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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Our CNPA awards

This week I'm proud to announce that our editorial team has been recognized by our peers across the state with seven awards in the California News Publishers Association's 2022 California Journalism Awards program.

The awards honor outstanding work by our journalists and page designers last year to bring you engaging, informative and contextual Tri-Valley news coverage in the Pleasanton Weekly print edition and online across PleasantonWeekly.com, LivermoreVine.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

In all, we received two first-place awards, three second-place awards and two third-place honors. (The CNPA contest spotlighted the top three finishers in various categories across print and digital divisions, with publications grouped based on circulation/pageview counts.)

One of my favorite stories all year was our July 22, 2022 cover story "Hiking from Fremont to Livermore" written by our colleague Kate Bradshaw, who took the freelance assignment while on a brief hiatus from Embarcadero Media. Her personal account of a three-day hike with her sister through the Ohlone Regional Wilderness earned first place for Feature Story (Print).

As one CNPA judge gushed, "Kate Bradshaw's first-person hiking writing is deliciously fresh and funny. The expert guide at the end is welcomed and thorough. The idea itself is a home-run as we expanded our COVID cocoons. Thanks, Kate for the fun read and photos."

Livermore Vine editor Cierra Bailey won our team's other first-place prize for Arts & Entertainment Coverage (Digital) for her story "Teen brings drag show culture to Tri-Valley" in the Weekly in January 2022. One judge lauded Bailey's article as a "great way to localize and put a human face on a story that has grabbed national headlines."

We're certainly not afraid of covering controversial topics.

In fact, two articles we caught flak for from certain circles in the community also caught the eyes of certain CNPA judges — to the tune of second-place awards.

"What's going on at Senior Support?", our Aug. 12, 2022 cover story and one of the first articles reporter Nicole Gonzales wrote for us after being hired out of college, was honored in Investigative Reporting (Print).

And in the Editorial Comment (Print) category you'll find the runner-up honor for our editorial board's piece criticizing the Pleasanton City Council majority's election districting process, "District map reeks of gerrymandering" with publisher Gina Channell Wilcox as lead author.

I also took an award for Editorial Comment, third place for the article I authored after we learned local cities' term limit laws were in fact not absolute: "When term limits aren't really term limits".

As someone who works closely with our page designers, often under-appreciated members of our team led by design and production manager Kristin Brown but so, so valuable to our publications, I'm elated that CNPA honored designer Doug Young with a second-place award for Inside Design & Layout.

The category was a paired submission, specifically for Young's print layouts for our April 15, 2022 cover story on Mayor Karla Brown's State of the City and the May 13, 2022 cover story "A lasting impact" about Pleasanton's sister city Tulancingo, Mexico unveiling a statue in honor of late Pleasanton educator and community leader Bob Athenour, including a wealth of great photos by our freelancer Chuck Deckert.

Our final recognition was third place in Coverage of 2022 Elections (Digital) for our series on the Livermore municipal elections, spearheaded by Bailey with support from Channell Wilcox and Gonzales.

The package included our regular news coverage, reporting on the mayoral and council candidate forums we moderated, an analysis of campaign finance documents, our editorial board's endorsement article and Channell Wilcox's in-depth column exposing "The group of many names" lording over Livermore city politics.

What a haul for us this month. Then again, I'd be remiss if I didn't point out the CNPA award season can be one of mixed emotions. We had so many other stellar articles by those authors, plus reporters Jeanita Lyman and Christian Trujano, our freelancers and our interns.

I just have to remind my team (and myself) that the contest is incredibly competitive and features the best of the best in journalism in all of California.

Here's to more success for us in print and online for the rest of 2023 and beyond. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton resident Karen Carnahan tosses a cornhole bag as she plays against her granddaughter during the second annual Party on the Patio event on May 11 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Photo by Christian Trujano. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XXIV, Number 17

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Carlos Jones
Employment services

I think it's unfair because customers should not have to pay for something they have no input into with respect to quality control. I would prefer to control that situation by tipping handily if I receive good service from the business's employees.



Kylie Montgomery
Host

I think a better way to accomplish that goal would be to raise prices so that customers are aware at the outset of what they're expected to pay, instead of being surprised by an additional and unexpected fee when they receive their bill. This practice leaves people feeling taken advantage of and duped.



Zachary Parra
Police officer trainee

I feel like it's dishonest of businesses to try to conceal this surcharge instead of making it obvious to their patrons up front, so that people can decide for themselves whether (or not) they want to pay it. I don't appreciate that lack of integrity, and prefer to do business with establishments that are transparent with their customers.



Derek Frazier
County administrator

I don't like it. I understand what the businesses are trying to achieve. But I believe businesses are obligated to deliver good services to their customers as opposed to forcing them to subsidize benefits for their workers that the business itself should be paying for.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis



Phil Montgomery
Docent

I very much prefer the way things are done in other countries, like Australia for example. There, when you go to a restaurant, they charge one total fee which you know about right away, and it includes absolutely everything; food, services, tips and taxes, so that there are no surprises.

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Disaster planning

The cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, along with Dublin San Ramon Services District, have released the draft update of the Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan and are encouraging public review and comments to consultant firm Planning Partners through the deadline this Monday (May 22).

"The Hazard Mitigation Plan is one of the tools in emergency management that identifies hazards and looks for ways to minimize, reduce, or eliminate that hazard's risk to a planning area," Dublin city officials said. "FEMA requires jurisdictions to analyze natural hazards such as earthquakes, wildfire and floods. Jurisdictions may choose to include other hazards of interest (e.g., cyberterrorism, hazmat)."

The document, an update to the 2018 plan required every five years, is on track to be presented to the local agencies' governing bodies for final consideration in September. It will then be forwarded to state and federal agencies for approval. To view the draft, visit dublin.ca.gov.

Safe disposal event

To support locals in a spring cleaning mode who also have an eye toward the environment, StopWaste is hosting a free household hazardous waste safe disposal event for Alameda County residents this Sunday (May 21) at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., crews will be accepting materials such as pesticides, batteries, light bulbs, paints, electronics and small appliances, propane tanks, old medications, oil and other car fluids, cleaning products, fire extinguishers, sharps containers and propane tanks.

The event is open to county homeowners and renters only; no business materials. Participants must register for a drop-off time window. Learn more at stopwaste.org/hhw-pleasanton.

Mayor Hudson back

The mayor of San Ramon was back at the dais at last week's City Council meeting following a 3-1/2-month absence brought on by a medical emergency earlier this year.

Mayor Dave Hudson returned in person at the San Ramon City Council meeting on May 9, taking the reins from Vice Mayor Mark Armstrong who had led council meetings during Hudson's leave.

It was Hudson's first time joining the four councilmembers since Interim City Manager Steven Spedowski confirmed Hudson's indefinite absence on Jan. 30, following a stroke that occurred shortly after his return from a trip to Washington D.C. for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. ■

Council votes to bring wells back online in case of emergency during summer

Staff to test groundwater monthly; city will also continue stressing voluntary conservation

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council granted staff authority Tuesday to use the city's groundwater wells 5 and 6 as deemed necessary during this summer's peak water demands with the caveats that staff must test the wells every month and continue to stress the importance of water conservation locally.

The decision to reactivate two of three city-operated wells facing PFAS contamination to supplement Pleasanton's water supply removed the need to adopt a mandatory demand for 15% water conservation for the council majority, with the city instead to focus on encouraging voluntary cutbacks among residents and businesses.

"We are going to hit the conservation message as hard as we can over the coming months to make sure that folks know that we are doing

our very best to create less stress on our water infrastructure during this period of time," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said during Tuesday's regular meeting.

"But ... if we can't get there, then we would use the wells. We would start with Well 5 — if we can't take the pressure off the system with that, we would move to Well 6," Beaudin said.

The 4-1 vote, with Vice Mayor Jack Balch being the lone dissenter, came after a lengthy discussion that night about Pleasanton's battle to address PFAS chemicals found in the two aforementioned wells along with Well 8. PFAS, otherwise known as forever chemicals, were first found in Well 8 back in 2019, which is when the city shut down the well.

According to the staff's presentation on Tuesday, Well 8 recently tested exactly at the recently enacted state response levels of PFAS

chemicals that are allowed to be in city water.

While Well 8 is still on standby and cannot be brought back online due to these state response levels, staff said that the other two wells have tested below the state levels and are therefore safe to drink.

And with summer coming up, staff had decided to bring the now-adopted recommendation of using the wells 5 and 6 as backups in case the city cannot meet those summer water demands by just using the water it is currently purchasing from the Zone 7 Water Agency.

Beaudin added that the main goal is maintaining and ensuring water reliability in Pleasanton.

"We're trying to move through a period of time in our history where we're looking at all the options to ensure reliability," he said. "The wells are available to us. They provide a comparable level of water to what

we're getting from our water provider. In addition to the turnouts and wells, we have reservoirs and tanks in our community, so there's belts and suspenders everywhere."

"What we're talking about here is just trying to create some clarity with the council, with the community, about all of the options that we have and how we'd like to use them going forward," Beaudin added. "We want to make sure that the water supply is there, and that it's meeting quality expectations."

Balch however, was against the whole idea of bringing any of the wells back online.

According to Balch, Well 6 has had higher PFAS response levels of the last few years and his main worry was that if the city brought that well back online, it would eventually test above the response levels, leaving the

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The annual Livermore Downtown Street Fest returns this weekend with activities for the whole family. COURTESY LDI

Livermore Downtown Street Fest is back

Entertainment for whole family at weekend-long event

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore is gearing up for the return of the Downtown Street Fest this weekend with wine, craft brew, arts, crafts, shopping, dining and live music.

The festivities are set for this Saturday (May 20) from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. and Sunday (May 21) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors will be located on First Street from L Street to Maple Street and on South Livermore Avenue from Railroad Avenue to Second Street.

This year's event will offer two live entertainment areas as well as beer and wine tasting

lounges featuring beverages from local breweries and wineries including Altamont Beer Works, Pennyweight Craft Brewing, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company, Sierra Nevada, Cuda Ridge, Charles R Vineyards,

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PDA, executive abruptly part ways

2nd leader in a row to leave association after 7 months

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton Downtown Association Board President Randall Brown confirmed to the Weekly that the association has "parted ways" with Bridget Karl, who has been leading the PDA as executive director since October.

Brown said that Karl's last day was May 9 and former PDA executive director Laura Brooks agreed to come back to her old position on an interim basis effective the next day. Karl, the former president and CEO of the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles County, first started her



Bridget Karl

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Tech specialist Myers named PUSD Classified Employee of the Year

‘I just feel very honored and appreciative to have been given this award’

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Lucy Myers, technology specialist at the Pleasanton Unified School District offices, said she has always been comfortable with working behind the scenes to help students and staff perform to the best of their abilities.

That’s why when she first heard the news that she was selected as the districtwide 2023 Classified Employee of the Year, Myers said she was very surprised and honored to have been nominated in the first place.

“I know there’s just a wide group of classified people that work behind the scenes to make sure the staff and students have what they need,” Myers told the Weekly. “So when the whole group showed up in my little cubicle, it was very surprising and a little overwhelming ... but I’m just very appreciative and I just feel blessed and honored to be working here and with them.”

PUSD will be submitting Myers’ name to be considered for the Alameda County Classified School Employee of the Year later this year. Originally from Southern

California, Myers moved to Pleasanton in the early 1990s.

She had worked for an insurance company before she began dabbling with computers — so when a part-time technology specialist position opened up at Donlon Elementary School in 2007, she decided to take it.

The main motivation was that the schedule gave her more time to spend with her kids, who also attended schools in PUSD.

At the time, Myers said that technology was still very new to everyone — kids and adults alike — and that it has been interesting to see the change over the last decade.

“There were no one-on-one devices. (The students) came to the computer lab and that’s where they learned about computers and learned how to use computers,” Myers said. “Most little kids had no experience at all, so that was their first time really working with a computer. Now it’s just blossomed into, they know almost as much as I do.”

Then, after 13 years of being at Donlon, Myers transferred to the district offices in 2020 where she

currently works on troubleshooting problems around the offices. She said that while she really enjoyed working with elementary school kids and teachers, she also enjoys working with this new set of people.

“I like the variety,” Myers said. “I like working with a lot of staff. I like working with a lot of people.”

Myers current role at the district level usually involves helping resolve connection issues, installing workstations and in general supporting the staff who work there.

PUSD director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly that Myers is like the 911 of technology problems.

“When something technology related is not working, people call Lucy,” Gannon said. “We’re increasingly reliant on technology, and it’s changing every day — Lucy helps us adapt to that.”

And while Myers said that the influx of new technology that comes out on what sometimes seems to be a daily basis can be overwhelming at times, all she can do is dive in and learn on the go.

“Sometimes you’re learning it right along with the staff,” Myers



COURTESY PUSD

PUSD technology specialist Lucy Myers is the district’s 2023 Classified Employee of the Year.

said regarding new technology. “So ... I try not to get too overwhelmed because if I’m not calm about something that doesn’t help the staff.”

She said that apart from keeping up with the world of technology by reading articles on anything new, she also gets a lot of help from the technology department in the district.

“We have just a wide range of (people with) knowledge — some with a lot of knowledge in certain areas — so we kind of pull from each other,” Myers said.

And while she does enjoy the act of supporting district staff so that

they can better serve the overall PUSD population, she said some of her most notable experiences she’s had while working at PUSD have been running into former Donlon students who recognize her even though she wasn’t a teacher.

“It just makes me feel good to have lived and worked in this community and still run into those students and they ... just thank me for having fun in the computer lab,” Myers said. “I just feel very honored and appreciative to have been given this award. I’m really one that works behind the scenes so it is quite flattering.” ■

City to hold open house on five-year strategic planning process

Community members asked to provide input on Pleasanton priorities

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton city staff will be hosting an open house this Saturday where community members can provide input on recent efforts to reimagine how the city identifies and prioritizes public projects, programs and policy initiatives.

On Nov. 15, the City Council officially endorsed city staff’s plan to move from a two-year work plan to a five-year strategic planning process.

The prior biennial council work

plan, a system that residents have been used to for nearly 20 years, is going to be replaced with a Citywide Strategic Plan that first-year City Manager Gerry Beaudin said is more forward-looking.

In addition to the day-to-day operations, city staff are responsible for the consideration of different ideas, projects and services that are brought up by residents. Instead of approving these initiatives and activities throughout the year, the City Council uses a priority-setting process to leverage city resources

for those projects.

The approved council priorities were presented as a work plan that guided staff and financial resource allocation — this process also aligned with the city’s two-year budgeting cycle, and involved soliciting input from city commission and committee members, the City Council, and residents and other stakeholders to create new recommendations.

But now the city will be transitioning to the new plan, which aims to allow for a more streamlined

five-year version of the process.

The citywide strategic plan is a top-down approach to priority planning that will start with creating a first-of-its-kind guiding document that will have city officials holistically engage in creating a five-year strategic planning framework.

That’s why staff will be asking the community to share their priorities and visions for the future of Pleasanton during the open house.

“Inclusive, collaborative decision-making and engagement will

help ensure that the final plan represents the Pleasanton community’s diverse perspectives and experiences,” city officials said in a press release. “The Strategic Plan Open House is a vital opportunity for Pleasanton residents to speak directly to the city to provide input on city priorities and provide feedback on how the city can better serve its Community.”

The event will be held on Saturday (May 20) at the Pleasanton Public Library from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. ■

STREET FEST

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Ehrenberg Cellars, Wood Family Vineyards and more.

The lounges and entertainment stages will be located at Stockmen’s Park and the Bankhead Plaza.

With a full lineup of music planned for each day, festival-goers can hear sounds from several popular acts formed right out of the Tri-Valley, including Crawdad Republic, Meredith McHenry, Foam Riders, Damn Dirty Apes and Dustbowl Travelers, among others.

In addition to the music, Joya Yoga will be hosting free yoga in the park on Sunday at Stockmen’s Park from 10-11 a.m. as part of the

Street Fest activities. Children can also experience the Kids Zone with carnival rides and play structures.

Due to the weekend-long event, there will be road closures for residents and motorists to be aware of. Starting at 3 p.m. on Friday (May 19), the two parking lots on the corner of South Livermore and Railroad avenues (behind Sauced) will be closed.

Starting at 4 a.m. on Saturday, the following road closures will be in effect and delays at nearby roads and crossings are to be expected: First Street will be closed from Maple Street to L Street; McLeod, J and K Streets will be closed from First Street to Second Street; and South Livermore Avenue will be closed

from Railroad Avenue to Second Street

The Sunday Farmers Market will not be affected and will still take place on Second Street from J Street to L Street

Vehicles parked on the streets where the event will be held will be towed Saturday at 4 a.m. Organizers advise planning accordingly and considering alternative methods of transportation.

Free outside parking including ADA parking is available at the parking lot at Stockmen’s Park and the parking structure at 216 Maple St.

For more information, tickets and the complete lineup of entertainment, visit www.livermoredowntown.com. ■

PDA

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job in Pleasanton on Oct. 24.

“We will begin the search for a new director in early June,” Brown said.

This marks the second time in a row that a permanent executive director at the PDA has left the organization after serving just seven months on the job. The last time was when Zac Grant, Karl’s predecessor, stepped down in late 2021 in order to pursue undisclosed other career opportunities.

In December 2021, during that gap between when Grant left and Karl came on, Brooks also

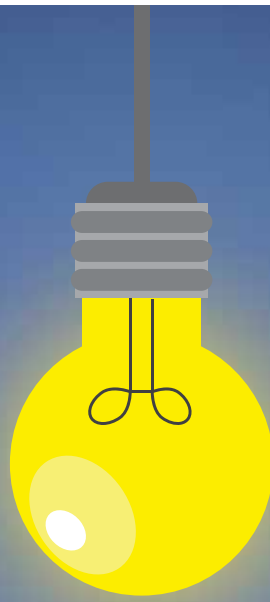
returned to her old position on an interim basis. Brooks, who led the association for 10 years until 2019, left the PDA to start her own consulting business and move to Alabama.

As to the reason for Karl’s exit, Brown told the Weekly that employee matters are confidential and that “we will not comment further on our parting of ways.”

Attempts to contact Karl about her departure have been unsuccessful.

Her departure came just days after the PDA’s first major events of May — the opening First Weekend on Main of 2023 from May 5-7 and the annual Wine & Art Stroll on May 6. ■

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Tri-Valley Haven raising funds to demolish, rebuild domestic violence shelter

\$6.5M project to address damaged roof, mold, other problems; plus expand bed capacity, support spaces

By Christian Trujano

The Tri-Valley's only confidential domestic violence abuse shelter will be looking to demolish its current two-building site in Livermore at the end of the year and rebuild it into a bigger, mold-free facility to better serve more families in need.

Founded in 1977, the Tri-Valley Haven shelter — aptly named “Shiloh”, for peace — has been serving families for roughly 40 years. With up to 30 beds, the nonprofit takes in local residents and families of all ages and genders who are experiencing homelessness, sexual assault and domestic violence.

“Unfortunately there are a lot of domestic violence calls in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin and we are always that resource for the police departments if they need somebody to come out, to advocate, to provide counseling, or if somebody needs to come in for shelter,” Christine Dillman, executive director of the organization, told the Weekly.

From children advocates who make sure the kids who go to the shelter are emotionally, mentally and physically well to offering transitional housing programs where parents get help paying rent, Dillman said the shelter isn't there just to provide asylum for women who are in abusive relationships.

She said the shelter is there to help them back on their feet and able to safely be a part of a community again.

“They just want a chance to be independent, be self-sufficient and be safe for them and especially for their kids,” Dillman said.

But she said that has proven to be more and more difficult, as the years go by, given the state of their current facility.

“Right now the facility, while people like to be there because it is a safe place, it's not a nice looking place and it is kind of falling apart,” Dillman said.

The shelter, which is made up of a main building and a mobile one, was once a school site that Dillman said has been giving them problems for a couple of years now. She said they had to close the mobile facility in 2022 due to mold.

That came after they had already learned that the main building roof was beginning to crumble when they tried to install solar panels back in 2018.

“It's not really set up very well,” Dillman said. “I'm not an architect, but I've been told it would take so much to rehab it, (that) it's just not worth it.”

Apart from the roof and mold, she said their plumbing is failing; there's little privacy in the changing rooms and the playground outside is old and not safe for the kids.

And while she said that the shelter does as much as it can for those kids who have experienced so much trauma by holding celebrations for any and all occasions and giving them counseling resources, it's still very important to her to build a facility that can fully meet all of their needs.

That's why the organization has been working with the city of Livermore, along with other neighboring cities, to raise funds for the rebuilding of the entire facility.

The scope of work for the project includes increasing the total capacity of beds to 45, building a client computer lab, rebuilding the children's playground, adding a separate room for teenagers and having quiet indoor and outdoor spaces for reflection.

“It had become apparent that their shelter was in need of repair and after working with our neighboring cities and discussing with various architects, it was determined that the best and more economical path to meet the needs of our community was to demolish and rebuild the shelter,” Livermore Mayor John Marchand said in a



COURTESY TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

A photo of the Tri-Valley Haven domestic violence shelter shows its current state of disrepair.

statement to the Weekly.

The campaign to fund the project officially kicked off in October of last year when Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez hosted the “Thrive and Rebuild Haven Dinner” at the Darcie Kent Winery Estate in Livermore, where over \$200,000 were raised through donations.

Hernandez told the Weekly that she had known about the nonprofit since her days on the Human Services Commission where she found out that the shelter wasn't just the only confidential shelter in the East Bay, it was also the only one that takes in teenage boys.

“If you are trying to go into another shelter and you have a 12 year old boy, they will not take you,” Dillman said. “You (would) have to leave that 12 year old with the perpetrator, which is just crazy.”

“We've always said you can bring in teenage boys ... like yes, they've been through trauma and yes, they need to see the children's advocate. But, they're no worse or better than teenage girls, from our perspective at that age.”

For Hernandez, that struck a chord with her.

“Being a mother of a young man, I think it's really important not to be separated from your mom — any teenagers, any kids to be separated

from their mom — especially during a situation like this, where you're already having a lot of issues and problems and heartbreaks at home,” Hernandez said.

That's why she said it's important for elected officials like her to support nonprofits like Tri-Valley Haven through any means possible, for example the fundraiser that she helped put together.

“It's things like that as elected officials that we can do to help these nonprofits thrive and to be able to go to the next level, and to be able to meet their goals so that they're able to help individuals,” Hernandez said.

And that's exactly what is happening after all three of the Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore mayors toured the facility over the past and have collectively agreed to help provide roughly \$900,000 in funding to the rebuild project.

“As part of the city's annual Housing and Human Services grants, \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was awarded to support Tri-Valley Haven,” Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly.

“I recently toured the facility with Councilmember Valerie Arkin and while the work being done there is critical for our community, the years of deferred maintenance are catching up to it,” she added. “Tri-Valley Haven residents deserve a quality facility as they rebuild their lives and transition to their permanent homes, so I am glad this project is moving forward.”

In Livermore, Mayor Marchand told the Weekly that the City Council approved \$483,846 in CDGB funding during its April 24.

“Funding this type of facility is vital to ensure the safety, well-being, and recovery of those affected by abuse,” he said. “It is an investment in creating a more compassionate and supportive society where everyone has the opportunity to live free from violence and fear.”

While the Dublin City Council

won't see the item to provide \$200,000 in funding toward the rebuild project until after summer, Hernandez said that she's sure it will pass just because it is such an important service to the community and specifically to abuse survivors.

“Sometimes these women are in these situations where they can't get out. Like we think that they can but mentally, sometimes they just can't get out,” she said. “Your predator, he can totally beat you up one day and then the next day be like, ‘Oh, I'm so sorry, I won't let this happen again,’ and it plays into your mind.”

“And when you have kids, and when you have financial situations, a lot of these women cannot get out of that,” she added “They're dependent on these men to be able to get out of the situations, and sometimes they can't. And when you have kids, it's even harder.”

But while the three cities have done their part in funding, Dillman said there is still much to do given that the nonprofit has only raised \$1.4 million out of the total \$6.5 million that is needed for the project.

She said while she is working on requesting funding from U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's office, Alameda County and individual foundations, she will be more than happy to sit down with anyone who is interested in donating.

She also said that the architectural design and landscaping is being done pro bono and that even if the funding aspect gets delayed, they are definitely planning on breaking ground on the project at the end of 2023 or the very beginning of 2024 with the goal of completing the rebuild in 2025.

She added that the organization will continue to house 30 people during construction — half will be in the separate house that they have been renting ever since they had to shut down the mobile facility and the rest will either be housed in another house that the nonprofit might rent or a hotel. ■



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East Avenue's Lucero named LVJUSD Teacher of the Year

Livermore High paraprofessional Perea-Tellez also honored by district and state

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore Management Association, which is made up of several district administrators, recently recognized Spanish teacher Irene Lucero of East Avenue Middle School as the 2023 Teacher of the Year during an awards breakfast.

East Avenue principal, Jesse Hansen, expressed words of gratitude at the ceremony about having Lucero on his staff.

"There is the kind of life in her classroom that does not come from the particular lesson on that day, but from good lessons being delivered



Irene Lucero



Carmen Perea-Tellez

week after week, in an environment in which students know they are intellectually and emotionally safe," he said.

Lucero will also be recognized as a district-level Teacher of the

Year award winner at the Alameda County Office of Education 34th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony on Oct. 5 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts.

During the Livermore awards breakfast, Carmen Perea-Tellez — paraprofessional at Livermore High School — was also recognized as the district's Classified Employee of the Year.

"Carmen can be seen on a daily basis offering her English learner (EL) students instructional support, fostering growth mindsets, helping them with personal problems, and working to resolve conflicts.

She serves, in essence, as the Nexus central to clear communication between teachers/staff, students and families," Livermore High principal Helen Gladden said of Perea-Tellez during the event.

Perea-Tellez was also just recently named a California Classified Services Employee of the Year and will be honored by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond at a luncheon in Sacramento next Tuesday.

A statement from the California Department of Education announcing the Classified School Employees of the Year describes Perea-Tellez as

someone who is, "known throughout the community as one who strives to become better connected so she can provide greater support to students, families, and faculty/staff."

While working full-time as a bilingual instructional aide, serving as Livermore High's English learner coordinator, staying after school twice per week to provide tutoring to EL students and maintaining regular contact with EL students and families, Perea-Tellez also attends college as a full-time student. Her future goal is to become a school counselor, according to the district. ■

GE Hitachi intends to sell Vallecitos Nuclear Center in Sunol

NorthStar would assume control for further decontamination, environmental restoration

By JEREMY WALSH

International power alliance GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy has publicly announced its intent to transfer ownership of the Vallecitos Nuclear Center in Sunol to NorthStar Group Services, Inc. for further nuclear decontamination, decommissioning and environmental site restoration.

The proposed transaction, which includes an asset purchase and sale agreement whose terms have not been revealed, is subject to regulatory review and approval by multiple state and federal agencies. The 1,600-acre facility is located on Highway 84 (also known as Vallecitos Road in that stretch) between interstates 580 and 680.

"We have explored strategic alternatives for the site that align to our long-term strategy, changing customer needs and the external business environment," Jay Wileman, president and CEO of GE Hitachi, said in a statement May 9. "By transferring the site to a recognized decommissioning expert like NorthStar, we can continue meeting

our near-term requirements while maintaining focus on our core business product lines."

The Vallecitos Nuclear Center, which used to operate as a electricity-generating nuclear power plant more than 60 years ago, has remained open as a nuclear research center, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, which manages the privately owned site through its Office of Legacy Management.

GE Hitachi noted that it has already started decommissioning the Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor, the General Electric Test Reactor and the ESADA Vallecitos Experimental Superheat Reactor at the property.

Company officials said that as part of the proposed transfer deal, GE Hitachi and NorthStar have signed an asset purchase and sale agreement and will sign a decommissioning completion agreement at closing. Terms of the transaction are not being disclosed to the public, according to a GE Hitachi spokesperson.

The deal will impact approximately

40 employees at the facility, according to GE Hitachi, which said it will provide benefits and resources to all affected workers who are not able to secure alternative positions within General Electric by the time of closing.

"GEH will work with the appropriate government entities to complete the license transfer process in a timely manner," the company said. "Until all transfers are complete, GEH is responsible for the facility and is taking the appropriate steps to ensure the site remains safe and compliant."

Public agencies involved in the transfer review process include the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the California Department of Health, among others.

The Vallecitos facility holds a unique place in American history, as the first commercially owned nuclear power plant to supply energy to the general public when it was operational from 1957-63, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Key research was subsequently conducted there from

1965-75, as well as in 1981 and 1982, for the federal Atomic Energy Commission's Nuclear Energy Program and the civilian nuclear power industry.

The Department of Energy and GE Hitachi undertook a major decontamination and nuclear waste materials removal project at Vallecitos in 2009 and 2010, focusing on a hot cell and glove box previously used for government-sponsored research

at the site, according to the federal agency.

GE Hitachi is an alliance between global corporations General Electric and Hitachi focused on the nuclear power industry worldwide. NorthStar, based in New York City, is an international contractor with particular experience in commercial and government decommissioning and closure projects at nuclear facilities. ■

Livermore council formally ends citywide drought emergency

Move follows state's recent decision to lift some provisions on water use

By LIVERMORE VINE STAFF

The Livermore City Council concluded the city's Stage 2 water shortage emergency during last week's council meeting.

The emergency was originally activated on Sept. 27, 2021, in response to Zone 7 Water Agency's mandate to all Tri-Valley water service providers to reduce their water demand by 15%, according to a statement from the city.

"Last year, Livermore used 609 million gallons less water

citywide compared to 2020, which is enough to fill more than 900 Olympic-sized swimming pools," Anthony Smith, the city's water resources division manager, said after the May 8 council meeting. "We are grateful to our residents and businesses who understood the importance of water conservation during the drought and helped us achieve these remarkable savings."

Gov. Gavin Newsom lifted the statewide drought emergency last month. However, some bans on

wasteful water practices — such as watering ornamental grass at commercial properties — remain in place statewide.

Although there are no longer mandatory water restrictions specific to Livermore, the city encourages its residents and businesses to consider water conservation to be a way of everyday life.

Conservation tips and information on Livermore Municipal Water and Cal Water rebates are available at www.livermoreca.gov/save-water. ■

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Avance community for adults with special needs opens in Livermore

Amenities aim to encourage socialization, promote physical and mental well-being

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Avance, a new affordable rental apartment community specifically designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, has officially welcomed residents in Livermore.

Developed by MidPen Housing, Avance provides 45 independent-living apartments for I/DD persons with income levels up to 50% of area

median income. The project, located at 4240 First St. in Livermore, is the result of partnerships with the city of Livermore, Alameda County, the Regional Center of the East Bay and community members.

As part of East Bay Housing Organizations' Affordable Housing Month, MidPen Housing joined county and city officials along with other community partners

to celebrate the grand opening of Avance last Friday.

"Avance helps advance our community's efforts to address the pressing need for affordable housing," Livermore Mayor John Marchand said. "It is a model for innovative partnerships between civic leaders and community organizations to deliver on housing solutions for special needs and underserved populations."

The project was initially a collaborative effort between MidPen and Tri-Valley nonprofit Sunflower Hill. However, the two organizations decided to end their partnership in 2019, with MidPen retaining control of the development and moving forward on its own.

Careful consideration was given to the community's design to support the well-being and safety of its residents to live independently, including six nature-based "way-finding" symbols marking each of Avance's buildings, according to a joint statement from the city and MidPen Housing.

In addition to Avance's residential units, there is a preserved historic home on the property, The Schenone House, originally built in 1927.

In an effort to emphasize the link



COURTESY CITY OF LIVERMORE

City and county officials join other community leaders for the ceremonial grand-opening of the Avance housing complex in Livermore.

between health and housing, amenities incorporated into the Avance community aim to encourage socialization and promote physical and mental well-being. These also include access to community-based services like paratransit for day programs, medical appointments and employment.

Avance is also located within a half-mile of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Wheels 15 Bus, grocery stores and pharmacy services, and within one mile of the public library, shopping centers and medical clinics.

The community also includes art coordinated by Creative Growth Art Center, a nonprofit organization based in Oakland with the mission to provide a supportive environment for creative expression, community,

and professional artistic development to individuals with developmental disabilities.

"Members of our most vulnerable communities deserve the opportunity to live in safe, healthy, affordable homes," MidPen President & CEO Matthew O. Franklin said. "By providing stable, permanent housing aligned with case management and well-rounded services programming, we create a foundation for residents with developmental disabilities to live independently and thrive."

According to a social media post from MidPen announcing the grand opening, Avance is already completely occupied and is not currently leasing. More information about the property and waitlist is available at www.midpen-housing.org. ■

Yevgeni Philipovitch

August 7, 1937 – April 1, 2023

Yevgeni Philipovitch passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends on April 1, 2023 at the age of 85. Yev, as he was affectionately known by friends and loved ones, was born in Bandargaz, Iran. He grew up on a family farm and learned the value of hard work at an early age. Coming to the United States as a foreign student to study at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Yev knew very little English and had little money. He was married in 1964



to Dorothy (Sachs) and graduated Cal Poly in 1966 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He became a licensed Professional Agricultural and Civil Engineer in California, Idaho and Nevada. Employed by Johns Mansville as an engineer out of college, Yev and his family initially resided in Stockton, and later lived in Modesto as he went to work for Stanislaus County. In 1984 the family moved to Pleasanton, where Yev worked and owned various civil engineering firms. Yev worked as a civil engineer for over 50 years in the design and management of all types of infrastructure projects. Later in life and continuing until close to his death, he worked for AECOM. Through hard work and professional success, he was able to achieve the American dream.

Yev was a lover of life, he traveled the world and made friends everywhere he went. Those friendships continued throughout his life. He was involved in the Pleasanton Sister City Program with Tulancingo, Mexico, and devoted much time to public service as a life-long Rotarian. Earlier in his life, he enjoyed hiking, fishing, camping and coaching his kids' soccer teams. Every summer the family would go to Cal Camp for UC Berkeley Alumni, where Yev enjoyed fishing and hiking around Pinecrest Lake. He was a life-long soccer fan and started an adult soccer league in Modesto. He spoke several languages, was interested in all cultures and was liked by all who met him. Yev embraced becoming a naturalized US citizen and also remained very proud of his rich cultural heritage. He enjoyed family gatherings and was the head chef, cooking traditional dishes of shish kebabs and rice.

Yev is survived by two children, Karl Philipovitch (Catherine) of Santa Cruz, Sara Owen of El Dorado Hills, and grandchildren Daniel Owen, Kelly Philipovitch, Ryan Philipovitch and Andrew Philipovitch. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter Hana Owen.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Pleasanton Veterans' Hall, 301 Main Street on Saturday, May 27 at 11 am.

PAID OBITUARY

WATER

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city in a position where they would have to scramble to make up for that loss.

At first he tried to compromise in using Well 5 only with the addition of bringing back a 15% water conservation mandate because he said his main problem was with Well 6.

"I'm really challenged with doing any of it, frankly," Balch said. "If I can minimize the amount of mandatory conservation from 15% to 10%, because I allow Well 5, which has been below the response level several times over that same four year period, I'm willing to try to do that. But I can't support Well 6 coming back online — it's never tested below the response level."

Beaudin, however, pointed to the fact that the well has tested below the response level recently given the new testing requirements, which were different from the past years, and that the water is considered safe to drink.

"We've had one of the rainiest wet seasons on record. And so groundwater conditions have likely shifted," he said. "The factors have shifted. It's not just the testing methodology. It's a number of other things, including having wells turned off for a period of time."

"If we're testing monthly, and we're below the response level ... that's the quality of water that is in

our system currently," he added.

Beaudin also said that the move to turn on the wells if needed during possible summer peak demands — which staff said might or might not happen — was not in any way a solution to addressing the city's issues with PFAS in the groundwater.

That discussion was addressed during the previous item on Tuesday's agenda where city staff updated the council on the ongoing efforts to develop a comprehensive list of alternative solutions to meet the city's 20% groundwater pumping quota that has been historically produced by the city-owned wells.

The council had originally begun looking at constructing a water treatment and rehabilitation facility, known as the "PFAS Treatment and Wells Rehabilitation Project", to treat and rehabilitate wells 5, 6 and 8 in Pleasanton and to create a new centralized treatment facility for PFAS treatment, disinfection and fluoridation.

However, the council voted to push pause on that project last September in order to evaluate other options, mainly due to a \$46 million pricetag on the project.

Since then, a Water Ad Hoc Subcommittee was formed; the council established a new water supply alternatives study capital project and contracted with Brown and Caldwell — an engineering and construction firm focused on water and environmental sectors — so that the

city has different options to address the issue at hand.

Staff presented the list of options to the council on Tuesday including pros and cons that came with each decision.

Some of the alternatives on the list include modified treatment only for Well 8; building a new well on the west part of the city outside of PFAS plume; having Zone 7 pump from the existing wells or purchasing 100% of the city's water from the agency; or constructing a joint, regional treatment facility with Zone 7.

These options came out of months of screening out various alternatives that might have not been possible or were too costly. These options that were screened out included blending water, local alternative water supplies, purchasing water from other local retailers other than Zone 7 and expansion of the non potable recycled water systems.

The next steps for staff in the water supply alternative front will be creating a detailed evaluation of benefit criteria for each of the options and determining the capital costs so that a final draft and report can be presented to the council this September.

"It looks like we are on the path to figuring out what we're going to do here," Councilmember Valerie Arkin said. "Over the next four months, we will have multiple times of getting more information as we complete the next steps so I look forward to that." ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Dublin teens allegedly sneak into Cal High classroom to beat student

Police are investigating after a group of Dublin teens allegedly assaulted a San Ramon high school student during class last week, an incident captured on video that is circulating on local social media.

San Ramon Valley Unified School District officials believe that students at California High School allowed three Dublin teenagers onto the San Ramon campus on May 8 in a move they said was out of compliance with security protocol and resulted in an attack on a student inside a classroom prior to a teacher's intervention.

"We are extremely dismayed that some of our own students allegedly helped the perpetrators enter the Cal High campus without permission," SRVUSD officials said in a statement. "We express our gratitude to the staff member in the classroom who intervened."

SRVUSD and Cal High officials sent a message to students the following day, seeking to address concerns and outline next steps by the school and district, as well as thanking the unnamed teacher who reportedly intervened to prevent the situation from escalating. No major injuries were reported, officials said.

"We want you to know that your safety and well-being are a huge concern for us," school and district officials said in the email to students May 9. "The news of intruders on our campus may make you feel anxious, and that's okay. We have to admit it makes the adults feel anxious, too."

They added that they would be organizing discussions and additional psychological support for students alongside the criminal investigation against the suspects.

"Thankfully, yesterday's incident did not reach an escalated level, thanks to one of our teachers," officials said. "This should remind us all that safety is everyone's responsibility. In the coming days, Cal High staff will have conversations with students about the measures we take to keep our campuses safe and how you can help."

SRVUSD and Cal High officials also encouraged parents to look for signs of emotional distress in their students and to encourage counseling if appropriate.

A San Ramon Police Department spokesperson confirmed that police had responded to the incident, and that Dublin Police Services assisted them in identifying the three juveniles whom they believe committed battery against a student in a classroom.

One suspect is on probation out of Alameda County, according to SRPD.

"Members of our organization will be working with the Alameda County Probation Department and the Juvenile Division of the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office to pursue the filing of criminal charges against those responsible," SRPD Capt. Tami Williams said.

Meanwhile, SRVUSD officials emphasized to parents that they would be looking for the students who are suspected of letting the Dublin teens onto campus, and toward other security precautions to prevent future incidents.

"We want to assure our community that we are also investigating and actions will be taken based on facts and the law," SRVUSD officials said. "We are exploring all disciplinary options for the students involved in this incident."

School and district officials also emphasized the existing policy on the campus, under which all visitors must enter and sign in through the main entrance, noting that they would be emphasizing this point in conversations over the coming days, as well as seeking student input and suggestions about safety measures and emphasizing the need for students to report anything unusual.

"We ask you to partner with us to reiterate these important safety messages to your child," SRVUSD and Cal High officials said in an email to parents and caregivers. "All of our efforts help keep the entire school population safe. We also want to share that we have checked in directly with the staff member who was in the classroom to ensure they are doing ok after such a traumatic experience."

Williams said that SRPD would be seeking criminal charges against the three Dublin teens, alongside the Alameda County Probation Department and the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office's Juvenile Division.

—Jeanita Lyman

In other news

- Prosecutors have filed a first-degree murder charge against a young woman from Dublin accused of stabbing her boyfriend and beating him with a hammer during a fight

in her apartment earlier this month.

Dublin Police Services identified the victim publicly last week as 23-year-old Jesus Silva Gallegos, who was reportedly staying on and off in the apartment of girlfriend Crystal Angelina Espinoza.

Espinoza, 23, remains in custody at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin with a no-bail hold following her arrest in the early-morning hours of May 6 after an overnight police investigation, according to authorities.

She had an initial court appearance on May 10, one day after the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against her for Gallegos' death. It is unclear whether she is represented by an attorney yet.

The situation unfolded around 9 p.m. May 5, when police and paramedics were dispatched to the 5421 at Dublin Station apartment complex on Campbell Lane, in the mixed-use neighborhood north of the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station.

First responders were told that a boyfriend and girlfriend had been fighting and the man was possibly suffering from cardiac arrest, according to a probable cause declaration written by Dublin police Officer Shane Kaufman.

Emergency personnel arrived at Espinoza's third-floor apartment to her greeting them at the front door and escorting them to her boyfriend, who was unconscious in the bathroom, according to Kaufman.

While working to save his life, paramedics observed bruising, multiple lacerations and stab wounds on Gallegos' body, according to Kaufman. The 23-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene.

As the investigation carried on, officers noticed a large kitchen knife with apparent dried blood on the blade in plain view on the kitchen counter and later saw a hammer on a bedroom dresser with dried blood too, according to Kaufman.

"During contact with officers on scene, Espinoza made statements that implicated her in the victim's death. During an interview, Espinoza invoked her right to an attorney," the officer wrote.

Espinoza was placed under arrest at Dublin Police Services headquarters around 2:30 a.m. May 6 and booked into the county jail in Dublin four hours later, according to authorities.

Prosecutors formally charged Espinoza on May 9 with first-degree murder and special allegations of committing great bodily injury, violent conduct and use of a weapon. She is scheduled to return to court in Dublin for further arraignment proceedings on May 24, according to the sheriff's inmate locator page.

The deadly altercation occurred three days after Espinoza's 23rd birthday, according to the probable cause declaration.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A man who died in Santa Rita Jail last month has been identified as Eric Magana, a homeless person from the Livermore area, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The 26-year-old Magana died April 27, after suffering what Alameda County sheriff's officials said was a medical emergency.

Magana was booked into the jail on March 28 by Livermore police and was placed in a cell by himself in a restrictive housing unit due to what sheriff's officials said was an "extensive assaultive history on staff."

During the intake process, Magana allegedly admitted to using drugs the day before his arrest, but "there was no cause for concern found during the medical and mental health intake process," sheriff's officials said the day after he died.

On April 27 at about 10:35 a.m., a deputy allegedly saw Magana drinking "a profuse amount of water" from the sink in his cell and vomiting.

Magana was taken to the jail's outpatient housing unit for observation, and at about 3:25 p.m. he was found unresponsive in his bed, sheriff's officials said.

He was pronounced dead at 4:05 p.m. despite attempts to save his life by jail medical staff and paramedics, according to the sheriff's office.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office was notified of the

death and a report will be submitted to the California Attorney General's Office. Magana was the fifth Santa Rita Jail inmate to die in sheriff's office custody thus far in 2023.

—Kiley Russell and Keith Burbank, BCN

- Livermore police arrested a Sacramento man after pulling him over to discover he allegedly had drugs and a loaded gun.

Police pulled the 32-year-old suspect over around 3:30 a.m. May 7 near First Street and Southfront Road, after observing his vehicle had a broken driver's side stop lamp and rear license plate lights and an expired registration.

An officer allegedly found a loaded Glock 380 concealed in his waistband and 100 benzodiazepine pills, 20 grams of fentanyl, 20 grams of meth, and two grams of cocaine, allegedly for sale. Police arrested the suspect and took him to Santa Rita Jail.

—Bay City News Service

- Dublin Police Services is shining a light on crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch programs during a community meeting next week.

"Neighborhood Watch aims to bring together the community's interests in crime deterrence, volunteerism, and neighborhood preparedness," city police said. "Neighborhood Watch is a 'team' approach in which residents work with each other, with city staff, and with Police Services to reduce crime in Dublin. When neighbors organize, the opportunity for crime is drastically reduced."

The event is set for 6-7 p.m. Tuesday (May 23) in the Community Room at The Wave at 4201 Central Pkwy. To learn more, visit dublin.ca.gov. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 12

Drug violation

- 7:31 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Warrant arrest

- 9:29 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

May 11

Vandalism

- 12:40 p.m. on the 4400 block of Black Avenue

Theft

- 7:08 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 7:08 p.m. at Owens Court and Chabot Drive

May 10

Vandalism

- 8:11 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 3:09 p.m. on the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive

Theft

- 1:41 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

- 6:53 p.m. on the 400 block of Adams Way

May 9

Vandalism

- 1:43 a.m. on the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Theft

- 9:36 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft

- 6:22 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

- 6:35 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 1:18 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 7:10 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

May 8

Domestic battery

- 6:03 a.m. on Helen Drive

- 9:23 p.m. on Eilene Drive

Theft

- 4:13 p.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; theft from auto

- 11:10 p.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Fraud

- 6:48 p.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue



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A multigenerational get-together

Grandparents invite grandchildren for day of fun at Pleasanton Senior Center

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Tensions were high. It was round five, all tied up, as Pleasanton resident Karen Carnahan took aim.

Carnahan's granddaughter, Scarlett Roth, could only watch as her grandma's cornhole bag flew in the air and fell in as seamlessly as a three-pointer from Golden State Warrior Steph Curry.

As they both laughed and giggled, Carnahan told the Weekly that it was basic personal moments like that one that made her appreciative of the Pleasanton Senior Center for hosting events such as the Party on the Patio, where over 50 grandparents and grandchildren were able to enjoy games and activities together.

"I think it's the most important thing, because I can sit across the dinner table from her and there's nothing to say," Carnahan said.

"But this?" she said, referring to their intense cornhole match. "That's what she'll remember."

Carnahan said that the second annual event, which was held last week outside the Senior Center at the main hall patio, was a major step up from last year's as it had much more activities for kids and grandparents of all ages to enjoy.

"I think they have really worked hard to address all ages — from the very mature child to the younger," she said. "And it's clean; it's wholesome."

The Party on the Patio on May 11 was put together by the city's recreation department and the Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center nonprofit organization as a way to celebrate



Several kids and their family members work on arts and crafts during the second annual Party on the Patio event hosted by the Pleasanton Senior Center on May 11.

the fact that the month of May is Older Americans Month.

Shawn Harris, recreation coordinator for the city of Pleasanton, told the Weekly that

the event doubled in size compared to the first one last year. She said besides bringing different generations together, she also likes that it brings different cultures together.

She said one thing she likes to see is the grandparents being able to teach their grandchildren hands-on things like with the arts-and-crafts tables.

"I just think it's great to see everybody interacting and kind of just teaching each other a little bit of this, a little bit of that," Harris said.

Kara Yost, who started working at the Senior Center in October but had previously worked as a city staffer for 21 years, said that it was her first time attending this event and that she loved seeing all the different generations interacting and the high energy that day.

"I work with the seniors every day, but it's great to see them interacting with their grandchildren," Yost said.

Mary Jane Casper, board member at the Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center, told the Weekly that the organization had helped with the event last year with the goal of getting seniors together with their grandchildren.

"Everybody really, really enjoyed it," she said. "So we decided that we had to do it another time."

She said that one of the ways the nonprofit raises money for these events, other than donations from residents, was the organization's Friends Tree, which is a living art piece that is displayed at the center.

People purchase engraved "leaves and rocks" through the nonprofit so that they can memorialize someone they know or so that they can just show their general financial support.

She added that events like the Party on the Patio are important for bringing different generations together at the Senior Center so that they can learn more about the facility and be able to enjoy all that it offers to the entire community.

That theme of bringing together different generations was also something that many others at the event thought was very important.

"I think it's a good way to bring the community together (and) have the grandkids ... spend time with their grandmother, who



Dolores Bengston, longtime Pleasanton resident, hands out brochures during the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club's debut of its reimagined sensory garden.

they're super close with," said Nika May, who was there with her two daughters to visit their grandma. "It's so nice ... and my mother-in-law loves the Senior Center, so it's nice to see where she comes every week"

Zack Silva, Pleasanton recreation supervisor, told the Weekly that getting more people of different generations involved with the older community at the center was one thing that is basically nonexistent — but that through Party on the Patio, that is slowly changing.

"We have a lot of seniors who come here and they socialize with each other. I think that one of those missing pieces is kind of socializing with the youth," Silva said.

"That was just a piece that wasn't happening here," Silva added. "I think senior centers are often seen as you know, a place for seniors to go and socialize and recreate ... this was kind of just one of those opportunities to kind of just expand on seniors' personal lives and kind of be able to share that with each other as well."

Apart from the free ice cream and popcorn, the event featured live turtle petting from the Alviso Adobe Community Park and several arts-and-crafts stations where people could build sandcastles and paint flower pots.

But one of the main attractions was beyond the gate of the main hall patio where the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club debuted its reimaged sensory garden.

The club, which is a nonprofit educational service organization, first opened the sensory garden — located next to the Senior

Center in Pleasanton's Centennial Park — in the 1990s as a result of joint collaborative efforts from city staff, the Pleasanton Senior Center Task Force, the Park and Recreation Commission and the Pleasanton City Council at the time.

But after maintaining the garden for the past 30 years, Beth Clark, recording secretary at the garden club, told the Weekly that after some research the club decided that the garden had veered away from actually being a sensory garden.

"Last summer, we decided that we wanted to kind of step back and take a look at what we had here," she said.

So in the fall of 2022, club members began refreshing the garden with new plants that were purchased and grouped according to sensory themes while the old and tired plants were removed.

Members then added signs to the garden and installed plant tags to identify the plants.

Now, the garden consists of three raised beds and two large in-ground beds that are each labeled with a sign for its sensory theme such as visual, smell and touch.

Clark said that the club added the signs so that people are encouraged to interact with the garden rather than just walk through it.

"A lot of people have come through," she said regarding the people walking through during the Party on the Patio event. "So I think that us participating in this event makes it possible for people to learn about this garden."

But more importantly, she said it was a great way for the seniors — who live around



One of the main attractions at the event was the Alviso Adobe Community Community Park petting station where kids and seniors alike were able to pet Frankie the turtle and see a live snake along with real animal furs.

the center and frequently visit the garden — to check out the new plants.

"We see lots and lots of seniors come through. Some come every day," Clark said. "Some have special plants that they like. So they really look forward to that experience."

Dolores Bengtson, longtime resident, public figure and member of the garden club, also told the Weekly that one thing that she appreciated that the club has done was how they brought in a wide variety of flowers to

seniors who don't have the space for their own garden.

"They don't have places to grow flowers anymore, and many of them were gardeners," Bengtson said. "So it's been interesting to see some of them come by and say, 'Oh, yes, this is this, this is that.' I think that's one of the whole purposes, is to allow them to participate with the same beauty that they had around them when they lived in their own homes." ■

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Preparing to buy or sell a home in 2023

Tips for seniors ready to jump into a fast, high-tech real estate market

By **DAVID STARK**

A fast, competitive and high-tech world awaits seniors who are buying or selling homes in Pleasanton.

If a few decades have passed since someone was in a real estate transaction, they should be prepared for more people and more technology in the process.



David Stark

“There’s going to be less sitting down at a table and having a conversation over the paperwork as a lot of that now is done online, through text messaging and email,” said

Tracey Esling, 2023 treasurer of Bay East Association of Realtors.

Esling, a Tri-Valley resident and Realtor, said seniors preparing to sell their homes should be ready for their head and their heart to spin.

“It can be tedious for a senior as a lot of times they’re moving out of a home that they’ve lived in for many years, and with that comes a lot of emotion and a lot of stress,”

Esling said. “The contracts are long, they’re tedious, there’s inspection processes, there’s photos to be taken, and somebody could show up with a drone and do an overview of your home.”

“Buying a home 30 years ago for one price and selling that home now at a price that’s three times what they bought it for, that’s a lot for somebody to grab onto,” Esling said. “It’s challenging in the respect that if you get multiple offers, you’re having to look at all of those offers and digest them and pick an offer.”

Esling said that Pleasanton’s popularity with homebuyers means seniors selling their homes should be ready for lots of interest. “The number of offers that are going to come through are going to be very different,” Esling said.

For seniors considering buying a home in Pleasanton, Esling said, “That is a very challenging experience, if you go back and look at what they paid for a home 30 years ago and what they’re going to pay for a home now. Those numbers are very different.”

Esling said senior buyers entering the market may be surprised by the competition for the few homes

that are for sale. “The biggest problem you have is the price of homes. Buyers need to have a significant down payment; they need to just wrap their minds around high prices and competition,” Esling said.

For seniors on a fixed income, securing purchase financing may be a challenge.

Esling said, “Be prepared to move quickly and make sure all your money is where it needs to be. Have a lender in place. Also be prepared for the scrutiny that comes if you are on a limited income. A lender is going to look into everything and again that process is very different than it was 30 years ago.”

Since so much of a real estate transaction is conducted electronically, Esling suggested senior buyers be wary of anything that seems odd or unusual.

“Ask any questions and be careful with the emails that you get. If you’re uncomfortable with something that you get in an email concerning money or signing documents, always reach out to your real estate agent, the title company or your lender,” Esling said.

Downsizing early in the process of buying a home can make the process



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easier. “They may be going from a home with a large yard to a townhome and that’s a very different lifestyle,” Esling said.

Asked when a senior homebuyer should start downsizing, Esling said, “Immediately. You are going to need to get rid of things and you need to do that prior to moving. If you’re moving everything out of a home that you’ve lived in for a number of years into a different home, most things aren’t going to fit the decor. So, you need to start

downsizing immediately. You need to have somebody in place that knows who to contact to haul stuff away.”

Esling offered a final tip for seniors either buying or selling: “Have a support team. Your real estate agent, any family members that are close to you, and maybe some really good friends.” ■

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Bingocize, a new way to stay fit at 60+

CityServe welcomes creative fitness game for seniors

By NICOLE GONZALES

A new program run out of the Pleasanton Senior Center aims to give adults 60 and older encouragement to get involved with their health and get active, also while playing a game they love.

Known as Bingocize, the program incorporates equal parts physical movement with rounds of the popular table game Bingo. The program combines games, nutritional education and physical movement with the intention of improving overall health and fitness for participants.

Bingocize typically focuses on fall prevention exercises for the local seniors. The program began at the Senior Center this year, led by Kyle Hemming, a health education program manager with CityServe of the Tri-Valley.

“It’s been amazing to see the folks get excited about moving around and learning how to keep their bodies in shape. They do really love the Bingo aspect,” Hemming said. “The reaction has been great so far. Plenty of the participants have shared that they

come out of the classes with better mobility and energy.”

When the class started, it formatted to last 10 weeks with seniors meeting twice a week for one hour. Following the program’s success, staff have said they are interested in adding more sessions and classes.

“I hope we can continue to serve our demographic here, help them live better lives with each class,” Hemming said. “I would like to expand and see what other fun classes we can come up with. There are a lot of ways to get folks excited about health and movement.”

Staff have noted that incorporating Bingo has improved attendance, attention and overall commitment to the class.

“By having something low-stress, engaging and fun like a game of Bingo for them makes it easier to get active,” Hemming said. “(For this class) I’ve noticed more participation and interest in the activities we do. We also share health educational topics on things that can really impact their lives, like living with diabetes or nutrition.”

CityServe CEO Christine Beitsch-Bahmani shared with the Weekly that the nonprofit plans to bring additional health programs for its service base in the coming months.

This summer, Hemming plans to introduce a new program known as LIFE that will offer one-on-one sessions focusing on balance training.

“My passion is health and helping people, it is rewarding to be doing this and see the direct impact that it has,” Hemming said, when reflecting on his role at the Senior Center. “It’s always fun to interact with the people in my classes. It’s a joy to see how happy getting out and moving can make someone, this has been my experience.”

Hemming has led various educational sessions on food and fitness at the center, including Cooking with Kyle where he has discussed healthy alternatives to alcohol and processed foods.

To find out more about CityServe of the Tri-Valley and its senior programs, visit cityservecares.org. ■



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Health education program manager Kyle Hemming leads a game of Bingocize at the Pleasanton Senior Center.



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Webinar series focuses on supporting those who support others

Next up in Hope Hospice program is 'Self-Care for the Caregiver' in June

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Family and caregivers of patients nearing the end of their lives are invited to a webinar series from Hope Hospice that is now seeking to offer a more personalized experience through an interactive format.

The Family and Caregiver Education Series from the organization is aimed at providing support for family, caregivers and loved ones of those in the Tri-Valley receiving end-of-life care and touching on a range of relevant subjects, with an interactive series that launched in March and is ongoing throughout the year.

While the series is offered as a free service through Hope Hospice, organizers emphasized that the webinars are open to all.

"Our Family Caregiver Education Series is available to any member of the community who is currently engaging as a caregiver to a loved one living with a terminal diagnosis or a disabling chronic condition, regardless of whether your loved one is a Hope Hospice patient," Hope Hospice officials said in the description of the workshops.

So far, the most recent series has covered how to navigate the healthcare system, how to adapt in the wake of a fresh dementia diagnosis, and most recently a discussion on addressing end-of-life issues and navigating hospice and palliative care on May 11.

Past workshops are recorded and available

for streaming on Hope Hospice's website. In addition to this year's series, archived recordings extend back to 2020 with discussions on caregiving and dementia care in the COVID-19 era that were released that fall.

While the archived webinars can serve as a valuable resource for caregivers and loved ones of those receiving hospice and palliative care, the current series that launched in March aims to deepen support for participants by offering an interactive format in which anyone can ask questions live during the workshop, seeking to personalize the discussions by addressing specific questions, concerns, and topics that are relevant to participants.

The next workshop — "Self-Care for the Caregiver" on June 8 — was also hosted last year, with a recording available in the webinar archives. This round, however, will be in an interactive format that allows live attendees to participate in the discussion and raise topics and questions related to their current caregiving situations.

"The stress that family caregivers experience as their loved one declines can be staggering. The constant fluctuation of changing roles, uncertainty about the future, and fatigue may ultimately result in compromised health and family dysfunction," event organizers wrote in the description for the upcoming workshop. "This webinar will focus on understanding the



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causes of stress, strategies for coping, and the importance of seeking support and utilizing resources."

Subsequent topics in the series this year are set to consist of "Handling Grief and Loss" in July, "Signs of Dementia Versus Normal Aging" in August, "Dementia Basics" in September, "End-of-Life Legal and Financial Issues" in

October, "Medicare: An Overview and Update for 2024" in November and "Dementia — Understanding Behavior as Communication" in December.

More information, plus archived workshops and registration for upcoming live workshops, are available at hopehospice.com/classes-resources/caregiving-education. ■

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Get your walking shoes on

Museum on Main, LARPD to host historic Pleasanton tour

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Museum on Main and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District are teaming up to offer a special walking tour for seniors around downtown Pleasanton.

Rachel Brickell, the museum's director of education, will guide the sidewalk tour set for May 31, where participants will view the historic homes along St. Mary Street, Pleasanton Avenue and Rose Avenue, concluding at Peters Avenue.

The museum and LARPD have partnered with each other for several years offering various opportunities for local seniors, which includes these walking tours. The upcoming walk will be the second St. Mary Street tour they've hosted together, according to Sarah Schaefer, the Museum on Main's executive director.

The tour includes lessons about the history of the families that occupied the homes along the walking route as well as their contributions and their everyday lives as they helped build Pleasanton.

"We do Second Street tours as well but what sets St. Mary apart is that we talk a little bit about some of the fraternal social organizations that existed in Pleasanton and their roles in the community. And because the fairgrounds and the race track are over on that side of the town, we talk about that as well," Schaefer said.

She said the tour also explores historic preservation and what makes a historic



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The St. Mary Street tour includes a stop outside this historic house.

resource. "We really dive into that a lot on the St. Mary tour — which is something else that sets this tour apart," Schaefer said.

While Schaefer noted that the tour doesn't go in depth about the architectural details of the various homes, they will provide some information to participants so that they can further explore the architectural features on their own.

Following the approximately two-hour tour, participants will be able to break out on their own for lunch at one of the many restaurants along Main Street and throughout downtown.

Participants will meet at Museum on Main located at 603 Main St. in Pleasanton for the walk which begins at 10 a.m. on May 31. Transportation is not included. To register, visit LARPD.org or call 925-373-5700. ■

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LETTERS

Is a 'little' stealing OK?

Mr. Mohs died because someone thought a "little" stealing was OK. Is it?

There is no "little" about death. Death is death.

There is no "little" about rape. Rape is rape.

There is no "little" about stealing. Stealing is stealing.

Civilizations, countries, states, religions, books, leaders, philosophers, educators have never condoned stealing.

Yet, incredibly, unbelievably, unfortunately, California leaders have said a "little" stealing is OK. And so a Home Depot (employee) was killed! Murdered. How long before our legislature and governor recognize, realize, that a "little" stealing is not OK? And clearly state in legislation that it is not!

—Kenneth Henneman

Grateful the Weekly is watching

In reading the Gina Channell Wilcox opinion article regarding the Pleasanton water supply and its sources, it is clear as to the importance of local journalism. We should all be grateful for the Weekly staff closely watching city staff reports and City Council actions — and inactions.

Thank you, Weekly, for paying attention to details. Hopefully the entire electorate is paying attention.

—Brad Hirst

Congress has to get serious about Supreme Court ethics

The Supreme Court has run amok, and it's time to get it under control.

For the last year, we have witnessed scandal after scandal come out of the Supreme Court. And in the last month alone we've seen multiple breaking news stories about Clarence Thomas's shady behavior.

First, it was secretly accepting luxury vacations and lavish gifts worth millions for 20 years. Then, it was having his mother's home bought and renovated. Now, it's come to light that his grandnephew's private school tuition was taken care of for years. All by Republican megadonor Harlan Crow. And not a single one was disclosed to the public.

Thankfully, this bad behavior can be addressed. Congress has the ability — and responsibility — to act as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. It's time they take the first step and pass a code of ethics for the Supreme Court.

No one is above accountability, and that includes our justices on the Supreme Court.

—Irene Hilgers

Reparations?

Why did Gov. Gavin Newsom sponsor a bill seeking "restitution" for African American people? California was a slave state for Indigenous people. African Americans are not indigenous to California. They arrived as enslaved people during the California Gold Rush years.

African Americans in California are calling Newsom bill "reparations". The California Constitution banned slavery in 1850, 173 years ago. In 1910 California, there were 21,000 African Americans compared to 2 million whites in California, 60 years after slavery was banned. Today there are 2.2 million African Americans in California, and there are 37 million all others in California. "Reparations"?

—Michael Austin

Swalwell represents us

Thank you Rep. Eric Swalwell for standing up for your constituents.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and his fellow Republicans are threatening to drive the U.S. to default on our debts if they don't get their way. Their goal is to slash Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other vital programs.

Right now many working-class Americans are struggling with inflation and rising costs of living. Any cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid would only threaten the livelihoods of millions, and pull the rug out from underneath all of us who have paid into the programs — not to mention the risks of a recession and job losses if Republicans force the government to default on its debt.

Eric signed the congressional letter from Reps. Boyle, Jayapal and Kuster, calling for a clean vote to avoid a default on our debts and opposing any cuts to Social Security and Medicare and other programs our community relies on.

When our representatives stand up for the people, rather than corporate interests or their own pockets, we prosper. Thank you again, Eric, for standing up for us. We have your back because you have ours.

—Ward Kanowsky

It takes a village!

The East Bay Special Olympics track meet was held Saturday, May 6, at the Amador Valley High School track. Athletes from Pleasanton, Contra Costa, Napa, Solano and throughout the East Bay participated in the meet, which is one of the sports training and competition events for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. See www.SONC.org for more information.

This is the 19th year that the Amador Valley Athletic Boosters have

hosted the track meet in Pleasanton. Over 300 volunteers from throughout the East Bay helped support the event, including city officials.

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown welcomed the athletes in the opening ceremonies and started the games with the familiar "Let the Games Begin". Police Capt. Kurt Schlehuber was the MC and the police color guard did an impressive job presenting the colors. Zoe Havard, an Amador Valley student, did a beautiful job singing the national anthem.

The Pleasanton Unified School District provided the facilities, the Amador Valley Athletic Boosters ran the snack bar, donating the proceeds to Special Olympics. Police Sgt. Ryan Tujague spent the entire day presenting awards to the winners of the events.

The San Leandro Kiwanis provided lunches for the athletes and volunteers; there were a lot of

leftover lunches which were taken to the Livermore Homeless Refuge and given to homeless and needy families.

Volunteers came from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, National Charity League, Boys Team Charity and Young Men's Service League in Pleasanton and other East Bay communities, also PLAY Leadership, Greystar, Renewal by Anderson, University of Pacific Physical Therapy Department and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Many comments from coaches and Special Olympics staff said the Pleasanton volunteers are the best. Of course, we believe that.

The local Pleasanton T-RADD team participated in the track meet with a record number of participants and eight coaches; they received many medals in their events.

—Ken Mano

TAKE US ALONG



Basilica in Barcelona: Carole Peterson and Jim Brice took "the cruise of a lifetime" from Lisbon, Portugal to Barcelona, Spain. Here, they pose with the Weekly outside Antoni Gaudí's La Sagrada Família Basilica in Barcelona.

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



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador wins NCS boys' volleyball title, defeats Foothill in championship game

Also: Postseason recap for Amador baseball, girls' lacrosse

The East Bay Athletic League has been the most dominant boys' volleyball league in the North Coast Section, and it hasn't even been close.

Amador Valley punctuated the EBAL power by taking the title with a 3-1 win over Foothill in the NCS Division I final on May 11.

But if more evidence was needed,

consider that the D-I semifinals featured four teams from the EBAL.

In the semifinals on May 9, Amador took care of Dublin, avenging two losses to the Gaels earlier in the season.

This time it was a 25-19, 25-15, 27-25 win for the Dons. Leading the charge for the Dons were Nate Clinton (8 kills, 6 service points),

Nick Nayak (8 kills), Luke Melvin (6 kills) and Parker Brookhart (8 service points) while the duo of Colin Bowers (13 assists) and Bryce Nohava (19 assists) were the top setters.

Foothill knocked off Granada 25-13, 25-19, 25-19 in the other semifinals. Leading the way for the Falcons were Tyler Keala (16 kills, 5 service points), Jack Caudill (9 kills, 5 service points) and Noah Mitzenmacher (13 digs, 11 receptions).

That set up the all-Pleasanton for the NCS title. In front of a packed Foothill gym, the two sides battled for almost two hours with Amador rallying for the 22-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-20 win.

Leading the way to the championship were Clinton (14 kills, 6 blocks), Melvin (11 kills), Nayak (11 kills), Max Riter (12 digs, 10 service points), Nohava (22 assists), Bowers (19 assists) and Spencer Thiel (3 blocks).

Foothill got great play from Landen Meonske (35 assists, 9 service points, 7 kills), Zach Seraj (11 kills, 11 digs), Casey Collins (7 service points, 5 digs), Kayan Vohra (9 kills, 5 blocks) and Micah Gawel (5 kills, 2 blocks).

Amador baseball

The Dons lost their early lead late, falling 4-3 to San Ramon Valley in the EBAL playoffs.

Amador built its lead scoring a pair of runs in the second inning. Braden Whitworth and Ross Kobayashi led the way at the plate.

San Ramon Valley evened things up in the seventh inning and secured the win in extra innings with a double by Lucas Glazier and a single by Joseph Coupland for the win 4-3.

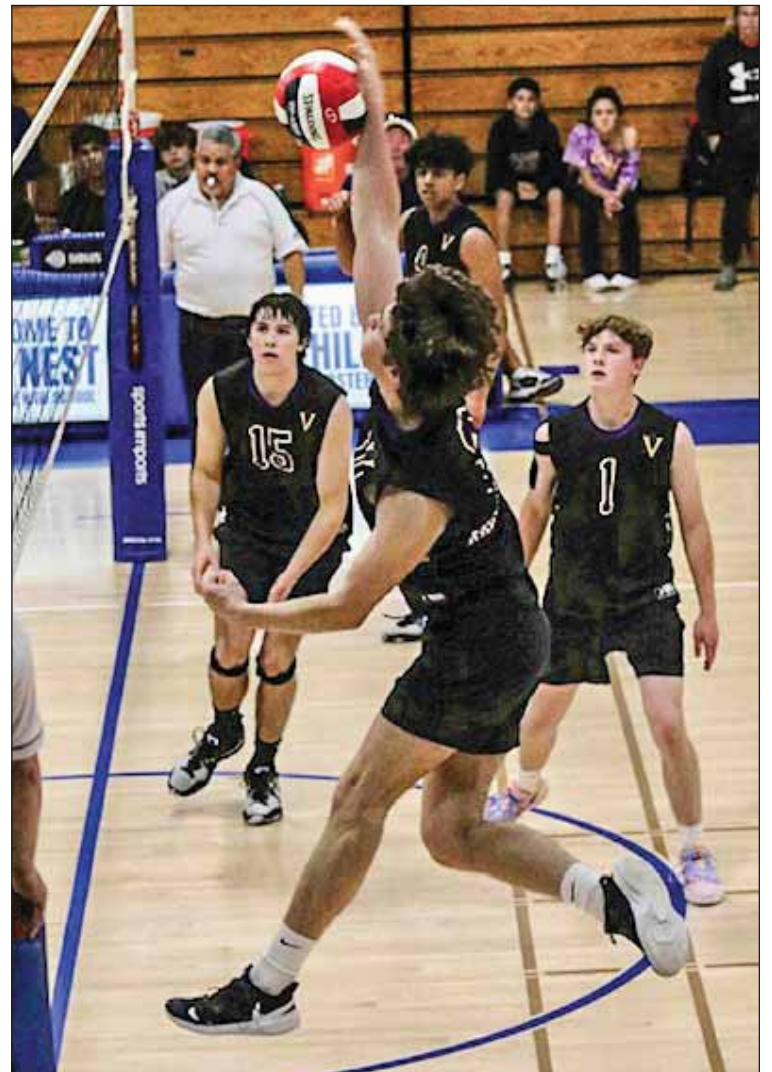
Matthew Foley started for the Dons, surrendering three runs on nine hits over six innings, striking out five Wolves. Foley finished the regular season with a 6-0 record and allowed an average of 0.74 earned runs.

Amador girls' lacrosse

The Dons finished the regular season on a roll, going 3-0 for the week, sending the team to the NCS playoffs.

They began the week falling behind Monte Vista before rallying for the win. Amador closed with a 6-2 run to get the 9-8 win.

From there, the Dons took a 10-7 non-league win over Campolindo, getting four goals from Sophia Falcione and three from Lily Keegan.



NANCY RITER

Luke Melvin on the attack at the net for the NCS champion Amador Valley Dons.

The final game of the week was a Senior Night battle against their crosstown rivals, the Foothill Falcons.

The Dons scored early and often as nine different players scored, led by senior Celeste Murphy with five goals on the way to a 17-0 blowout victory. In NCS the Dons hosted No. 2 seed Oak Ridge of El Dorado Hills, dropping an 11-7 final.

The loss was the final game for

seniors Murphy, Keegan, Aubrie Asbery, Paige Morgan, Sophia Marcoux, Maggie French, Ava Hofstede, Sofia Skinner, Katherine Nally, Kate Corsaro and Megan Wallace. ■

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PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Jackson and Rosé

Jackson James and Rosé Rue are bonded Chihuahuas (male and female, respectively) available through East Bay SPCA and being fostered together until they find their forever home. "Jackson and Rosé are two of the most loving dogs I have ever met! He loves snuggles and she is a playful girl who loves kisses. They spend most of the day cuddled up, but are so adorable when they play together," the foster parent reported to East Bay SPCA. Visit eastbayspca.org to learn more.

Entertainment

DRAMA AND FANTASY WITH O'CONNOR ON PIANO Explore magical places and fantastic stories with the Livermore-Amador Symphony through the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Liadov and Stravinsky with pianist John O'Connor. 8 p.m., May 20. tickets \$39. Visit livermorearts.org.

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MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT Celebrate Memorial Day with the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at the Pleasanton Senior Center Centennial Park. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., May 29. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Festivals

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.

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.

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

Job Fair

TRI-VALLEY SPRING JOB FAIR 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 Floor, Pleasanton.

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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)

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)

A-1 ENTERPRISES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 597523

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

1.) A-1 ENTERPRISES, located at 3110 BUSCH ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEMS, LLC

3110 BUSCH ROAD

PLEASANTON, CA 94566

CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/09/1992

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 28 2023. (PLW May 19, 26, Jun 2 and 9, 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)

M D PROCESSING, LLC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 597643

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

1.) M D PROCESSING, LLC, located at 1736 BEACHWOOD WAY PLEASANTON CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

MD PROCESSING, LLC

1736 BEACHWOOD WAY

PLEASANTON, CA 94566

CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2011

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 03 2023. (PLW May 19, 26, Jun 2 and 9, 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)

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)

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)

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



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