is not new to some

districts but is to PUSD. Our team has agreed to a pilot year using this compensation model. We hope it will benefit our classified employees and keep us competitive so we can continue to offer the best for students, staff and the community."

If approved, classified employees would also get three professional development days out of the contract settlement; an update to the "Classified Professional Handbook" in order to create a career pathway;

and stipends for associates, bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees.

"We're pleased to have engaged in the IBB process with our classified unit members. This collaborative approach was well received and led us to a productive outcome in a timely manner," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in the press release. "I look forward to seeing this practice expanded where it can be helpful and lead to outcomes that benefit our students and staff." ■

CITY COUNCIL

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projects that do, such as the new fire station on West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road that was remodeled to be more energy efficient.

"This is a shift we will make with our capital improvements," Beaudin said. "The payback period keeps getting better and better on solar systems and the rebates are still there to install as well so we'll be looking at this as a component of our capital investments in our facility investments going forward."

Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager, mentioned that the East Bay Community Energy power agency is working with the city to identify city facilities that would qualify for solar and battery backup.

She said that she is currently filling out PG&E documents so that those installations can occur by the end of this year or early next year.

Beaudin also pointed out that amidst future budget discussions in the coming months, city staff will be bringing up the possibility of creating

a sustainability manager position. He said that staff will be looking at federal and grants to help pay for the position and that this position will come up during the May 16 budget discussion meeting.

In other business

- The council reviewed and adopted Pleasanton's 2023 legislative framework, which helps guide the city's response to certain state and federal bills, after having a high-level discussion on dozens of bills that related to housing, fiscal sustainability, infrastructure and the environment.

Staff presented a laundry list of bills that they — along with the City Council Legislative Subcommittee, which includes Testa and Arkin — recommend the city should either oppose or support.

Some of the bills revolved around supporting affordable housing and homeless services; wanting to protect funding for local government and opposing measures that limit the city's ability to adopt revenue measures; and supporting efforts to obtain funding to treat Pleasanton's groundwater wells, which contain

PFAS chemicals — otherwise known as forever chemicals.

Hopkins also mentioned that staff recommended supporting efforts to secure funding for sewer stormwater flood control, development of new infrastructure and funding for programs that help the city meet their CAP 2.0 and other sustainability goals.

Andres Ramirez, a senior associate at Townsend Public Affairs, which is an advocacy firm that works with the city on these legislative issues, provided the council with an overview of the advocacy work that he and his firm have been doing in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

He said that some of the themes that Pleasanton city staff have brought up during these legislative sessions revolved around maintaining local control, which was a topic that Testa spent some time discussing.

"We have lost so much local authority and we see that trend continuing. Do you see anything that can be done to reverse or neutralize the loss of local authority that continues to happen through all of this legislation?" Testa asked Ramirez.

Ramirez responded by saying that they have already been doing as much as they can on that front legislatively and that if the council wanted more advocacy on that issue, they would need to seek other avenues and firms to do that work.

Balch also stated that he wanted to, in the future, look at the overall legislative advocacy that Pleasanton is doing with Townsend so that the city could see if their services are still worth the cost as the city prepares to look at its budget.

Mayor Karla Brown responded to that by saying all of the \$9 million in state funding that the city is either getting for highway infrastructure or for transportation has come directly from the firm's legislative advocacy and that she sees the work as an investment to the city.

- The council unanimously voted to adopt modifications to the city's objective design standards (ODS) for housing sites, including a change to garage doors where two-car garages at new housing sites would have one single door instead of two.

According to community development director Ellen Clark,

housing projects would require 30% of the units to have a single door garage for two cars.

"While the standards in the ODS are appropriate ... the city will continue to refine these standards as needed as projects are submitted and reviewed," senior planner Shweta Bonn said. "We've tried to strike a balance between the standards with comments from the development community that have expressed concern that the requirements are too strict, along with maintaining a high standard for new projects."

On Jan. 26, the council adopted two sets of objective design standards for residential development — one that aligned with housing sites zoned during the city's new Housing Element cycle and another for smaller infill development in multifamily zoning districts.

Another modification the council approved was allowing tiering the allowable height limit for projects greater than 30 dwelling units per acre, to be less than 55 feet high, particularly if there is no vehicular parking on the ground-floor level. ■

Bike to work (or wherever) in the Tri-Valley

Local residents, officials mark National Bike Month throughout May

By JEANITA LYMAN

With National Bike Month underway, local cycling enthusiasts are hitting roads and trails throughout the month and looking to resume a signature event to promote the alternative mode of transportation for commuting in the Tri-Valley.

This May is the 29th annual National Bike Month, recognized enthusiastically by all nine Bay Area counties, with Bike to Wherever Days throughout the month and the return of Bike to Work Day next Thursday (May 18) following years of adapted celebrations amid the shift to remote work brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic in recent years.

“Bikes are a growing and important part of the transportation network around the Bay Area,” said Alfredo Pedroza, chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). “In this time of change in commute patterns, it’s critical that we look at all modes to get people moving in the region, and bikes play a big role.”

With Bike to Work Day having served as one of the month’s most high-profile events, the COVID-19 pandemic led to restructuring it as Bike to Wherever Day during the past three years. With the continued popularity of remote and hybrid work — as well as bicycling — this year marks the first in which biking to wherever and biking to work are both being celebrated.

While May 19 is National Bike to Work Day, the event will be a day earlier in the Bay Area to accommodate hybrid workers who often work remotely on Fridays, MTC officials said.

Bike to Work Day in the Tri-Valley is set to offer riders all the amenities and celebrations of pre-pandemic years, with incentives, prizes, and rewards for those who choose to bike for their commutes on May 18.

The cities of Pleasanton and Dublin are jointly hosting energizer stations equipped with refreshments, giveaways and other amenities at both BART stations — the Dublin-Pleasanton Station at 5801 Owens Drive in Pleasanton and the West Dublin-Pleasanton Station at 6501 Golden Gate Drive in Dublin from 7-9 a.m.

Further east, Livermore will host an energizer station at the corner of Discovery Drive and West Jack London Boulevard from 7-9 a.m. offering bottled water and snacks.

San Ramon Valley riders can start the day at two different energizer stations — one at the intersection of the Iron Horse Regional Trail and Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon, hosted in partnership with the city and Bishop Ranch from 7-10 a.m., and the other on the Iron Horse



NOAH BERGER / MTC

Bike to Work Day is returning this year alongside Bike to Wherever Days throughout May, which is National Bike Month.

Trail in Danville behind Lunardi’s at 35 Railroad Ave. from 7-9 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to pledge to ride on May 18 in advance in order to secure a “digital goody bag” as well as a free tote bag that they can pick up from any of the energizer stations.

In addition to the return of the month’s signature event on May 18, the Tri-Valley will see other rides and classes aimed at preparing novice urban riders to commute on Bike to Work Day.

Thousands of Alameda County students were due to take part in this year’s Bike to School Day on May 11, according to the Alameda County Transportation Commission as part of its Safe Routes to Schools program. The effort’s aimed at promoting active transportation amongst students, also making its return in full force this year following COVID-19 closures over the past three years.

Earlier this month, Contra Costa students participated in National Bike and Roll to School Day on May

3, organized by StreetSmarts Diablo.

Dublin will host a two-day Urban Bicycling 101 class this weekend (May 13 and 14) at the city’s library at 200 Civic Plaza. The first day is set to be classroom-based, before participants practice their road skills starting at the library parking lot on day two. The workshop is set for 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Those who complete both days of the workshop will receive free bike lights.

Nearing the end of the month, Dublin officials are hosting a Bike to the Market Day on May 25, with \$5 in “market money” being disbursed to two-wheeled visitors to the city’s Farmers Market at Emerald Glen Park between 4-5 p.m., as well as a group ride kicking off with music and water at 100 Civic Plaza at 5:30 p.m. and ending at the market.

More information on National Bike Month events, including Bike to Work Day in the Tri-Valley and greater East Bay, is available at bikeeastbay.org. ■

TAKE US ALONG



A cruise in Japan: This group of Pleasanton neighbors visited the active volcano Sakurajima as one of the six stops they made on the first cruise out of Japan since 2020 on the Diamond Princess, which was actually the first ship to be quarantined at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shown with the Weekly (from left) are Wayne Lem, Frank Hwang, Rodney Lum, Brad Wong, Doris Lem, Eliza Lum, Virginia Hwang and Joyce Wong.

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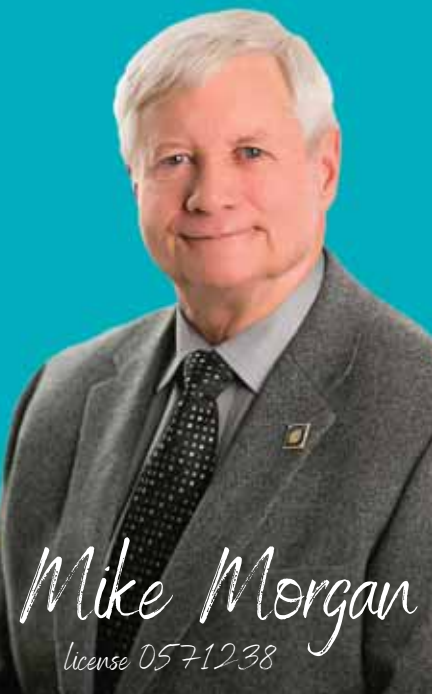
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Oakland Diocese files for bankruptcy in wake of sex abuse lawsuits

Oversees Catholic churches in Tri-Valley, throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties

By KILEY RUSSELL / BCN

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland filed for bankruptcy protection Monday in the face of 330 child sex abuse claims going back decades, church officials announced.

The diocese filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in order to stave off individual lawsuits and consolidate the claims in a court-supervised process that will ultimately lead to settlements. It is unclear how many cases have originated in the Tri-Valley, which is included in the Oakland Diocese oversight area.

"After careful consideration of the various alternatives for providing

just compensation to innocent people who were harmed, we believe this process is the best way to ensure a fair and equitable outcome for survivors," said Bishop Michael Barber.

"It will also allow RCBO to stabilize its finances and continue the sacred mission entrusted to us by Christ and the Church," Barber said in a news release Monday. "Given our current financial resources, RCBO could not shoulder the burden of litigating 330 cases filed under the recent California Assembly Bill 218."

That law opened a three-year window allowing childhood sex abuse lawsuits to move forward despite

statute of limitations rules that had prevented older claims.

Church officials say most of the sex abuse claims it's facing involve allegations from 1960s, 1970s and 1980s by priests who are no longer active in the ministry or who have died.

In March, the diocese announced it was considering bankruptcy, just days after the Diocese of Santa Rosa filed for Chapter 11 for similar reasons.

Survivors' attorneys have criticized the tactic in part because it removes the cases from civil court, where victims are allowed to present evidence of alleged abuse.

"The Diocese of Oakland's decision to declare bankruptcy is a calculated decision in hopes to silence and suppress survivors of abuse," said attorney Jeff Anderson, whose firm represents more than 75 people with claims against the diocese.

The bankruptcy process is more about finding a way for the diocese to stay afloat while meeting its potential financial obligations to survivors than it is about uncovering the facts behind their claims.

"It is, unfortunately, another stab at hiding information regarding perpetrators and the crimes committed by and through the church, as well as their assets and financial

information, for the benefit of the church at the expense of those who have been seriously harmed as children," said attorney Jennifer Stein.

"Survivors, the parishioners of the Diocese of Oakland, and the public deserve to know the full truth," Stein said.

The filing won't impact the diocese's Catholic schools or the "mission and ministries" that serve roughly 550,000 parishioners in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, according to church officials.

Local churches overseen by the Oakland Diocese include St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton in Pleasanton, St. Michael and St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore, St. Raymond in Dublin, St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon and St. Isidore in Danville.

To find out more information on the bankruptcy filing people can visit www.kccllc.net/RCBO. ■

Work begins to refill Shadow Cliffs Lake

Officials hope project will give enough water to allow recreational activities to return this summer

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

For the first time since 2020, the lake at Pleasanton's Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area could soon have enough water for people to swim, fish and drive their boats if all continues to go well with recent water-pumping efforts.

The water refill project, which is currently using two diesel-powered water pumps to move water from the Arroyo Del Valle water stream into Shadow Cliffs Lake, came together after the recent winter storms basically ended the year-long drought that plagued lakes and water supplies across California.

"The past several years of drought have left the Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreational Area water level much lower than our community is used to, and we anticipate residents will be happy to see the water level higher this summer," Heather Tiernan, communications manager for the city of Pleasanton, told the Weekly.

The refill project is expected to last until May 31.

Jen Vanya, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) public information specialist, told the Weekly that the park district is funding the refill project through a drought recovery fund.

"We are hoping to retain enough water to allow recreational swimming,



OLIVIA SANWONG

A photo of the Shadow Cliffs Lake in March 2023 shows an increase in the water level due to intense rainstorms. Crews are now refilling the lake with even more water via the state's supply.

fishing and boating to return to Shadow Cliffs," Vanya said. "These activities have been suspended since 2020 due to COVID-19 and drought."

Zone 7 had initially proposed the project to the park district, which operates Shadow Cliffs, according to Olivia Sanwong, EBRPD board director for Ward 5 — the area that includes Shadow Cliffs.

According to Zone 7's annual report for the sustainable groundwater management program for the 2022 water year, the lake couldn't receive any water last year due to the drought. However, that quickly changed after the onslaught of heavy rains poured down in the Bay Area, refilling several lakes and water supplies.

This led to Sanwong publishing a column early this year on the complexities of water in California and how there is a need for different approaches to water management in order to ensure adequate water supply.

She told the Weekly how California's State Water Project, which works to move and store as much of the surplus water from these storms as possible, made additional untreated water available to contractors such as Zone 7 this past March through what is known as "Article 21 water."

"What Article 21 water is, supplemental non-potable water at cost rates and that cost rate is really important for East Bay Regional parks,"

Sanwong said. "So we're really paying a much lower rate for this Article 21 water."

She pointed out that while the Shadow Cliffs Lake is a recreational area and doesn't serve as a water supply location, the additional water is being stored there as a sort of spreading ground facility.

According to Sanwong, spreading ground water conservation facilities retain surface water long enough for it to percolate into the soil.

The project broke ground with the first pump beginning to fill up the lake this past Saturday, but Sanwong said that the effort to fill up the lake isn't something that has just been in the works at a Zone 7 and EBRPD level — she said it's something that she wanted to do ever since she first joined the park district in December, shifting elected offices after 4-1/2 years on the Zone 7 board.

"Shadow Cliffs has an incredibly special spot in my heart," Sanwong told the Weekly. "It was a fun place for me to go to as a child."

"More recently, in December 2022, when the Shadow Cliffs Lake level was at its lowest point, the East Bay Regional Park District had a dedication ceremony for the new Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Pavilion," she added. "At the ceremony, my

predecessor Ayn Wieskamp, introduced me and commented how she had high expectations for me to help make sure EBRPD fills Shadow Cliffs Lake with water."

She also said how refilling the lake was her first real challenge as an EBRPD director and that she especially appreciated the joint collaboration between not just Zone 7, but with the city of Pleasanton as well given that the city has noise ordinances that had to be addressed due to the loud pumps.

"There are about 11 homes that live fairly close to the arroyo, where the two pumps are operating," Sanwong said. "My staff at East Bay Regional Parks actually went and delivered a letter from the park district to each of those homeowners and if they were home, we would have a conversation with them."

Sanwong added that while the recreational aspect of refilling the lake excites her, as she grew up enjoying the lake, the conversation around exploring things like Zone 7's proposed Chain of Lakes pipeline project and how that could help ensure a more stable water supply for Shadow Cliffs is what's most important to her.

"Water in California is not simple," she said. "I think that the extreme weather patterns that we've been experiencing — from severe drought to, you know, a deluge of storms that we experienced this year — I think it's going to get even more complicated and complex going forward." ■

Autonomous shuttle program debuts in San Ramon

Electric vehicles will offer regular service throughout Bishop Ranch on weekdays

By JEANITA LYMAN

Last month marked the start of a new transit option in San Ramon's central commercial core, with an autonomous shuttle making its maiden voyage and beginning regular service throughout several stops in Bishop Ranch.

The Bishop Ranch Autonomous Shuttle Program is the first of its

kind in the Bay Area, and was launched on April 24 by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

The pilot program, set to run through this fall, is set to offer free shuttle service on automated electric vehicles throughout four stops in Bishop Ranch from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

"We're excited to be able to provide

the public with free access to these zero-emission, low-speed, autonomous shuttles," CCTA Board Chair Federal Glover said in a statement.

Although aimed specifically at the approximately 30,000 employees working at Bishop Ranch amid the winding down of pandemic restrictions, the shuttles are open to the public

The launch of the autonomous shuttles also marks the start of implementing CCTA's PRESTO program, which is aimed at providing even more new transit options including electric scooters and bicycle sharing and express bus routes.

A portion of funding for the project was awarded by the Federal Highway Administration's Advanced

Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment program in an \$8 million grant.

"The service can help cut down on harmful emissions, reduce congestion on our roads, and create a new, accessible connection to transportation hubs throughout Contra Costa County," Glover said. ■

Collaborative announces 2023 Juanita Haugen Award winners

Four residents, PPOA Foundation to be honored at ceremony next week

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative is set to recognize four Pleasanton residents, along with the Pleasanton Police Officers Charitable Foundation, as recipients of the 2023 Juanita Haugen Awards next week.

The award honors people who have a strong record of volunteering and helping the community by role modeling the traits of compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline. It's named for late former Pleasanton Unified School District trustee Juanita Haugen, who inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative.

According to a press release from the organization, Bill Butler, Todd Utikal, George Bowen, Tina Ghai and representatives of the police foundation will receive their awards next Wednesday during the annual award luncheon, which will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton.

"This year's Juanita Haugen Awards recipients exhibit the values of the community of character



Bill Butler



Todd Utikal



George Bowen



Tina Ghai

through their great examples of service, while living the values of responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity," the press release states. "Their examples inspire each of us to remember these important values in our own lives and do what we can to make a difference in Pleasanton."

Utikal and Butler will each be receiving their own award, but in many ways they will be sharing the commemorative moment as they will be recognized for their joint effort in working on the Yes on I campaign, which helped inform Pleasanton voters on the need for the school district to pass Measure I, the \$395 million general obligation bond measure that passed last November.

Their time spent holding countless public and private meetings with individuals and community groups to inform the public on why the district needed the money

in order to improve school infrastructure will be highlighted as one of the reasons why they were nominated for the award, according to the collaborative.

Butler, who is a Naval Academy graduate and former Navy pilot, has been deeply involved in the Pleasanton community over the years, having served as a board member for the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and as the campaign chair for the Firehouse Arts Center.

Utikal is also no stranger to helping his community after having started the We Are Pleasanton group back in 2020. The group helped raise over \$475,000 for infrastructure and amenity projects at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools.

Bowen, who is a 38-year resident of Pleasanton, will be recognized for various contributions to his community and the people within that community — one example

being the time he donated a kidney to someone he knew, which gave that person another chance at life.

"On another occasion, after a friend lost his 16-year-old son, George raised over \$1 million and co-founded Impact Teen Drivers, the county's largest nonprofit aimed at eliminating distracted driving," according to the press release.

Bowen, who builds guitars on the side for professional musicians, also recently helped put together a benefit concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore in order to raise money and awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, which he himself was diagnosed with last year.

Ghai, is the final individual awardee and while she might not be as well known as the others, she had worked diligently behind the scenes during the pandemic to provide 4,000 masks — which she stitched herself — for essential workers, according to the collaborative.

During the pandemic, she had also coordinated volunteers to distribute around 2,000 cooked packets of food for the elderly and sick and delivered groceries to essential workers, caregivers and people who lost their jobs.

"Tina Ghai is especially passionate

about women's empowerment, helping children in abusive environments and helping people fighting depression," according to the press release. "Tina's community service efforts are unique and far-reaching."

She has also been giving anonymous scholarships to local students on an annual basis and runs drives to collect food and clothes for refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Finally, the Pleasanton Police Officers Charitable Foundation will be recognized for the foundation's commitment to help those in need, children and seniors throughout the community by holding events such as the annual Shop with a Cop, where cops help children in need shop for their families.

"The (Pleasanton Police Officers Association) strives to promote a high level of commitment to public safety and professionalism within the ranks of the Pleasanton Police Department with an emphasis on education, legal support, community outreach and trust building," the press release stated.

Last year, the foundation also provided funding for backpacks to students in need at the district and helped fund Adopt a Senior, which is an event dedicated to remembering senior citizens in Pleasanton during the Christmas season.

The luncheon next Wednesday (May 17) is open to the public and costs \$45 per person — those interested in attending can register at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce website at www.pleasanton.org. ■

BART to alter service schedule starting in September

Changes include mainly 20-minute headways, more trains on nights and weekends

By ELI WALSH / BCN

BART plans to alter its schedule later this year in an effort to make it more efficient to use BART at any time of day rather than the agency centering its service around weekday work commute hours.

Currently, BART trains arrive every 15 minutes on weekdays until 9 p.m., while arriving every 30 minutes on nights and weekends.

Starting Sept. 11, trains will arrive every 20 minutes at most at every station in the system on weekdays, nights and weekends.

The changes will also make trains more frequent on the yellow line, which runs between Antioch and San Francisco International Airport.

The yellow line is one of BART's busiest lines, shuttling riders across Contra Costa County, Alameda County and San Francisco, but is currently only served by trains every 15 minutes during peak weekday hours. That schedule will change to every 10 minutes Monday through Friday before 9 p.m.

Members of BART's Board of Directors have repeatedly called for increased night and weekend service since the COVID-19 pandemic began and changes in work activity, particularly in downtown San Francisco, limited BART's ridership to only around 40% of pre-pandemic expectations.

"We know that commute ridership is not coming back," BART Board Director Rebecca Saltzman said during a discussion of the tentative schedule changes on April 27. "The commute is not coming back to any mode" of transportation.

"Maybe we can inch up a little bit, we have to continue to capture those riders, but if people are only going into their office one, two or three days a week, we're not going to capture them five days a week," she added. "It's not possible, they're sitting in their home, they're not getting on BART."

Laura Hill, a policy director with the business advocacy group Bay Area Council, argued that BART will make workers even less likely to commute via train

on weekdays with larger gaps between trains and that BART should instead prioritize safety and cleanliness aboard its trains.

Hill noted that polling conducted by the Bay Area Council among employers in the region found that 78% are "somewhat or very concerned" about their employees' safety aboard public transit.

"We understand why you are taking a closer look at your service plan," Hill told the Board of Directors. "However, adding service where you already know you have demand at the expense of weekday service does not equal more ridership during evenings and weekends, but it does guarantee that you make weekday commutes even less appealing."

Ridership has rebounded better on weekends for BART, with recorded fares totaling between 60% and 70% of pre-pandemic expectations.

Weekday fares, meanwhile, have struggled to reach much higher than 40% of pre-pandemic expectations.

BART officials also believe the schedule changes will not increase costs as the transit agency is essentially shifting some trains from peak weekday service to nights and weekends.

"Someone who's traveling alone late at night who has to wait 30-plus minutes for a train, knowing that they might get a train in 20

minutes or a shorter time period actually, I think, brings safety in riding the system after hours," Director Mark Foley said.

The BART board will consider the schedule changes as part of its budget approval process this summer. The board must approve the budget before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. ■

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A beautiful friendship

Pleasanton-Tulancingo celebrates 40th anniversary

STORY BY JEREMY WALSH |

Pleasanton recently welcomed more than two dozen officials and community representatives from Tulancingo, Mexico, for a special delegation trip to commemorate a milestone anniversary for the two sister cities.

Celebrating 40 years of friendship, the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association delegation visit in mid-April featured a wide range of events in and around Pleasanton, including the exchange of cultural gifts at City Hall, local entertainment, a Western night dinner, a tour of the Presidio of San Francisco and recognitions of two of the group's local co-founders who died in recent years.

"Our sister cities association these past 40 years has been a great way to enjoy, respect, share and better understand each other's culture," PTSCA president Jorge Victoria told the Weekly after the five-day program.

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, who participated in multiple activities during the 2023 delegation visit, said she was "was excited to greet so many of my friends that were visiting from our sister city."

"In 2013, I joined the city of Pleasanton's delegation, and had the chance to visit Tulancingo myself," Brown told the Weekly. "While I was there, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of our sister city relationship, which began in 1983. Since then, many of the same wonderful people have traveled to Pleasanton to learn more about our culture and visit with their Pleasanton friends."

"This year, 2023, Tulancingo and the city of Pleasanton are celebrating 40 years as sister cities," the mayor added. "This relationship began and was nurtured by Mr. Bob Athenour and his family. The affiliation was later expanded to



The Tulancingo delegation joins sister city association members at the bench newly commemorated at Bernal Community Park in honor of the late Bob Athenour, who co-founded the organization 40 years ago.



Above: Plaque on the park bench dedicated to the memory of Bob Athenour.

Left: Tulancingo delegates join Pleasanton residents during the inaugural sister city visit in 1984. (Photo courtesy PTSCA)



Pleasanton City Council receives cultural gifts on behalf of the city from Tulancingo delegates and PTSCA representatives during a ceremony in the council chambers last month.



The delegates from Mexico check out exhibits in the Tulancingo Cultural Center.

Beautiful Friendship

Sister City Association Anniversary delegation trip

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

include many elected officials, volunteers and exchange students that have all enjoyed a rich cultural exchange with dear friends.”

Brown was on hand as the delegation joined Pleasanton representatives to unveil a new memorial bench at Bernal Community Park to honor Athenour, who died in 2020. Later in the visit, the association also paid tribute to co-founder Steve Noble, who passed away earlier this year, and his family at the group’s farewell dinner.

In a cultural gift exchange in the council chambers, the Tulancingo delegates presented Brown and the city of Pleasanton with two hand-carved stone masks, a rain stick and a decorative sword, which will be displayed in the Tulancingo Room in Pleasanton City Hall.

Other highlights from the trip were a tour of Las Positas College in Livermore, an “April Thanksgiving Dinner” at the Pleasanton Senior Center that included performances by the school district’s youth mariachi group Estrella del Pueblo and local dance group Ballet Folklórico, a tour of the Presidio of San Francisco, and a walk and lunch at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland.

There was also a “Western Night” at the Rebello estate, a Pleasanton Lions Club-hosted breakfast at Callippe Preserve Golf Course, a community picnic at Ken Mercer Sports Park and a farewell dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

PTSCA, which also organizes youth exchange trips between the two cities for students in the summer, is hosting an open house on June 11 at the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Center at 4477 Black Ave. to educate the community and generate more interest in the nonprofit. Visit ptsca.org for more information. ■



Above: A group photo of the delegation from Pleasanton to Tulancingo in 1988.

Left: Former Pleasanton mayor Frank Brandes and a local student during the same trip to Tulancingo 35 years ago.



Above: Pleasanton resident Chuck Deckert sits in a fire engine donated to the Tulancingo Fire Department in 1988, with then-fire commandant Joaquin Arcega standing alongside.

Right: Games of cornhole being played during the PTSCA community picnic last month.



Tulancingo Room at Pleasanton City Hall.



Tulancingo delegates and Pleasanton residents enjoy the meal and conversation during the community picnic at Ken Mercer Sports Park.

'THE PLAGUE DOCTOR' chronicles the eerie and chilling

Dublin poet laureate Morehead releases newest poetry collection

BY NICOLE GONZALES

Dublin writer and city poet laureate James Morehead has published his newest collection of poems, entitled "The Plague Doctor".

The new book, which Morehead celebrated with a launch event last weekend at The Frame Company and Art Gallery in Dublin, draws from eerie and chilling inspirations — something different from what Morehead has written in the past.

The poet spoke to the Weekly about his reflections on the book and what he hopes readers will take away from it.

"My first two books leaned heavily into memoir poems; they were influenced by my own personal experiences," said Morehead, who was selected as the Dublin poet laureate in June 2021 and has since been re-affirmed to serve for a second term.

"I wrote the poem 'The Plague Doctor' a couple years ago after looking at a photograph of a friend wearing an elaborate Halloween costume. I just looked at the photo, and as poets tend to do, I wrote that poem," he said. "It was a little creepy, a little eerie and I liked the feeling of it. It was different from the style of poetry that I have written previously so that was exciting."

"Then I went down a conscious path of looking for more eerie and creepy themes. A lot of that was influenced by art and photography,

not by my own personal experience," he added.

His first two collections, "Canvas: Poems" and "Portraits of Red and Gray: Memoir Poems", had been written and compiled over a number of years.

For the latest release, Morehead worked in a shorter time span to shape his poems cohesively after the first spark of inspiration.

"The first two books, which I'm very proud of, are collected poems I've written over quite a long time. I found a way to stitch them together so that they had a specific coherence," he said.

This time around Morehead focused on being more imaginative and vivid with his writing.

"For another poem in the book, I had an idea of an art gallery. As you go into each part of the gallery, the sculptures start to melt off the paintings, the books evolve into words and letters. Then the actual person viewing the gallery dissolves into the floor," he explained. "There's this entire world."

While poetry collections can usually be read out of order, the best way to read "The Plague Doctor" is in chronological order, according to Morehead.

"Typically, the nature of poetry



James Morehead

is such that you can read poems individually and truly stand on their own. I think 'The Plague Doctor' is best to read from start to finish," he said.

The book has received acclaim from fellow literary artists, including Tina Cane, poet laureate of Rhode Island. Cane

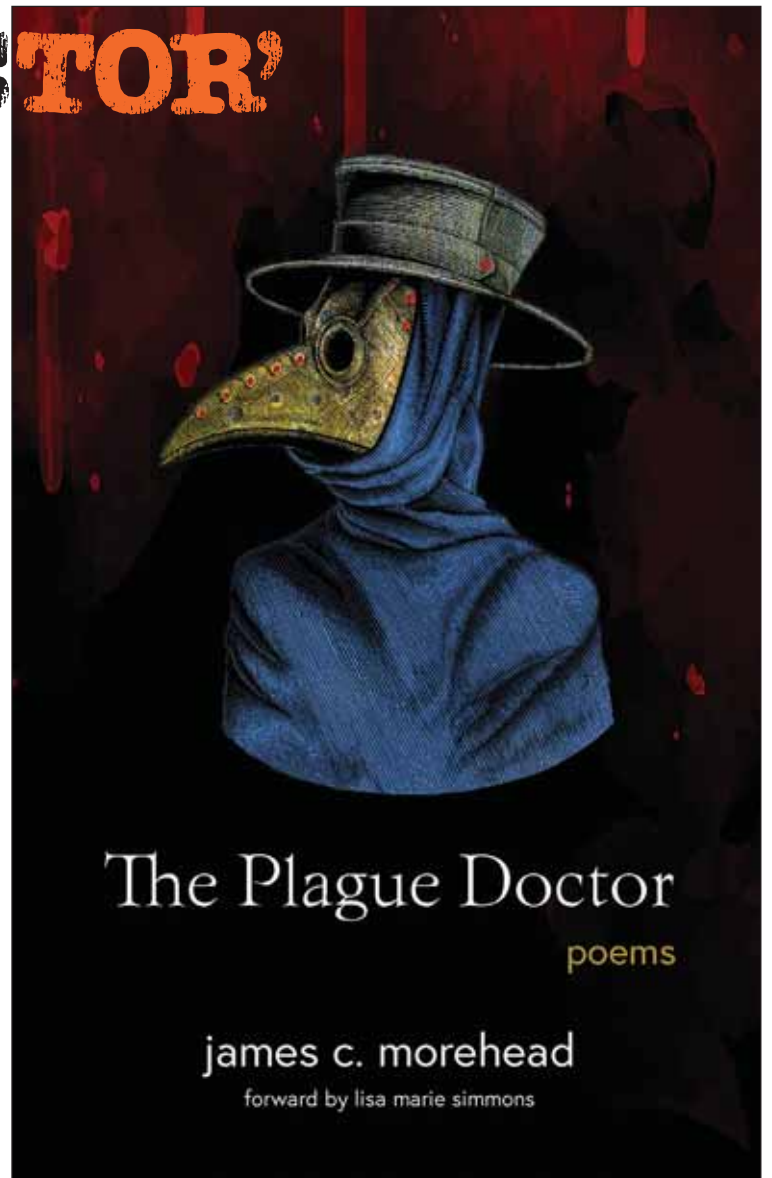
shared reflections about Morehead in a statement.

"James Morehead's poetry pulses with vibrant detail," Cane said. "In this new collection Morehead has created a vivid document that captures what it means to be perpetually inspired by the world in all its facets."

Overall Morehead hopes readers will feel greatly impacted by the mood and scenery laid out for them in the book.

"I hope there are elements of the book, a phrase or a line that sticks with readers and rattles their mind. I hope it makes them think about the time we have on Earth and how fleeting it is and how temporary our time is here," he said. "My intention (when you read it) is that you walk away with these vivid images that just linger."

Morehead plans to attend an upcoming Bay Area book festival in Berkeley to promote his work, as



COURTESY JAMES MOREHEAD

The cover of "The Plague Doctor" by Dublin author James Morehead. The book is Morehead's third published poetry collection.

well as with several other Tri-Valley authors.

"It's an opportunity for me to meet some people in person and for people to get signed books," he said of the event. "But it's more of a chance for me to share it and interact with the community."

"The Plague Doctor" features ink art by Natalia Andrus as well as Morehead's own original photographs.

More information about James Morehead and "The Plague Doctor" can be found at viewlesswings.com/james-morehead. ■

Pleasanton Rose Show marking 83rd year

Event returns on Mother's Day weekend, first time in-person since 2019

BY NICOLE GONZALES

This Mother's Day weekend, Pleasanton residents will be given the chance to view an arrangement of homegrown roses and florals.

The 83rd annual Pleasanton Rose Show is set to take place at the Pleasanton Senior Center from 2 to 5 p.m. this Saturday (May 13). The event is free and open to the public.

Beginning nearly a century ago, the event was originally dubbed "The People's Show".

"The Rose Show started in the 1940s when banker Harry Harding gave free rose bushes to his customers and the customers returned each year with blooms to show their appreciation," said Terry

Snyder, a city of Pleasanton staff member.

"The city got involved in 2009 as the show needed a bigger venue, first using the library and then moved to the Senior Center," Snyder added.

Typically, the Rose Show occurs just before Mother's Day.

The event was originally created as a way for local organizations to connect and support each other, or provide donations to those in need. Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to Tri-Valley based non-profit Sunflower Hill.

"This is a wonderful free event where all residents can enter their homegrown roses," Snyder said.

Snyder explained that after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic,

the show continued virtually. The 83rd year will be a return to in-person for organizers and visitors.

"The last show was in 2019, we had approximately 500 rose entries. It was phenomenal, the smell, the colors, a truly remarkable event," Snyder said.

"Roses are exquisite and when you see so many in one place, you appreciate their beauty so much more. We do hope the show will inspire those that do not have roses in their yard to want to grow roses and hopefully enter them in the next show," added Snyder.

To participate in the rose show, people must submit their arrangement or flowers to the Rose Show prior to the event at 8-10 a.m. the same day. For more information on the floral display, visit pleasantonroseshow.com. ■



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Roses submitted in a past Pleasanton Rose Show are shown on display.

'Annie KIDS' musical set to take stage at Amador Theater

Dozens of youth actors will be performing in shows over two days

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

More than 90 kids will be bringing to life the world of Little Orphan Annie — the famous character from comic strip, stage and screen — this weekend at Pleasanton's historic Amador Theater.

"Annie" is a wonderful, classic show that celebrates the history of musical theater," Jeff Zavattero, library and recreation coordinator, told the Weekly. "All of the songs are recognizable, the characters are larger than life, and everyone gets a chance to be featured."

Zavattero, who is leading the production of "Annie KIDS", oversees the Pleasanton Youth Theatre Company, which is the in-house theater program behind the musical. The program, which is meant for youth and run by the city of Pleasanton, has put on a number of shows recently including "Elf the Musical Jr." and "Frozen KIDS" this past winter.

Now, the troupe will be bringing the classic 1920s comic strip character, Annie, to life with their newest production. "Annie KIDS" is based



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on the tales of Little Orphan Annie, which was later adapted to a musical for Broadway and movies.

"The kids are familiar with and love the show, but there are a lot of terms and references that we go over with them that you can't just get from context," Zavattero said. "They don't understand what it means for clothes to be 'Beau Brummelly' like in 'You're Never Fully Dressed

(Without a Smile)' ... and to be honest neither did I! We all learned together."

The story of America's favorite red-head takes place in New York City and follows the little orphan as she foils the evil plans of Miss Hannigan — the woman who ran Annie's former orphanage — and finds a new home while looking for her biological parents.

Zavattero said some of the more notable moments during rehearsals came from just how simply funny the story was to the young cast.

"There were several instances where we were blocking a scene or choreographing a song where we would just stop to laugh — we are having so much fun with this performance," he said. "Figuring out how to show how tough Pepper the Orphan

is, or how mean Miss Hannigan is, or how sneaky Rooster can be ... It was a very fun process and I think the fun will translate well onstage."

The cast will be made up of four groups, with a total of 96 kids mainly ranging from 7 to 11 years old. There are 28 younger kids ages 5-6, who will be joining two of the performances.

The first cast will kick off the performances today (May 12) at 7 p.m. The other three casts will perform the next day — one at 11 a.m., one at 2 p.m. and the last at 5 p.m., all on Saturday (May 13).

Zavattero said that after the 14-week process of auditioning and rehearsals, he is excited for the public to see the kids in action.

"This is a great chance to see a classic musical and recognizable songs on the Amador stage!" he said. "The casts are wonderful, and each show features a different director and a unique flair."

Tickets for the musical are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Firehouse Arts Center website. The theater is on the campus of Amador Valley High School on Santa Rita Road. ■

'Drama and Fantasy' in concert

Local symphony to be joined by Irish pianist

BY JEREMY WALSH

The music of Beethoven, Mozart, Liadov and Stravinsky are set to come to the Bankhead Theater stage next weekend when the Livermore-Amador Symphony performs its latest concert, "Drama and Fantasy".

In addition to the talents of local artists in the symphony, the concert will feature an appearance from acclaimed Irish pianist John O'Connor, who hails from that other Dublin and had been scheduled to play in the Tri-Valley originally in 2021.

"We are thrilled to welcome one of the most remarkable pianists of our time, John O'Connor, an exceptional interpreter of the music of Beethoven, in a performance of the composer's Piano Concerto No. 3," LAS music director and conductor Lara Webber said in a statement.

O'Connor tours the globe with regular visits to the U.S., Canada, Japan and South Korea, and his recordings including the complete Beethoven Piano Concertos with the London Symphony Orchestra are known worldwide, according to LAS officials.

"O'Connor is deeply committed to the development of young pianists in Ireland and in other countries, giving master classes and lectures in many of the places he performs and in several major music institutions. He is regarded as one of the



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Irish pianist John O'Connor is the special soloist for the concert.

most important piano teachers in the world today," LAS reps said.

The concert program in Livermore will also include the symphony performing Mozart's overture to "The Abduction from the Seraglio," Liadov's "The Enchanted Lake" and the "Firebird" suite by Stravinsky from the ballet based on Russian fairy tales of the Firebird.

"Drama and Fantasy" is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. next Saturday (May 20) at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. Webber will host a pre-concert talk from 7-7:30 p.m. that night. For tickets and more information, visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org. ■

Fun Saturday on tap at LPC

Campus hosting Craft Beer Festival and Literary Arts Festival

BY JEREMY WALSH

Las Positas College has a busy Saturday coming up this weekend, playing host to both the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival and the school's annual Literary Arts Festival.

The beer fest will run from 1-5 p.m. on the LPC campus athletic field, while the literary showcase will go from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mertes Center for the Arts, Building 4000. The campus is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Craft Beer Festival

Featuring more than 40 craft breweries from the Tri-Valley and throughout Northern California, along with live music and local food vendors, the seventh annual beer festival aims to support small businesses in the area and beyond as well as the college's fire service technology program that will benefit from ticket sale proceeds.

"We are thrilled to bring the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival to Las Positas College for the first time," LPC President Dyrell Foster said in a statement. "This festival is a great opportunity for the community

to come together and support local businesses and our Fire Service Technology program while enjoying a fun day out."

Jon Sylvester, executive director of the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation, added, "Even though most aspects of the festival will be the same as previous events, this year's Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival will have a new look and beneficiary and a fantastic new venue with more room for vendors, attendees and parking."

Open to anyone 21 years of age or older, tickets can be purchased online for \$50 or \$60 at the door, including a commemorative tasting glass and unlimited tastings. An \$80 VIP ticket, including one-hour early entrance and other offerings, is also available. Go to <https://lvcbf.com/beer-festival/>.

Literary Arts Festival

The daylong literary showcase Saturday will include a variety of works such as poetry, fiction and nonfiction as well as author appearances, workshops, drag queen storytime and more.

"I am thrilled to see the annual Literary Arts Festival come to life once again on our campus," Foster said. "This festival

provides a wonderful opportunity for our students and community to engage with the power of words and creativity. I look forward to seeing the transformative impact it will have on all those involved."

With free admission but limited seating, the festival will feature readings by the California and Livermore poets laureate, Native American poets panel, drag queen storytime, LPC student veteran writing, Asian American histories, young adult fiction panel, the 20th annual LPC Poetry Slam, publication ceremony for LPC's Havik journal, and writing workshops on fiction, memoirs, feminism, publishing and slam poetry.

Writer Tommy Orange, American Book Award winner and author of "There There", will join LPC English professor and "The Spitboy Rule" author Michelle Cruz Gonzales for a fireside chat. New York Times bestselling author Bruce Henderson will also take part in a talk with LPC English professor Jim Ott.

There will be food trucks, music and activities for children from local libraries too.

Learn more or register at www.laspositascollege.edu/literary-festival. ■

Foothill team takes third place at We the People nationals

Both Pleasanton schools were top 10 in U.S., with Amador Valley finishing ninth

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Foothill High School's competitive civics team earned third place in the 2023 national We the People competition in Washington D.C. after taking home first place in the state level for the first time in school history earlier this year.

"Being able to take third place ... is just insane," Foothill senior and We the People competitor Jenna Besh told the Weekly after the results were announced April 24. "It was an amazing experience and I can't even begin to put into words how it has sort of changed me."

We the People is a national educational program where high school seniors demonstrate their understanding of the U.S. government and the Constitution by participating in simulated congressional hearings, according to the program's website.

Foothill, as well as its Pleasanton neighbors, Amador Valley High School, each represented the state of California at the We the People national finals that featured more than 40 teams and approximately 1,000 high school students from across the U.S.

Amador's team, the 2022 national champions who received a wild-card spot into D.C. this year after placing second in the state championship on Feb. 4, also earned a top 10 finish at nationals, taking home ninth place.

Besh said that she didn't expect Foothill's third-place finish just because of all of the other students she got to meet during the competition and how civically engaged everyone was.

"It definitely gave me hope for our future as a nation that there are students like this, who are going to be the future heads of government," she said.

But while she had nothing but praise and love for her Foothill teammates, whom she said have become like a second family to her, she had many others to thank for getting her and her team to the national competition — including coaches Graham McBride and Jeremy Detamore, who are both U.S. history teachers at Foothill.

"This achievement belongs to a phenomenal group of students," McBride said in a press release from the district.

Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund also praised both the coaches and the students in the press release and also congratulated Amador's team for making it to the top 10 nationally.

"Congratulations to both Foothill and Amador Valley High School competitive civics teams on finishing in the top 10 nationally. I was incredibly impressed with how well the students were prepared, and especially amazed with how insightful their responses to the judges' questions were," Haglund said. "These brilliant students are guided by phenomenal teachers. Thank you to Foothill's Graham McBride and Jeremy Detamore, and Amador Valley's Stacey Sklar for the work that they do each year to get our students ready to compete."

Sklar, who also commented on the press release, said she was just as proud of her Amador We the People team for their hard work and efforts.

"They have been a pleasure to work with this year," Sklar said. "We had a tough spring leading up to nationals, filled with COVID quarantines and other lingering illnesses. The fact that the team could place in the top 10 in spite of these obstacles was impressive."



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Foothill High School's senior competitive civics team pose for a group picture after placing third in the national We the People competition in Washington D.C. on April 24.

For Besh, there were several moments that she enjoyed throughout the trip and the competition such as visiting museums and national buildings of historic significance that she has been learning about in school.

But for her, one of the most memorable moments was when she said a current Georgetown University Law Center professor judged Besh's specific unit of teammates who focused their mock congressional hearing on the three branches of government and federalism.

"She was saying, 'You guys know more than my current Georgetown law students about this field,'" Besh said. "That is something that's so incredible to me. And she was like, 'You guys are our future,' and I would say that that's something that's been super impactful."

Besh, who said that she wanted to pursue a career in law after eventually

attending law school, also added that while she has been able to improve her public speaking skills and her overall civic knowledge, she more importantly was able to learn the value of teamwork.

"I am a person that has difficulty trusting people, especially in terms of writing these testimonies," Besh said. "Because We the People is such a team-based class, I really had to just put trust into my unit mates ... that was something that definitely took me a while at first, but because I was surrounded by so many of these incredible people that are just as self motivated as I am, it sort of allowed me to overcome that obstacle."

She also said that when the competition ended it was bittersweet because it meant that all of the teammates will be moving on to other schools, including herself with plans

of attending Northwestern University in Illinois.

"I feel like it's the first time in high school where I've really found people that are interested in the same things as me, that I've really been able to connect with," Besh said. "It's almost sad that I feel like I finally found my people in high school during my senior year before we all go off to different places."

But regardless of that, she still said that she was proud of her and her teammates achievements after putting in around 25 hours of studying, preparing and practicing with her team over the past year.

"It's just been such an incredible experience and I'm so lucky to (be) able to consider myself a We the People alumni now," Besh said. "I would definitely consider it the highlight of my high school experience." ■

Cantabella Children's Chorus show in honor of Mother's Day

'Inversions' to spotlight womanhood and female artistry at Bankhead Theater

BY NICOLE GONZALES

In honor of Mother's Day weekend, the Cantabella Children's Chorus is set to perform a selection of works that highlight womanhood and strength through music.

The Tri-Valley-based group will present "Inversions" this Saturday (May 13) at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. A 1 p.m. show features younger performers of the chorus that are elementary aged, while at 4 p.m. middle and high school aged singers will take the stage.

The performing group has invited guests to bring their family members, mothers and friends, expressing that it will be a, "family event in honor of Mother's Day."

Performance pieces were selected by Cantabella artistic director Clement Cano to honor mothers

and women around the near holiday. Many of the songs are said to represent female artistry.

"The root musical chord represents the status quo of majority male composers highlighted throughout the centuries and when you invert the chord you get a different color or feel," Cano said in a statement. "(It's) basically turning the status quo upside down by presenting majority female composers, poets, lyricists and arrangers."

The Cantabella Children's Chorus, originally founded in 1992, has won several national and international performance awards. In 2019 the group traveled to the World Youth Choral Festival and Competition in South Korea and secured a top prize.

The chorus continues to put on shows throughout the year,

including annual Christmas and spring concerts.

Cano spoke on the music of female composers for the upcoming "Inversions" show.

"'Measure Me, Sky!' by Elaine Hagenberg has a great sense of flying and living aspirations represented in the music," he said.

Another song in the show, "Wanting Memories" by Ysaye M. Barnwell, was described by Cano as, "a relatively simplistic nature song with luscious melodies that has tremendous impact for longing for family and memories."

Cano added, "'Past Life Melodies' by Sarah Hopkins has no lyrics, so we are concentrating on pure raw singing producing visceral sounds and emotions."

For more information and tickets to a show, visit livermorearts.org/. ■



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Cantabella Children's Chorus plans to honor Mother's Day with two performances of "Inversions" on May 13 at the Bankhead Theater.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Man killed in domestic assault in Dublin, police say

A man died after being beaten and stabbed in a suspected domestic violence attack inside a residence in central Dublin last Friday night, according to city police.

Officers arrested the decedent's apparent girlfriend on suspicion of committing homicide and domestic assault, according to Dublin police Capt. Gurvinder Gosal.

The investigation unfolded just after 9 p.m. May 5 when first responders were dispatched to unit in the 5421 at Dublin Station apartment complex on Campbell Lane for a medical call reporting an unresponsive man, according to Gosal. The scene was just off Dublin Boulevard, a couple of blocks north of the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station.

Police officers arrived to find Alameda County Fire Department personnel already on scene attempting life-saving measures on the man, who was subsequently pronounced dead. "The victim was found with injuries consistent with stab wounds and other blunt-force trauma," Gosal said.

Officers then contacted and detained a suspect, identified as 23-year-old Crystal Espinoza, whom investigators believe was in a dating relationship with the victim, according to Gosal.

"Based on evidence located at the scene and our ongoing investigation, Espinoza was placed under arrest for domestic assault and homicide. She was subsequently transported to Santa Rita Jail for booking," Gosal said.

The identity of the victim had not yet been released publicly, as of press time Wednesday.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- Authorities on Saturday confirmed the identity of the man stabbed to death inside a Pleasanton apartment in an apparent robbery attempt that escalated to homicide last week.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the victim as 32-year-old Edevion White, a Tennessee native who was living in the apartment where killed, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Erik Silacci.

Police reported that White was found unresponsive in the unit at the Park Hacienda Apartments complex on Owens Drive at around 10:30 a.m. May 1 after police were called to the scene following a call about two people with ski masks running from the apartment.

Silacci previously stated that police believe a confrontation occurred

between the victim and assailants and that he was stabbed inside the apartment after they tried to rob him. "As previously released, we believe the assailants were known to the victim, this was an isolated incident, and there is no threat to the community," Silacci reiterated on Saturday.

The yet-unknown culprits remain at-large, according to police — who encourage anyone with information about the assailants or the case overall to contact the Pleasanton Police Department tip line at 925-931-5107.

—Jeremy Walsh

- The vehicular manslaughter case stemming from a fatal crash on Hopyard Road last year will soon be dismissed after the defendant died in recent weeks, the Weekly has learned.

Jesus "Jesse" Ocampo Mangabay, 36, faced one misdemeanor count in connection with the sideswipe collision on Valentine's Day morning 2022 that killed 48-year-old Pleasanton resident Ana Paula Munaretto.

While his case was still proceeding through the courts, Mangabay died of apparent natural causes at home in Pleasanton on March 27.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau confirmed the death to the Weekly but did not investigate, as it was deemed natural. An Amador Valley High School alum who worked for a medical device company, Mangabay was survived by a son and other family members, according to an obituary online from the family.

An Alameda County Superior Court judge will consider a motion to dismiss the manslaughter case in light of Mangabay's death during a hearing today, according to the District Attorney's Office. That is the typical process for a pending criminal case when a defendant dies.

Prosecutors filed the lone misdemeanor count against Mangabay in July 2022 following the conclusion of the Pleasanton Police Department investigation, which alleged that Mangabay was driving about 20 mph over the speed limit when his vehicle sideswiped Munaretto's car and forced it to crash into a light pole on Hopyard Road near Stoneridge Drive on the morning of Feb. 14, 2022.

Munaretto, a kid club aide with the Pleasanton Unified School District, died at an area hospital two days afterward from injuries sustained in the crash. Her son survived the collision but sustained serious injuries.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A driver was killed after running a red light at a high rate of speed, hitting two other cars and striking a traffic pole at the intersection of North Livermore Avenue and Interstate 580 on Saturday night, according to the California Highway Patrol.

CHP-Dublin officers came upon the fatal collision after investigating

calls of reported drag racing north of that area, but they never witnessed any street racing and such potential activity was not the cause of the crash, according to Officer Tyler Hahn.

The situation unfolded just after 8:45 p.m. Saturday when the CHP's Golden Gate Communication Center began broadcasting reports of five vehicles drag racing on North Livermore Avenue between Manning and May School roads in unincorporated Livermore, according to Hahn.

Officers responded to the area and spotted three vehicles speeding southbound on North Livermore Avenue, but they were unable to catch up to those vehicles and lost sight of them, Hahn said.

"As officers approached Interstate 580, they observed a crash within the intersection of North Livermore Avenue and Interstate 580 westbound," Hahn said.

The subsequent investigation revealed two cars — a 2013 Hyundai Elantra and a 1994 Chevrolet Camaro — were in the left-turn lane from North Livermore Avenue northbound to I-580 westbound and proceeded into the intersection after the light cycled to green, according to Hahn.

As the two cars continued their turn toward the freeway, a 2006 Acura RL traveling southbound on North Livermore Avenue at a high rate of speed ran the red light and struck both turning vehicles before continuing through the intersection and hitting a traffic pole. "The pole entered the driver compartment of the Acura and impacted the driver resulting in fatal injury," Hahn said.

The occupants of the Camaro and Elantra were examined medically at the scene but declined to be taken to a hospital, according to Hahn.

The crash investigation and clean-up resulted in only a minimal effect on traffic flow Saturday night because a single northbound and a southbound lane remained open on North Livermore Avenue through the area, according to Hahn.

—Jeremy Walsh

- An Alamo man has been arrested after a federal grand jury indicted him on wire fraud and money laundering charges for an alleged ticket resale scheme at Chase Center and other venues that authorities believe bilked investors out of nearly \$40 million.

Derek Chu, 41, was charged with eight counts of wire fraud and three counts of money laundering following an investigation by the criminal division of the IRS along with the FBI and the San Francisco Police Department related to what federal officials called a "Ponzi scheme" in an announcement last week.

Federal prosecutors allege Chu defrauded unsuspecting investors of a total of \$39 million between

James Cyril O'Connor

May 16, 1941 – April 25, 2023

Resident of Livermore, California

Jim spent his early years growing up in San Francisco's Mission District and Bernal Heights neighborhoods, graduating from Saint Ignatius High School in San Francisco in 1959. Ever the scholar, he earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in education from the University of San Francisco. As a lifelong educator, Jim served communities and students for 39 years in local schools and school districts throughout the Bay Area. He was a teacher in Hayward, a teacher and counselor in Larkspur, a principal in Pacifica, a middle school principal and Assistant Superintendent for Business Services in Tracy, an Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Associate Superintendent for Administration and Property Management, and Deputy Superintendent in San Ramon



Valley, and finally Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and Deputy Superintendent for Business Services in the Castro Valley School District. Jim was recruited to teach as adjunct faculty for the School of Education at both the University of Southern California and Saint Mary's College of California teaching graduate-level courses. School Districts, colleagues, and mentees valued Jim's perspective and voice throughout his career and even well into his retirement. Jim was active in the Kiwanis Club in Tracy, and the Rotary Club in Castro Valley. In 2003, Jim was recognized by CASBO's associate members with the Schuyler C. Joyner Outstanding Service Award.

Upon retirement, Jim and Sharon prioritized and cherished time with their family by cheering on grandchildren at sporting events, celebrating accomplishments, and beaming with pride at family dinners. They spent time with their grandchildren teaching, exploring, playing, and supporting each of them as the people they have become and are becoming. They loved live music and attended countless Dixieland jazz festivals in Old Town Sacramento, Pismo Beach, and Monterey. Among their travels, one grand adventure included journeying across America by train. Through all of these activities, what Jim loved and cherished most was having Sharon by his side.

An avid US history buff, Jim spent 20 years volunteering as a docent on the USS Potomac. He was proudly the "voice" of FDR's Presidential floating White House as they cruised through San Francisco Bay or sat dockside in Oakland. With his gregarious and engaging personality, Jim truly never met a stranger. Meeting Jim was meeting a friend who was curious and wanted to learn about you. His many circles of friends included classmates from St. Ignatius and St. Peter's, fellow Mission District and Bernal Heights pals, as well as his special neighbors in Livermore and Pleasanton Meadows, and of course his weekly Pleasanton coffee buddies. The cornerstone of Jim's life was family and friends. Always an Irishman and gentleman, Jim loved to raise a chilled Manhattan and offer a toast, acknowledging the moment, appreciating the ancestors who brought the moment to be, and highlighting to everyone that special moments with family is what life is all about. Jim brought love, joy, warmth, laughter, and tradition to his family and friends alike.

Jim passed away after a sudden valiant battle with melanoma. Born in San Francisco he is predeceased by his parents Cyril and Mildred O'Connor, and his son James Howard O'Connor. He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years Sharon Lorrene O'Connor and children Dan (Edi) of Los Angeles, Michelle (Jon) of Pleasanton, and Mark O'Connor of El Dorado Hills. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren Connor and Madison Perkins of Pleasanton, and Everleigh and Venture O'Connor of El Dorado Hills, brother John O'Connor (Margaret) of Concord, and sister Geraldine Cappuccio of Odenton, MD. His generous loving spirit will be missed by all that knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to Melanoma Research Foundation or Shriners Hospital for Children.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 7

Warrant arrest

■ 12:07 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Assault/battery

■ 12:45 a.m. on the 5600 block of San Luis Court

Theft

■ 11:12 a.m. on the 7300 block of Stonedale Drive

■ 1:22 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

May 6

Burglary

■ 11:16 a.m. on the 3400 block of Boulder Street

Domestic battery

■ 7:40 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 11:42 p.m. at Division Street and Pleasanton Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 7:40 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

Alcohol violation

■ 11:20 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

May 5

Burglary

■ 6:28 a.m. on the 700 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

■ 9:13 a.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 11:31 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 5:12 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Warrant arrest

■ 9:56 a.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

■ 10:58 a.m. on the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

■ 11 a.m. on the 500 block of Peters Avenue

Fraud

■ 3:44 p.m. on the 1000 block of Gray Fox Circle

May 4

Vandalism

■ 8:21 a.m. on the 1200 block of Quarry Lane

Burglary

■ 8:30 p.m. on the 900 block of Kottinger Drive

■ 11:36 p.m. on the 400 block of Rose Avenue

May 3

Warrant arrest

■ 8:47 a.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue

■ 10:39 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

May 2

Vandalism

■ 12 a.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 8:36 a.m. on the 3300 block of Morgan Court

■ 11:34 a.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Trespassing/prowling

■ 9:50 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

May 1

Theft

■ 12:02 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 8:17 a.m., 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto

■ 6:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 10:27 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

Trespassing/prowling

■ 3:12 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Sex offenses

■ 9:40 a.m. on Hopyard Road

Fraud

■ 9:48 a.m. on the 3100 block of Half Dome Drive

Burglary

■ 11:13 a.m. on the 1200 block of Shady Pond Lane

Vandalism

■ 7:45 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

April 30

Theft

■ 11:54 a.m. on the 7700 block of Olive Drive

■ 11:54 a.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 8:35 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

April 29

Theft

■ 8:39 a.m. on the 2300 block of Meadowlark Drive

■ 1:41 p.m., 5000 block of Case Avenue; bicycle theft

■ 9 p.m., 2600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:27 p.m., 2600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

Domestic battery

■ 2:57 p.m. on Main Street

Burglary

■ 8:56 p.m. on the 3200 block of Melanie Circle

Warrant arrest

■ 11:48 p.m. on the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

April 28

Trespassing/Prowling

■ 10:57 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 11:48 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Burglary

■ 2:17 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 3:13 p.m. on the 4300 block of Denker Drive

Shoplifting

■ 6:55 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 7:58 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 9:22 p.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

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BULLETIN

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2013 and 2020 for buying and reselling tickets to professional basketball games and luxury amenities at Oracle Arena in Oakland and Chase Center in San Francisco, along with Crypto.com Arena (formerly Staples Center) in Los Angeles.

“The indictment further alleges that Chu induced investors by

making numerous materially false misrepresentations, including how the investor funds would be used, how investors would be repaid, and whether the investments were secured by collateral,” authorities said.

Chu allegedly used money from new investors accounts to pay off earlier investors, as well as using funds from the accounts of several of his companies. He is also accused of using the funds for personal gain.

“The indictment alleges that Chu misappropriated and diverted more than \$7.3 million of investor funds for his own personal benefit, which included paying credit card debts; making cash withdrawals; paying for travel, luxury automobile and jewelry purchases; and paying utilities bills, among other things,” authorities said.

Chu was arrested on April 26, and made his first court appearance for the federal charges that morning. His next court appearance was set for earlier this week, after the Weekly’s press deadline.

Each of the eight wire fraud counts Chu faces could result in a maximum penalty of \$250,000 and 20 years of prison. The three money laundering counts could result in a maximum of \$250,000 in fines and 10-year prison sentence each.

—Jeanita Lyman

• San Francisco police arrested five alleged gang members, including a San Ramon man, and seized numerous guns in two days of arrests during the serving of multiple arrest warrants in late April.

The arrest warrants were served April 19 in San Francisco and April 27 in multiple areas throughout the Bay Area in a coordinated effort with several agencies.

The first warrant resulted in the arrest of 29-year-old Maurice Johns of San Francisco in the area of Harbor Road and Bertha Avenue, police said. A search of his residence resulted in the seizure of two firearms, ammunition, and other evidence related to the investigation.

Johns was arrested on suspicion of multiple gun-related offenses

and resisting arrest.

The second round serving six warrants resulted in the arrest of four other men, along with the seizure of multiple guns, ammunition and accessories.

The suspects arrested include 29-year-old Eric Jones, of Concord; 34-year-old Dajaun Menifee, of Hercules; 23-year-old Johnnie Leonard of Alameda; and 34-year-old Kameron Kaywood, of San Ramon.

Kaywood was arrested on suspicion of an outstanding warrant and for numerous firearms-related charges, including the following: possession of an assault rifle, possession of a firearm when convicted of a violent crime, felon in possession of a firearm, two counts of possession of a firearm as a prohibited person, felon in possession of ammunition and possession of a large capacity magazine.

Jones was arrested on suspicion of an outstanding warrant for five counts of auto burglary as well as being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Menifee was arrested on suspicion of an outstanding warrant for numerous firearm-related charges including the following: felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm while on probation, felon in possession of ammunition, two counts of possession of a large-capacity magazine, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle and two counts of possession of a firearm as a prohibited person.

Leonard was arrested on suspicion of an outstanding warrant for numerous firearm-related offenses, a gang enhancement and possession of a large capacity magazine. ■

—Jeff Ballinger, Bay City News

HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 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>.

- Review of the two-year Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Years 2023/24 and 2024/25, the four-year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2026/27, and the updated Reserve Policy
- Receive update on Water Supply Alternatives Study
- Monitor Citywide water capacity and authorize use of Wells 5 and 6 as necessary to meet maximum demand periods.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador baseball sweeps Foothill to win Valley Division regular season

Also: How Dons fared at NCS Swimming Championships

The Amador Valley baseball team swept the two-game series with rival Foothill last week to finish the regular season on top of the Valley Division of the East Bay Athletic League.

The first game on May 4 saw the Dons come away with the 3-0 win in a showdown that took only 90 minutes.

Matthew Foley went the distance on the mound for the Dons, striking out seven and allowing only three hits. Tyler Gebb pitched six innings for Foothill, striking out 10 and allowing three hits.

The Dons got things going in the second, with a single from Johnny Sheppard and a two-run homer from Braden Whitworth. Amador added the final run in the sixth.

Riley Borges notched the third hit for the Dons, with Brendan Comerford, Nate Novitske and Landon Comerford getting the three Foothill hits.

In the second game of the series, a pair of Division I pitchers matched up in a 6-5 Amador win.

Loyola Marymount commit Jackson Flora for Foothill and Cal commit Oliver de la Torre for Amador toed the rubber.

Foothill struck first, scoring three times in the fourth, but Amador came back in the fifth scoring two, then added one in the sixth to tie the game 3-3.

Charlie Stearns' one-out single put the Falcons back in front 4-3, but Amador tied the game in the seventh off a Jason Alonso RBI double to tie the game 4-4.

Gage Talbot followed with a bases-loaded, two-out walk to put the Dons in front 5-4. Foothill wasn't done when Novitske tied the game with a sac fly.

In the top of the eighth, Foley singled, followed by a walk by Ross Kobayashi. Evan Berry then delivered an RBI single to put the Dons ahead for the second time 6-5.

Amador volleyball

The Dons entered the North Coast Section playoffs as the No. 3 and following a first-round bye, knocked off Deer Valley to advance to the NCS semifinals.

In a balanced attack, the Dons were led by Nate Clinton (8 kills, 6 service



TONY WHITWORTH

Amador Valley catcher Evan Berry tags Foothill's Brendan Comerford at the plate off right-fielder Mitch Kreider's throw on May 5.

points), Nick Nayak (7 kills), Luke Melvin (7 kills) with Bryce Nohava (17 assists) and Colin Bowers (14 assists, 8 service points).

The Dons front-line was led by Spencer Thiel (3 blocks) and Aiden Husejnovic (2 blocks). Parker Brookhart led the defense with 12 digs.

Amador swimming

The Dons took sixth in the girls' competition and the boys finished 10th in the NCS Swimming Championships the weekend of May 5-6.

Leading the highlights for the Dons was freshman Rylee Hutchinson.

Hutchinson was third in the 200 freestyle (advancing to state), where she will also compete in the 500 free. Another freshman — Lillyana Caples — was sixth in the 500 free and will also compete at state.

Amador placed three girls in the 200 individual medley consolation finals. Lilli Chau (12th), Florence Lin (14th) and Lillyana Caples (15th) were the three.

Amador's 400 freestyle relay made up of Lin, Lilli Chau, Lillyana Caples and Hutchinson finished sixth.

The 200 medley relay team Chau, Lin, Ling and Hutchinson finished ninth.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Joyce Huang, Sydney Goldstein, Lillyana Caples and Nicole Xu finished 11th.

On the boys' side senior Hayden Tupper was third in the 200 free to advance to state. Tupper was

also sixth in the 100 free.

Devin Caples was second in the 200 IM with a time of 1:49.89. Devin Caples also was fifth in the 500 freestyle to advance to state.

The 400 freestyle relay won the consolation final with the team of Tupper, Andrew Lillie, Devin Caples and freshman Oryan Liu.

The 200 medley team of Tupper, Andrew Xiao, Devin Caples and Liu was 15th.

The week before in the EBAL meet, Amador had the following highlights:

JV girls: Freshman Susan Swyers was sixth in both the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

JV boys: Sophomore Simon Valentine was fifth in the 50 free and fourth in the 100 free.

Varsity girls: Hutchinson was third in the 200 free in 1:53.48, which is a California State Meet consideration time.

Varsity boys: Devin Caples was second in the 200 IM with a 1:51.88 and first in the 500 free (Amador's only swim meet win) in 4:29.40.

Tupper had a great meet, getting third in the 200 with a 1:41.52 and tied for second in the 100 with 46.37. The 200 free relay finished fourth with the team of Evan Grell, Jackson Morgenstern, Griffin Shea and Lillie.

Ben Lentz won the 1-meter diving competition. ■

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Employment

Software Engineer

Software Engineer in Pleasanton, CA w/ Bachelors's in IT, Comp Sci, Engg, Math or rtd, to: dsng, dvlp, maintain & test s/ware apps & systems utilizing Python & Python scripting, Java/ J2EE Technologies on UNIX & Windows; analyze user needs & dvlpr s/ware solutions for project reqmts. Must be willing to travel &/or relocate. Salary: \$132,870. To apply, mail resume to SejalIT Inc., 4695 Chabot Dr, Ste 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

ENGINEERING/R&D

Clorox Services Company is accepting resumes for Sr Subject Matter Expert (SME), R&D PLM & Data Steward in Pleasanton, CA: Work with Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) business users to assist with data setup for product, process development and packaging development. Annual Salary: \$132,163-\$194,200/yr. Mail resume to Clorox HQ, Attn: Harpreet Randhawa, 1221 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612. Must reference Ref. DC-CA.

Software Engineer

Software Engineer Cowbell Cyber, Inc. has an opening in Pleasanton, CA. SW Engineer (Manager/Backend): build & maintain risk engineering division; full SDLC; design & coding standards; Salary range \$150K to \$175K per year. May be assigned to various, unanticipated sites throughout the US. Remote work may be permitted. Submit resume (principals only) to: ES@cowbellcyber.ai Must include recruitment source + full job title in subject line. EOE



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Entertainment

COURTYARD CONCERT STARRING JENNY MADRIGAL Kick off the weekend with happy hour in the Madden Courtyard starring Jenny Madrigal. She'll delight with her musical styles including neo-soul, acoustic, folk, jazz and covers. 5:30 p.m., May 12. Tickets \$10. Visit livermorearts.org.

ANNIE KIDS Pleasanton Youth Theatre Company presents Annie KIDS, based on the popular comic strip and featuring everyone's favorite little redhead in her first adventure. May 12-13. Tickets \$10. Amador Theater. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE SONG OF THE NIGHTINGALE Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents The Song of the Nightingale, a magical, musical romp that reminds us that true beauty and worth is always found within. May 12-14. Tickets \$25-\$42. Visit firehousearts.org.

CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS: INVERSIONS Cantabella presents female artistry, turning the status quo upside down by presenting majority female composers, poets, lyricists, and arrangers. May 13-14. Tickets \$2-\$38. Visit livermorearts.org.

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE "By George, It's Gershwin, The Beatles and More" is light, lively and fun music, packed with tunes that everyone knows. A concert for the entire family and a perfect treat for a Mother's Day weekend. 7:30 p.m., May 13. Asbury United Methodist Church. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

PUPPETS OF IMPULSE Creatures of Impulse brings back Puppets of Impulse: An Improvised Teen Puppet Musical. See puppets act out teen drama in this completely made up musical. May 18-20. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY Explore magical places and fantastic stories through the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Liadov and Stravinsky with pianist John O'Connor. 8 p.m., May 20. Tickets \$39. Visit livermorearts.org.

ENCORE PLAYERS CELEBRATE PUBLIC WORKS WEEK Encore Players, Livermore's community theater group, presents an entertaining and educational program for adults and teens with the fascinating history of public works in the United States, starting with the New Deal. 2-3 p.m., May 21. Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT Immerse yourself in refreshing English works of Handel, Haydn, Sir Edward Elgar and Gordon Jacob. 3 p.m., May 21. Tickets \$66. Visit livermorearts.org.

READERS THEATER TROUPE Performed with a variety of scripts in hand the focus is on the written word. 1 p.m., May 24. Free. Pleasanton Senior Center.

CITIZEN FLANNEL From iconic bands like Sublime, Third Eye Blind and the Goo Goo Dolls, to superstars Green Day and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, to unforgettable one-hit wonders and grunge heroes, Citizen Flannel takes you back to that incredible time in music history. 8 p.m., May 27. Tickets \$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

VALLEY DANCE THEATER SHOW Valley Dance Theater celebrates the beauty of dance with repertory pieces both classic and contemporary. This colorful celebration is sure to delight both the young and the young at heart. 7 p.m., May 27; 2 p.m., May 28. Tickets \$30. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM ON MAIN She Sang Me a Good Luck Song: The California Indian Photographs of Dugan Aguilar, is a statewide traveling exhibition filled with stunning photographs revealing the richness and vibrancy of contemporary Native California cultures. On display now through May 27. Visit museumonmain.org.

FRESH WORKS XI AT THE FIREHOUSE 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. On display now through June 10. Harrington Gallery.

ROCK N' ROLL EXHIBIT An exhibit showcasing the art of rock 'n roll, featuring guitars, album covers, photography and more at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. Now through July 9. Free 1-5 p.m., Thursdays-Sundays.

Farmers' Markets

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

LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET The Livermore Thursday Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m., now through Oct. 12. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

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

DUBLIN FARMERS' MARKET The Dublin Farmers' Market is Thursdays, 4-8 p.m., through Sept. 28. 4201 Central Pkwy.

Expos & Festivals

LAS POSITAS HOSTS BEER FESTIVAL The Las Positas College Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival is a celebration of local craft beer and an opportunity to support small businesses in the Livermore Valley. All ticket proceeds will contribute to new equipment for the LPC Fire Service Technology program. 1-5 p.m., May 13. Visit lvcbf.com/beer-festival.

PLEASANTON ROSE SHOW Alameda and Contra Costa County residents can enter home-grown roses for a chance to win. Registration and admission are free. Event: May 13, Pleasanton Senior Center. For more information, visit pleasantonroseshow.com/how-to-enter-your-roses.

SUNFLOWER HILL SPRING CARNIVAL Join for the Tri-Valley REACH and Sunflower Hill hosted Spring Carnival. This free event includes food, music, games and fun. 1-3 p.m., May 20. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, 3701 Nevada St. RSVP at sunflowerhill.org/get-involved/events.

LPC LITERARY ARTS FESTIVAL Author readings, writing workshops, panel discussions, book signings, music, food trucks, kids activities and more at this free annual literary arts festival. 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., May 13. Mertes Center for the Arts. Visit laspositascollege.edu/literary-festival.

POWERHOUSE COMIC CON Powerhouse Comic Con returns to bring pop culture fun. Celebrate favorite fandoms with family and friends, meet celebrity guests and create memories to last a lifetime. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 20. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN STREET FEST One of the longest running celebrations of wine, craft brew, arts, crafts, shopping, dining, entertainment and hometown charm. May 20-21. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

BUILDINGS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TRADE SHOW The West Coast Buildings & Facilities Management Trade Show & Conference is one-stop shop for all things building, facility and property management with over 120 companies displaying products and services. May 23-24. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

626 NIGHT MARKET The iconic California festival features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an epic event spread over 10 football

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Joyous Juno

Juno, the jubilant jumbo pup, jumps joyfully for a jaunt, just jonesing for jocular jibes. Join Juno for a journey jam-packed with joy and jolly good times. Learn more about Juno and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare to help pets today!

fields of space that appeals to all ages. May 26-28. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

CABFRANC-A-PALOOZA! Cabernet Franc lovers and wine producers are descending upon Livermore Valley for CabFranc-A-Palooza! celebrating all things Cabernet Franc with events and tastings. June 1-4. Visit visitrivalley.com.

Outdoor Recreation

CAMPFIRE COOKING CLASS Join around a campfire and learn how to cook using cast iron and fire. Make campfire cheesy bread and peach cobbler. Cost \$5. 7 p.m., May 13. Sycamore Grove Park. To register call 925-373-5700.

HOLDENER HILLS HIKE Join an LARPD Ranger for a hike around Holdener Hills looking for wildflowers and some great views. 9 a.m., May 21. Call 925-960-2400 or email natureprograms@larpd.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RUN Join Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore for their weekly run or walk with a variety of distances ranging from 2-8 miles. 6 p.m. 2184 First St.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS "Get Your Stash Together-Organization for Quilters" is the zoom lecture at the next meeting with Carol Wilhoit, a retired physician who enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting and finding ways to make piecing, quilting and construction easier while producing great results. 1:30-3:30 p.m., May 13. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

CHINESE LABORERS AND THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD The museum on Main hosts a naturalist from the Sunol Visitor Center delivering a program on the history of the Chinese railroad laborers and the western portion of the Transcontinental Railroad. 1-3 p.m., May 13. Attendance is free. Visit museumonmain.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Editor, Author, and Book Critic AM Larks presents "Published! Tips and Tricks from an Indie Editor." She will share advice on submitting to blogs, journals, agents and publishers. Register by May 18 at trivalleywriters.org. Las Positas College, 2 p.m., May 20.

TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH Dr. Mitch Prinstein and Dr. Eva Telzer of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill present a free webinar, "Technology, Social Media and Adolescent Mental Health" offered by the Alan Hu Foundation. 5-6:30 p.m., May 31. RSVP by May 30 at alanhufoundation.org.

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

Job Fair

TRI-VALLEY SPRING JOB FAIR If looking for a new job or making a career change, meet in-person dozens of local employers looking for great employees. 1-3 p.m., May 24. Tri-Valley Career Center, 5860 Owens Drive, 3rd Fl., Pleasanton. Visit trivalleycareercenter.org.

Seniors

PLEASANTON PEDALERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER Pleasanton Pedalers Cycling meets at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-Noon. For more information call 925-931-5365.

SENIOR SOLE MATES Walking is one of the easiest and most cost effective forms of exercise for adults. Participants must be able to walk 2.5 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group. 8:45-10 a.m., Wednesdays. Pleasanton Senior Center.

TECH TUTORING AT THE SENIOR CENTER One hour, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Monday 11 a.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. \$2.50R/\$3NR. Call 925-931-5365.

SENIOR LUNCHES (60+) Served in the Main Hall of the Pleasanton Senior Center, M-F, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Call Open Heart Kitchen

Fundraiser

WINE DOWN IN THE GROVE The LARPD Foundation is hosting the second annual Wine Down in the Grove fundraiser at Ravenswood

Historic Site to raise money for the Community Support scholarship program. Wine & beer tasting with food pairings, live music, historic site tours and more. 4-7 p.m., May 13. Tickets \$100. Visit larpd.org.

TIPS FOR CHANGE AT SIDETRACK Volunteer servers will vie for the biggest tips dishing up the restaurant’s casual dining fare. 100% of the tips raised will benefit Valley Humane Society and 10% of the evening’s sales will be donated. Seating is fully open with reservations required. 4-9 p.m., May 23. SideTrack Bar + Grill, 30 W Angela St., Pleasanton.

Veterans

VETERANS EVENT Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate examinations, consultations and referrals for enrolled veterans. The drop-in event will run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 22, in the library parking lot. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Support

SPOUSAL/PARTNER LOSS SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers free zoom support groups for Spousal/Partner Loss. Register in advance by phone at 925-829-

8770. Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., Now through June 27.

HOT MEALS FREE OF CHARGE Open Heart Kitchen serves hot meals to anyone, free of charge. Monday- Friday, 1-3 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The next Pleasanton City Council

Meeting is 7 p.m., May 16. 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., May 16 Visit cityoflivermore.net.

Volunteers

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN PANTRY STOCKERS If available on Tuesday mornings consider this great volunteer opportunity. More hands make light work. Contact Lynne Menon, Coordinator of Volunteers, 925-667-2711. 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. 418 Junction Ave., Livermore.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 512056
The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
ACTION 1 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
2340 SANTA RITA ROAD, SUITE 9
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 11/30/2015 UNDER FILE NO. 512056
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
PLM INC
3521 OLYMPIC COURT SOUTH
PLEASANTON, CA 94588
CALIFORNIA
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on April 10 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

A TOUCH OF HEALTH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597196
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) A Touch of Health, located at 220 Kilkare Rd., Sunol, CA 94586, Alameda County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 296, Sunol, CA 94586.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
VERONICA B. HORTON
220 Kilkare Rd.
Sunol, CA 94586
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/18/1988
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 17 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

TS MEDICAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597437
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) TS Medical, located at 881 Sylvaner Dr Pleasanton Ca 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TIM STEVENS
881 Sylvaner Dr
Pleasanton Ca 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2006
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 25 2023.
(PLW May 12, 19, 26 and Jun 2, 2023)

EVAN MAC DELIVERY SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597016
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Evan Mac Delivery Services, located at 4487 Arce St, Union City, CA 94587, Alameda

County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
Evan Mac Delivery Services LLC
4487 Arce St
Union City, CA 94587
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/21/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 10 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

ACTION 1 PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597381
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ACTION 1 PROPERTIES, located at 4695 CHABOT DRIVE, SUITE 200, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA. Mailing Address: PO BOX 12062, Pleasanton, CA 94588.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PLM INC
3521 OLYMPIC COURT SOUTH
PLEASANTON, CA 94588
CALIFORNIA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2016
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 21 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

JOY LIU MEDIA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596685
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Joy Liu Media, located at 451 Mission Drive, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JOY LIU
451 Mission Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566
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 29 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

HOMETOWN VENDING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597468
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Hometown Vending, located at 7554 Rosedale Court, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ELLEN FIGUEIRA
7554 Rosedale Court

Pleasanton, Ca 94588
LYTIA ZAZZERON
4763 Orangewood Court
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 April 26 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

GEML
GEML INC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597082
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GEML, 2.) GEML INC, located at 1807 Santa Rita Road Unit #229, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TRUEBOO INC
2625 Middlefield Road #216
Palo Alto, CA 94306
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 April 12 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

GSD CHIEF OF STAFF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597499
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GSD Chief of Staff, located at 127 Sea Bridge Ct. Alameda CA 94502, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MELINDA MUNROE
127 Sea Bridge Ct.
Alameda, CA 94502
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/27/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 27 2023.
(PLW May 12, 19, 26 and Jun 2, 2023)

BUSINESS CASUAL YOGA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596974
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Business Casual Yoga, located at 2607 Fulton St, Unit C, Berkeley, CA 94704, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
Sangha Strategies LLC
2607 Fulton St, Unit C
Berkeley, CA 94704
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/16/2018
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 07 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

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This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
Sangha Strategies LLC
2607 Fulton St, Unit C
Berkeley, CA 94704
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/16/2018
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 07 2023.
(PLW May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

PARKWEST CASINO 580
CASINO 580
BAR TATAMI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597145
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Parkwest Casino 580, 2.) Casino 580, 3.) Bar Tatami, located at 968 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CASINO 580, LLC
1100 S. Flower Street, Suite 3100
Los Angeles, CA 90015
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/07/2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 13 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

NO JOKE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597032
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) No Joke, located at 2037 Walnut st. Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CHRISTIAN CHACON COLIN
2037 Walnut St.
Livermore, CA 94551
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 April 11 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

CUPIDO PASTRY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596888
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Cupido Pastry, located at 1325 Brookline Loop apt 2310, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ALESIA TSIURYNA
1325 Brookline Loop
Pleasanton, CA 94566
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 April 05 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

AMY ON DESIGN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597170
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Amy On Design, located at 10 Castlewood Drive Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

AMY WEST
10 Castlewood Dr.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2022.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 14 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

PLEASANTON STAR DENTAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596330
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Pleasanton Star Dental, located at 2324 Santa Rita Rd suite 3 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CHANDANA VUNDAVALLI DDS INC
4218 Chapman Way
Pleasanton CA 94588
CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 15 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

SOCH STOCK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 596775
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Soch Stock, located at 5479 Sonoma DR, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: Co-Partners.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
APOORVA HOODA
5479 Sonoma DR
Pleasanton, CA 94566
PULKIT HOODA
5479 Sonoma DR
Pleasanton, CA 94566
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 31 2023.
(PLW Apr 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

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- Fictitious Business Name
- Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name
- Name Change
- Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution
- Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing
- Notice of Bulk Sale
- Legal Summons
- Trustee Sale

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/
For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

Talking Real Estate with Doug Buenz | Compass

Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update May 2023 (Data from April) – Where's the Inventory?

The Pleasanton real estate market continued to show strength in April. Exceedingly low inventory and a rebound in demand has led to a strong seller's market in most price segments, with multiple offers occurring on the better listings. The lack of inventory is definitely affecting sales activity. There were only 37 single family homes for sale at the end of April, an extremely low level. In fact, it is 36% below the available inventory at the end of April 2022, which was also an inventory restricted market. At this point it is safe to say that sales activity (pending & closed sales) would be much higher if there was more inventory. But the normal Spring surge in inventory has not yet emerged.

>> To read the rest of this article go to www.680homes.com/blog.



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FRIDAY FROM 11AM - 2PM — COME VIEW THIS LOVELY ESTATE!



7785 LAGUNA HEIGHTS CT., SUNOL

Enjoy this lovely home and views of the Sunol Valley. This amazing home features superior quality of construction with approx. 10,000 sq. ft. of living area including the amazing 5 bed/9 bath main home and 2 bed/1 bath guest home, 600 bottle wine cellar, sparkling pool, gourmet kitchen with huge island and much more!! MUST SEE THIS LOVELY HOME!

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Open House Saturday, May 20
& Sunday, May 21



Coming To Market May 17 – Updated Single Level In Mohr Park Estates!

2142 PALMER DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Don't miss your opportunity to own this beautiful home in a prime Mohr Park Estates location. It features 3 bedrooms **plus** an office! The spaciously expanded, fully remodeled gourmet, eat-in kitchen has custom white cabinetry with lighted cabinets that continue to the ceiling, quartz countertops and a white contemporary farm-house-style Shaws sink with apron front. The stainless appliances include a 5 burner gas cooktop, KitchenAid® oven and microwave, and powerful Zephyr cooking hood. The black frame window above the sink accents a beautiful view of the pool, expansive yard and the garden irrigated and designed for the urban farmer. Enjoy the harvest of 13 fruit trees on the property.

This home is light and bright with soaring ceilings, beautiful wide plank wood look vinyl flooring and a family room that features a gas log fireplace. The formal dining area offers a view to the rose garden and spacious flagstone patio that's perfect for entertaining. There's also a 3 car garage with potential side-yard access plus a potting shed. So many wonderful features that make this home truly unique.

FEATURE RECAP:

- 3 Bedrooms **PLUS** Office
- Remodeled and Expanded Gourmet Kitchen
- 2566 Sq Ft of Living Space
- 12,650 Sq Ft Lot
- 3 Car Garage
- Wide Plank Wood Look Vinyl Flooring
- New Carpeting
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- Potential Side-Yard Access

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“Muirwood Meadows” north facing home located on Elmwood Circle with no through traffic. Two generous bedrooms and two bathrooms located upstairs and one bedroom & bathroom conveniently located downstairs. Formal living & dining areas, spacious kitchen (granite countertops) & added family room make up this approximately 1813 square foot move-in ready home! Vaulted ceilings, new downstairs vinyl plank flooring, new electrical upgrades, and some new paint. The private backyard is perfect for entertaining or relaxing with sparkling pool, patio area, and detached small flex space (art studio, playhouse or private work station area). Finished garage. Convenient commute friendly location is near access to both I-580, I-680, two BART stations, two parks, both elementary and high schools, and Stoneridge regional mall. It’s just minutes to downtown Pleasanton, golf courses, and Livermore wineries. Don’t miss this great opportunity!

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CARRIAGE ESTATES



**609 BLOSSOM COURT,
PLEASANTON**

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

LISTED FOR \$4,495,000

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OAK HILL



**7702 OAK CREEK COURT,
PLEASANTON**

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2,523 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

LISTED FOR \$1,895,000

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MOTHER'S



DAY! ❤️

Mother's Day is very special for us as an all female team because we are surrounded by such incredible Mothers, Mother Figures, and Future Mothers! We are so lucky to have an amazing Mother-Daughter Trio spearhead our daily operations at Venema Homes. All of the children of our Team Members have helped us over the years, they have been an important part of our success! Moms are integral parts of businesses, corporations, communities, faith groups, you name it. Moms do it all. Today we celebrate all moms, grandmothers, fur baby moms, people who mother us. THANK YOU MOMS!

