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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH



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Community leaders join Valley Humane Society staff and supporters at grand-opening of Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center.

'A dream come true'

Pet support nonprofit Valley Humane Society celebrated a truly monumental accomplishment earlier this spring — the ceremonial grand-opening of its Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center in downtown Pleasanton.

The facility, located at 120 Spring St., focuses now on high-volume spay and neuter services for shelters, rescue groups and the public, and soon will add one-time, non-emergency surgeries through a vet referral program for pet owners facing financial challenges.

"A dream come true," Melanie Sadek, president of Valley Humane Society, told me by email after the May 6 opening event.

The staff of one veterinarian, two registered vet techs and two vet assistants, with support from a team of volunteers, has been performing surgeries for Valley Humane Society for two years in space the nonprofit leased from East Bay SPCA, Sadek said. They're performing 40 spay/neuter surgeries per day, and once fully operational, the center aims to complete more than 6,000 surgeries per year.

Since its soft opening earlier this year, the center has already performed surgeries for groups like Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter, San Jose Animal Services, Contra Costa Animal Services and East County Animal Services.

"Why is this making an impact? California law requires all dogs and cats to be fixed before they can be adopted," Sadek said.

The new center "helps relieve overcrowding in our Bay Area shelter system," she added. "There is no reason for adoptable cats and dogs to sit in rescues or shelters simply because they need surgery. In

addition, helping the public makes a significant impact by reducing the number of unwanted litters being produced annually."

The fact Valley Humane Society is also offering spay and neuter services to the public will alleviate regional burden as well, since many programs currently have months-long waitlists.

And down the line, the non-emergency surgery referral program for low-income clients (once fully realized) will help ease impacts on shelters, reduce euthanizations, and uplift pets and their human companions, according to Sadek.

"At Valley Humane, we regularly see amazing dogs and cats who need a single surgery to improve their life," she said. "We believe these animals were surrendered because it was their owner's only option to help their beloved pet. Loved animals shouldn't be in our sheltering system."

The nearly \$2 million project included significant funding from Nvidia, the tech company and employer of late Pleasanton resident and pet lover Phil Scholz for whom the shelter is named. Scholz died in 2014 after he was struck by a commuter train in Santa Clara while trying to help a stranger who'd jumped on the tracks in a suicide attempt.

His widow Emily Scholz, who now works as adoption and foster manager for Valley Humane Society, stood next to Sadek and cut the ceremonial ribbon with giant scissors at the grand-opening event. ■

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How do you deal with the people in your life who think they're a lot smarter and more important than they really are?



Sally Parsons
Programs specialist

Oh, we all know people like that, right? Typically, I'll listen to them politely, offer a few alternative or sometimes even opposing viewpoints, and I always try to do that without rolling my eyes.



Sam Miller and Zeke
College student

I never call anyone out for acting smarter and more important than they really are because everyone is smart in their own way. I try to be respectful, but based on my life's experience I've learned that most of the people who really are very smart and important, are quite humble and unassuming.



Vincent Barletta
College student

I usually prod them with some leading questions to figure out why they believe they are so well-versed about something, especially if I know more about the subject than they do. They tend to get stumped and dial back a bit. It's a great strategy.



Kim Chi
Medical receptionist

The people who act that way don't even recognize those qualities in themselves because they really believe they are smarter and more important than everyone else. I have very little patience for people like that, so I usually just do my best to avoid them.



Madison Gallagher
High school Spanish teacher

I just let them live and be however they are, so long as it doesn't impact me negatively. I don't try to convince them they don't know what they're talking about because their mind is already made up and I don't want to waste my breath.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Graduations

Pleasanton's public high schools are holding their graduation ceremonies today (June 2).

The festivities will kick off with Village High School graduates walking across the stage at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton between 1:30-3 p.m.

Foothill High School's commencement will be next, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the school's stadium field.

Amador Valley High School will round out Pleasanton Unified School District's graduation season from 7-8:30 p.m. at its stadium field.

First Weekend on Main

The June edition of the Pleasanton Downtown Association's First Weekends on Main event series arrives today through Sunday evening (June 2-4), with several special events and the now-familiar weekend-long closure of Main Street.

"Come downtown and enjoy street closures for roaming our historical downtown, events and outdoor dining," PDA officials said on the organization's website.

This month's program will include bands playing at various locations on Main Street today and Saturday at 7 p.m. as part of the Music on Main event.

Downtown will also welcome a BMX freestyle team performing on stunt ramps in front of Superfly Wheels (537 Main St.) on Saturday for two separate shows, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The PDA's Concerts in the Park will start next week (June 9) and occur each Friday during the summer, except for First Weekends on Main weeks.

Tesla Road reopens

The Alameda County Public Works Agency reopened a section of Tesla Road in Livermore to traffic over the Memorial Day weekend after being closed for nearly two months while crews conducted emergency repairs due to roadside erosion caused by winter storms from Reuss Road to the county line.

Meanwhile, two other projects are underway on unincorporated roads that are also major commuter routes in the Tri-Valley.

Alameda County has closed Crow Canyon Road to through traffic between Bollinger Canyon and Norris Canyon roads until early August, as workers take to the area for construction of a second roadway phase and embankment repairs necessitated by storm damage earlier this year.

And the Contra Costa County Public Works Department is conducting road grinding and paving work on Highland Road between Camino Tassajara and Manning Road through June 15, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays with detours in place. ■

Pleasanton PD temporarily disbands units, reassigns officers amid staffing shortages

Patrol duties prioritized over crime prevention, special enforcement and traffic teams

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Police Department has reassigned officers in the special enforcement, crime prevention and traffic units for the time being in order to cover patrol duties due to a shortage in staff.

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing told the Weekly the move is temporary and that while the units are not currently active, the department does plan on eventually bringing them back once they replenish their workforce.

"Agencies throughout the region, the state and even nationally are

grappling with staffing challenges," Swing said. "(But) when that happens, the work still continues. Does it continue at the same level that it did when those units are more fully staffed? Absolutely not, because it can't. There's only a limited number of resources that are available."

The announcement of the three units going offline first came out of a Nextdoor post from Officer Ryan Tujague, who said that the three units were no longer available and that police calls that would have been handled through one of the three units will now be handled by patrol officers.

"For example, if a major traffic fatality were to unfortunately occur, we're still going to respond to that," Swing said. "We're still going to dedicate resources to that. Our officers that are currently assigned to traffic will likely be involved in the investigation of that event and use the resources that we have to investigate that accordingly."

He added that while enforcement of certain traffic-related issues will not be as extensive as it has been, "the critical functions of those units will still occur."

The news of the redeployment came the same week as

the Pleasanton Police Officers Association (PPOA) declaring an impasse in labor talks as the city's memorandum of understanding with the union expires on Wednesday (May 31).

According to the City Manager's Office, city negotiators offered unionized police personnel raises between 15% to 18% over three years as part of its latest contract proposal, which union leaders rejected saying the pay compensation being offered is below the market average and median.

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Misha Mehta (standing on left side while holding a picture of her son Neev, who died from a rare brain cancer in 2021) joins fellow advocates during the 12th annual Alliance for Childhood Cancer Action Days in April on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Pleasanton mom gives up her career for a life in cancer advocacy

Recently traveled to Capitol Hill, White House for separate efforts to raise awareness

By Christian Trujano

When Pleasanton resident Misha Mehta lost her son Neev to a rare and untreatable brain cancer two years ago, her whole life was uprooted.

"Losing a child to cancer completely destroys a family," she told the Weekly.

Mehta, who used to be a researcher at Roche Molecular Systems on Hacienda Drive in Pleasanton, said that Neev's death left her to the point where

she couldn't go back to work because she couldn't find purpose in doing that type of day-to-day routine knowing that her son was gone.

That's why she has made it her mission to raise awareness for childhood cancer research.

Mehta attended two recent events at the Capitol Hill and the White House in Washington, D.C. — one in April and one in May — in the hopes that she can help other families not have to go through the pain of seeing

their child die knowing there is no hope.

"Everything that I do now needs to have a purpose and a meaning behind it, and the only way I can do that is by raising awareness on advocacy," Mehta said. "The only way I can justify living here without my son is by making sure that his story is remembered, his name is remembered and no other kids or no other families have to go

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Police union at impasse with city

Tense labor talks come to head over compensation

By Christian Trujano and Jeremy Walsh

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association has declared an impasse amid its tense contract negotiations with the city, which the union president said has consistently rejected the association's demands for competitive compensation.

The union claims the Pleasanton Police Department is facing major recruitment and retention problems within its officer ranks due to below-market pay and the draining impacts of significant staffing shortages such as emergency scheduling, reduction in public services and excessive mandatory overtime.

"One of the reasons we're at an impasse is a monetary reason," PPOA President Brian Jewell told the Weekly. "Our proposals that we're getting from the city do not get us to even the average of the market ... We're still below the market as far as compensation goes."

Over the past two years, the PPD has experienced an "exodus of personnel to other law enforcement agencies" that the union attributes to officers leaving the department for better pay at other

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Granada families urge district to reconsider IB termination

LVJUSD officials plan to end special diploma program in 2024 due to budget concerns

BY CIERRA BAILEY

More than 60 students, parents and educators expressed their support for Granada High School's International Baccalaureate program at a Livermore school board meeting last week following an announcement of its upcoming termination.

"IB is a family and we fight for our family," one Granada freshman said at the end of her comments. In addition to the dozens of speakers who shared public comment, other supporters of the program were present at the May 23 meeting in a show of solidarity.

Students shared their personal connections to the IB program, including many who moved to the city specifically to take IB courses at Granada and others who have transferred and commute from other districts to participate. Several students echoed each others' sentiments that in addition to the academic benefits of the program, they've established a bond and sense of community among their cohort of fellow IB students.

Granada was authorized as an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme school in February 2016. Since its inception seven years ago, the program has provided the opportunity for students to pursue the full IB diploma or take individual IB courses. Since 2018, 77 students have earned an IB diploma.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education heard a participation and cost update about the program from district staff during the meeting indicating that 22 students are on track to earn an IB diploma this year.

The presentation also echoed similar points that were shared in an email to the campus community from Granada principal Clark Conover earlier in the month, announcing that the program would be suspended as of the 2024-25 school year. District officials said the informational presentation was placed on the school board's May 23 agenda to provide additional data and rationale related to the decision to the public.

Both Conover's email and the district staff presentation painted a picture that the program is not cost effective given the small number of student interest.

"The IB Diploma Programme has had limited interest from our students, in part because it requires a strict course completion of 'Standard Level' and 'Higher Level' IB classes and leaves little room for the pursuit of non-IB courses," Conover's email read.

"Though the program has many great qualities, over the past five years an average of less than 16 students per year are completing the IB Diploma requirements. With a program cost in excess of \$400,000, it is very difficult to justify the cost

with the number of students who complete the program," he added.

The email also noted that suspending the IB program will allow for an expansion of Advanced Placement courses which IB students will be able to take and achieve equivalent outcomes.

According to program supporters, neither teachers nor parents were notified that the decision to suspend the program was being considered or given the opportunity to provide feedback before it was made.

"We are pushing back especially against the notion that the program serves an average of less than 16 students per year at a cost of over \$400,000," said Jennifer Wong in an email to Livermore Vine.

Wong is part of a working group of parents and community advocates coordinating the response to the issue.

She continued, "There were 425 students enrolled in at least one IB course at Granada this year alone. The significance of an IB education lies in the classroom process — students gain so much just from taking the classes. Commitment to the full diploma is a fantastic option for highly motivated students, but there is so much more to it that the administration didn't consider in their calculations."

The IB program is a nonprofit educational foundation that aims to "focus on fostering critical thinking and building problem-solving

skills, while encouraging diversity, international mindedness, curiosity, and a healthy appetite for learning and excellence," according to an informational presentation on the district's website.

The IB curriculum — and particularly the diploma program — offers rigorous courses and college-preparatory instruction as well as weighted grades and capstone exams that can result in college credit.

"We want to work in partnership with board trustees to evaluate, refine and secure funding for the program going forward, so that LVJUSD students don't lose access to this valuable program," Wong said.

Joe Michell TK-8 School also offers an IB curriculum tailored to the younger age group that they serve, preparing them to continue at the high school level. According to Wong, the school is preparing to promote its first class of students who have completed the full K-8 IB curriculum and will be starting at Granada in the fall.

"This fall would have had the largest incoming IB classes at Granada since the program began," she said.

District officials noted that the conclusion to cut out the IB program at Granada was not made hastily.

"The decision to suspend Granada's IB Diploma Program was determined after several months

of discussion with Granada staff, our educational services team, our executive leadership team, and Board," district officials told Livermore Vine in an email.

"A deep dive of IB Diploma Program cost, student participation, and student outcomes were discussed at a March 16, 2023 special board meeting which was focused on analyzing academic programs," they said.

"While that meeting did not result in a formal vote by the board to suspend the program, there was board consensus and acknowledgment about the cost vs. student outcomes and that the district may need to consider the suspension of the IB diploma in order to provide a balanced budget moving forward. The uncertainty and unfavorable budget forecast shared in our May budget revise accelerated the decision to suspend the program," they added.

The district said it chose to suspend the program as of the 2024-25 school year, as opposed to next year, to ensure that any junior currently on track to receive an IB diploma for the 2023-24 term would be able to do so.

Amid pleas to reconsider the suspension, officials said that the district is currently working with Granada's administration and IB staff to determine if a streamlined, reorganized version of the IB program would align with current budget priorities. ■

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"These staffing shortages are, in turn, causing our resources to be limited, because we don't have the amount of officers that we should have, or the amount of officers that we had before," PPOA President Brian Jewell told the Weekly last week.

"I don't want to see us lose more officers. I don't want to see our resources go down," Jewell added. "I want us to be able to provide the best and highest level of service to our community."

Pleasanton Vice Mayor Jack Balch told the Weekly just hours before the PPOA announced the impasse that the city needs to work with the union to find a resolution that is down the middle and that meets the needs for both sides.

"The city has to have a sound fiscal budget so that we can continue to pay for the officer positions that we've allocated," Balch said "We cannot have any budget constraints once qualified candidates are identified, so that our city manager and chief can hire them."

He added that while the overall

police industry is facing similar staffing challenges, he believes that the City Council needs to continue to show, through fiscal process and policies, the ability to continue funding officers and their needs.

"We can't keep this going," Balch said. "We have to find a solution to be able to get them their full staff because we know that they're probably doing overtime and other methods to be able to provide to the community and so the community needs to be able to work with them and support them that way."

But as the PPD begins to redeploy those officers who were assigned to one of the three temporarily disbanded units to patrol services, Swing mentioned that the decision to do so isn't something that is new to police departments.

"At different times, in different agencies, personnel are reassigned due to staffing," Swing said. "It's not the first time this has happened in Pleasanton; it's not the first time it's happened in law enforcement agencies."

He said that because of the six to seven vacancies coupled with the fact that somewhere between five and 10 officers are currently on injury leave, it is a challenge to keep

extra units active when the department's main focus has to be on patrolling the city.

But he said that the entirety of the staff have been doing what they can to pick up the work.

"Our entire team at the police department are really proud of the work that they do and how they're doing the heavy lifting, to fill a critical need right now," he said. "That doesn't go unnoticed."

Swing also attempted to assure the public that apart from the emergency response time of four minutes and 19 seconds hasn't changed, any investigations that have been under the purview of units such as the special enforcement unit have been folded into other units such as the criminal investigations unit so that the investigative work can continue.

Balch touched on that issue as well and said that while having residents continue to do their part in keeping an eye out for issues in the community, they must also keep in mind that response time might be affected by the staff shortage.

"I think everyone can relate that we want the emergency response time to try to maintain and if that means that non-emergency unfortunately slips a little bit until we're able

to come to full staff, I think community understanding of that would be appreciated," Balch said.

However, Swing reiterated that with the two recent homicides that took place in Pleasanton — one of a Home Depot employee who was shot and the other of a man being stabbed in his apartment during an attempted robbery — the quality of investigative work being done around those two cases has not been affected by the recent change in the three units.

"Are there other things that get placed on the back burner because of that, and because we don't have a full complement assigned? Absolutely," Swing said. "But the quality of our work, especially in those major cases, is not impacted by our staffing."

As for other units within the PPD being affected by staffing issues such as the school resource officers, Swing said that it really all depends on several factors.

"If we were to have a run of officers who pursued opportunities elsewhere, or who were injured on the job and unable to be deployed, it might get to the point where the school resource officers are redeployed into patrol, or our officers

assigned to our alternate response unit are redeployed into patrol," Swing said.

He said while it is possible — and not probable — the chances of that happening really depends on whether the recruits the department currently has in the police academy and its training program can stick around until next year when they can actually fully get on the force and on the streets.

Swing also wanted to tell Pleasanton residents that regardless of whether PPD is or isn't fully staffed, it is critical that the community maintains and continues to develop relationships with police officers to ensure ongoing success.

He also said that with the department having been short-staffed for more than a year, he doesn't expect residents to see much of a difference in terms of levels of service following the announcement of the three units not being online right now.

"When the community needs us the most, we have, will and always will be there," Swing said. "If the community hasn't seen a reduction in service or felt a reduction in services, then this announcement, if you would, isn't going to change that perspective." ■

Suspect in Livermore teen's 2019 murder extradited from Mexico

Police identified Jorge Luis Tellez as shooter since day one in death of Emanuel Moseby

By JEREMY WALSH

A 25-year-old man who was on the lam for nearly four years has been transported from Mexico and taken into custody at the Santa Rita Jail in connection with the shooting death of Livermore High School student Emanuel Moseby, city police confirmed on Tuesday.

The Livermore Police Department identified Jorge Luis Tellez, then 21 years old from Livermore, as their prime suspect in the killing of 16-year-old Moseby outside Taco Bell on East Stanley Boulevard in July 2019, but Tellez allegedly fled that night and remained at-large for years.

Police revealed on Tuesday that Tellez was arrested in Mexico last fall on a murder warrant associated with Moseby's death and jailed until the extradition process played out. The U.S. Marshals Service delivered Tellez into Livermore police custody last Friday.

"It has been a long process," the victim's father, Earl Moseby Jr., said in a statement released by police. "Thank you to the Livermore Police Department for never giving up and for bringing us into the next chapter of closure."

"I want to thank our detectives for their tireless work on this case and for bringing the suspect to justice," Livermore Police Chief Jeremy Young added. "The victim was a Livermore High School student and beloved member of the school's junior varsity football team. Our



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Emanuel Moseby was shot and killed in Livermore in July 2019.

detectives never stopped searching for the suspect. We hope this news gives the victim's loved ones and the Livermore community some relief that the first step in the criminal justice system has begun."

Police alleged at the time that Tellez shot Moseby in the abdomen after an argument between the two escalated into Tellez pulling out a gun and firing it at around 9:25 p.m. July 8, 2019. Moseby died from his injuries at the hospital early the next morning.

Known by the nickname "Ace", Moseby was "loved by everyone around him", Livermore High football coaches said in a Facebook post after his death.

"Emanuel is remembered as being a team player who loved his family, playing football, his teammates and his friends," they said. "More importantly, Emanuel was

loved by everyone around him including all of the coaches on our staff, his teammates, family and friends."

Police reported in 2019 that Moseby and Tellez were acquainted but it was unclear what their argument was about that fateful night in the Peppertree Plaza Shopping Center.

Officers, who soon obtained an arrest warrant for Tellez, were reportedly unable to locate the young man in the hours and days after the shooting. Detectives later determined Tellez fled to Mexico in the summer of 2019 and likely hid out there ever since, police said on Tuesday.

Mexican authorities ultimately located and arrested Tellez on the Livermore murder warrant last October, police said. He was extradited back to California last Friday and subsequently booked into Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on suspicion of multiple charges, including murder. Tellez is being held without bail.



Jorge Luis Tellez

The case has been turned over to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for prosecution, according to police. It is unclear when Tellez's first court appearance locally will be or whether he is represented by an attorney yet. ■

Man drowns in Lake Del Valle

Became submerged after jumping from boat to retrieve oar

By JEREMY WALSH

A man died in Lake Del Valle in Livermore after entering the water to retrieve an oar that fell from his family's boat and being unable to resurface on Saturday afternoon, according to East Bay Regional Park District.

The situation began around 3:45 p.m. in a cove across the lake from the East Beach, outside of the guarded area, according to EBRPD Police Department Capt. Al Elzey.

"According to witnesses after jumping into the water, the man immediately began to struggle and then went underwater," Elzey said in a press release.

Family members flagged down EBRPD marine patrol officers within minutes, and the officers marked the area while district lifeguards responded from swim zones and dove underwater in search of the missing man, according to Elzey.



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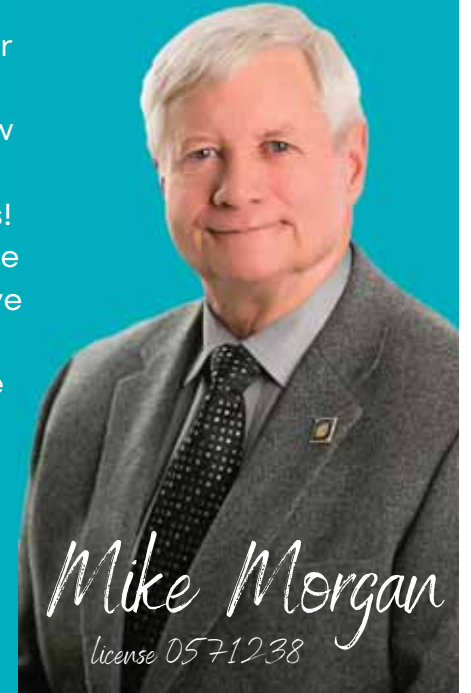
Lake Del Valle in Livermore, shown earlier this spring.

Divers searched the area over the course of nearly six hours before the man's body was recovered shortly before 9:30 p.m. Saturday, the captain said. The decedent was

identified by the Alameda County Coroner's Office on Sunday as Daniel Nathan Cullison, 26, of San Jose, according to the Bay City News Service. ■

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Pleasanton Library launching summer reading program

Prizes, crafts and live events planned throughout weeks ahead; all ages encouraged to join

By NICOLE GONZALES

In an effort to encourage literacy, community engagement and self-expression, the Pleasanton Public Library will soon kick off its annual summer reading program for residents — with “Find Your Voice” set as this year’s theme.

From this Saturday (June 3) through Aug. 6, participants will be able to log their reading and partake in various activities and events throughout the duration of the program.

The free summer reading program begins as many local students kick off their summer break; however, activities for readers of all ages are planned.

For younger participants, they are able to earn virtual badges and rewards by tracking their reading over the summer via the Beanstack website and app. Teens and adults are also encouraged to log their reading to win prizes such as gift cards, AirPods and free passes to the Chabot Space & Science Center.

Library staff said the theme, “Find Your Voice”, emphasizes youth to express themselves and engage in creative outlets.

“The library is thrilled to start our annual summer reading program,” librarian Katie DeLang said. “We hope the variety in programs, performances and activities inspire the community to discover how all

our unique voices impact the world around us.”

“We are looking forward to finding our individual and collective voices together this summer,” DeLang added.

Through programs such as the summer reading program, residents of various ages, backgrounds and identities can join together.

To kick off the program this Saturday, the library is hosting a sign-up event for residents. On this day, visitors to the library will be able to watch a performance from California-based percussionist James Henry titled “House of Samba Kids”.

The show focuses on self-expression and incorporates a wide range

of percussion techniques.

Staff has noted that additional events will take place at the library and elsewhere. Events include a pop-up arts and craft activity, games and special performances around the city.

In celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride Month running through June, the library will host a trivia game for adults and a storytime and craft activity for younger children discussing the history of Pride Month.

The library hopes to create programs that foster exploration, literacy and intellectual curiosity, staff said.

“This year’s summer reading program provides endless opportunities

for discovery, connection and life-long learning,” said Cherie Buenafior, library and recreation coordinator.

“Whether it’s learning how to draw manga characters, making art at one of Pleasanton’s parks, enjoying a bilingual music program, hearing an author share their craft, or answering fun trivia questions during LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we’re happy to encourage readers to find their voice this summer,” Buenafior added.

Events and prizes of the program are sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Library.

For more information about the Pleasanton Library’s summer reading program and planned events, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

Hively opens second site for mental health resources

Nonprofit will now offer services such as therapy in Pleasanton

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Hively, a Pleasanton-based child and family support nonprofit, recently celebrated the official opening of its second site-certified clinical therapy location during a ribbon-cutting ceremony after years of working toward the goal of establishing community mental health services for children and their families in the Tri-Valley.

“At Hively, we treat the whole family,” Hively CEO Mary Hekl said in a press release upon the May 5 ceremony.

Located on 7901 Stoneridge Drive, across from the nonprofit’s corporate

headquarters, mental health services will offer 10 dedicated therapists on staff; affordable, quality counseling services; and both in-person and remote one-on-one therapy sessions as well as group counseling sessions.

While Hively also offers these clinical mental health services from its offices in San Leandro, Hekl and Hively Board Chair Ryan Duncan stated in the press release that the opening of the second location was significant because it is now one of the few Medi-Cal providers in the Tri-Valley that will ensure widespread access to these resources for low-income families.

Hekl also stated that because

of the increasing number of adolescents who had experienced at least one major depressive disorder in 2020, forcing the American Academy of Pediatrics to declare a state of emergency in teen mental health, this service is crucial now more than ever.

Apart from Hively leaders and members of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, other local Tri-Valley leaders such as Pleasanton Vice Mayor Jack Balch spoke on the pandemic’s impact on mental health with younger people and about the epidemic of loneliness that shows the need for these types of resources.

“It should ring true in all of our

hearts as to the need,” Balch said in the press release. “We hear it; we see it; we know it.”

Livermore Mayor John Marchand, who also attended the ribbon-cutting, lauded the increase of mental health services in the Tri-Valley and echoed what Hekl touched on regarding the need to treat people suffering from mental illnesses and their families with “kindness and grace.”

“Has there ever been a time when these two traits have been in shorter supply?” Marchand asked. “We need kindness and grace now more than ever.”

Another positive aspect that is

coming out of the newly opened mental health resource is that apart from the clinicians licensed in marriage and family therapy, the nonprofit will also be hosting a trainee program where supervised clinicians-in-training will be able to complete the necessary clinical hours to gain their licenses, according to Hively officials.

“Hively is contributing to the supply of counseling services by helping to train the next generation of therapists,” director of clinical services Sue Denny stated, adding that the trainee program is an important and necessary element in growing services to meet demand. ■

IMPASSE

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organizations, according to a statement from the union announcing the impasse May 24.

Responding a day after the union’s scathing public comments, city administration detailed terms of their latest offer to the union that they said would address officers’ concerns about salary and benefits levels — personnel raises between 15% to 18% over three years, among other aspects — while also being respectful of Pleasanton’s budget uncertainty anticipated in the immediate years ahead.

“Considering the current economic climate in which the city’s expenditures are expected to continue outpacing revenues for the next several years, the city has offered a generous compensation package that represents one of the largest pay increases for police officers and sergeants in the city’s history,” city officials said in a statement May 25.

“Despite the recent statement from the PPOA, the city remains committed to reaching an

agreement that works financially within budget restraints, while demonstrating the city’s commitment to the well-being of its police officers and sergeants,” city officials added.

PPOA pressed the impasse button last week after several months of apparently tense negotiations behind the scenes without a deal. The association’s current memorandum of understanding with the city expired this Wednesday with no successor contract in place.

The Pleasanton City Council was scheduled to discuss the status of police labor talks with city negotiators in closed session early Wednesday evening, after the Weekly went to press.

“Despite the department’s glaring needs, the city’s proposals would ensure that its police officer compensation would remain below both the market average and median. This significant discrepancy puts Pleasanton at a disadvantage in recruiting and retaining the best law enforcement professionals, and all but ensuring further staffing shortages,” PPOA said in its statement May 24, adding that the city now needs to hire

at least 25 new officers within the next two years.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin’s office responded to the comments from PPOA leadership by making public details about the offer they said their negotiations put forward on May 19 that the union ultimately rejected.

The city’s proposed three-year MOU included a 6% raise for officers and a 9% raise for sergeants beginning on June 1, followed by a 9% increase total for each position over the course of the remaining two years of the contract.

City officials said they also agreed to PPOA’s requests to triple the city’s contribution to employee’s retiree health savings accounts and to provide an additional 5% premium pay for specific department assignments.

According to the city, its offer would increase city operational costs by over \$6.6 million over the contract term.

That’s at a time when the city estimates having budget surpluses of just \$4,112 and \$4,740 for the next two fiscal years before dropping into a deficit of \$1.3 million by fiscal year 2025-26 under normal

economic conditions — or a deficit of as much as \$6.7 million in the third year if a recession hits in 2024.

The two sides were set to return to the bargaining table May 24, but the union canceled the meeting and instead declared an impasse, according to the city. The move started the clock on an impasse process whose details and schedule were not immediately clarified.

After the city released its public statement, PPOA issued a sharp response last Friday criticizing the city for maintaining “massive surpluses and reserves” in recent prior years without improving police pay and contending that PPD administration recently lowered the minimum score required of officer applicants on the California POST Reading and Writing Test.

“The deterioration of the Pleasanton Police Department has steadily developed over the course of several years and that is directly related to the city’s unwillingness to competitively compensate its police officers,” Jewell said in the Friday statement.

“We are not asking to be the highest paid, or to reset the market,” he added. “We are asking to

be compensated at the median of our agreed upon benchmark agencies so that we can at least have a chance to recruit and retain highly qualified police officers. The city’s proposals all but ensure that we will remain 7.5% behind the market median for the duration of the proposed contract.”

“It appears that adding a third skate park and remodeling a Century House — totaling \$10.6 million — are more important than hiring qualified police officers and providing service to the community,” union officials stated, alluding to two capital projects supported by the council majority for the city’s upcoming budget.

This marks the second consecutive year the city reached a formal impasse with a public safety employee union in labor negotiations.

Fire Fighters Local 1974 declared an impasse with Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department administration in March 2022 before the two sides came to an agreement three months later that included 13% in general wage increases over 3-1/2 years, a paramedic premium pay increase and a comprehensive drug- and alcohol-testing policy. ■

New study to look at fare evasion on BART system

18-month policy analysis aims to determine what works and what doesn't

By DAN McMENAMIN / BCN

BART has a fare evasion problem.

Solutions, or at least the data to inform them, are being collected as part of a study announced Tuesday by BART's Office of the Independent Police Auditor and a nonprofit that did a previous report on the issue for the transit agency.

The Center for Policing Equity, which in 2021 released a report on the BART Police Department's pedestrian and vehicle stops and uses of force, is doing an 18-month analysis of BART's fare evasion enforcement policies to help the agency determine what is or isn't working in its efforts to secure the system.

Pre-pandemic, BART had estimated it lost \$15 million to \$25 million to fare evasion each year, and the study announced this week is meant to look at whether the money spent to tackle the issue is being used equitably considering the findings of the prior report.

That report found, among other conclusions, that while Black Americans were less than 9% of people served by BART police, they comprised about 63% of the people who experienced uses of force by the transit agency's police officers.

Hans Menos from the Center for Policing Equity says the new study and the center's partnership with BART is meant to "focus on making

the lives and the movement and the transit of people, particularly Black and brown people, more safe, more equitable and more fair."

BART on Tuesday reported two of its highest monthly arrest totals since before the pandemic after starting a new enforcement strategy in March to double the number of sworn officers riding on trains in the core of the system.

The agency's Board of Directors also last month approved a contract to install new fare gates systemwide, with a prototype for the new gates set to be installed at the West Oakland BART station by the end of the year. There are currently about 700 fare gates across the BART system.

Menos said gates that can keep more fare evaders out would be "a good example of a solution that's different than a punitive response" and could lessen the number of problematic interactions between BART police and riders.

BART Independent Police Auditor Russell Bloom said in a statement about the new study, "Using data to examine the root causes of disparate outcomes is a critically important way to understand which reforms are working and where we may need to refocus our attention and resources."

The data and conclusions from the study will go to BART's Board of Directors and its Police Citizen Review Board for review to consider any related policy changes. ■

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Easter in New York:

Rita and Ed Fitzpatrick brought the Weekly along on their trip to New York City, stopping here at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday. 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.

Granada alum drowns during outing at Feather River

Loved ones grieving loss of 21-year-old who had just finished studies at Chico State

By JEANITA LYMAN

Family and friends are mourning the sudden death of a young man from Livermore who drowned during an outing on the Feather River in the Chico area over the Memorial Day weekend.

Jonathan “Jonny” Nguyen, a 21-year-old Livermore native and Granada High School alumnus, had recently graduated from Chico State University when he became lost under the water after diving into the river south of the university on Saturday.

Nguyen was last seen by friends when he emerged from the water briefly after the dive before becoming submerged once again. An extensive search that afternoon

involving boats, helicopters, drones and divers was unsuccessful. His body was recovered on Sunday at approximately 1:30 p.m., according to Megan McMann, spokesperson for the Butte County Sheriff’s Office.

McMann said that the search-and-rescue team consisted of 16 members from the sheriff’s office, and approximately 16 more from the Butte County Fire Department and Cal Fire.

Nguyen graduated from Granada High School in 2019, where he left his mark on the wrestling team.

“Jonny was a great friend to many and impacted everyone he met,” wrote Sean Jackson, Nguyen’s former coach and organizer of an online fundraiser aimed at supporting

the Nguyen family. “We wish to truly remember and celebrate Jonathan’s life, to support his family and this memorial, as well as the expenses a tragedy like this brings on.”

“Jonny was a standout wrestler for Granada HS, winning two North Coast Section medals and he helped lead Granada to its first League Championship in over ten years,” Jackson said on the GoFundMe page created on Monday.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the “Jonathan Nguyen Memorial” fundraiser had garnered more than \$39,000 in donations out of the \$50,000 goal set by Jackson.

“Jonathan was a fully engaged member of the Livermore



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jonathan Nguyen, a Livermore resident and Granada High School alumnus, drowned Saturday in the Feather River shortly after graduating from Chico State University.

community- student, athlete, volunteering and much more,” Jackson wrote on Facebook. ■

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through what we went through.”

In August 2020, Neev Kolte — a 5-year-old Fairlands Elementary School student at the time — first started showing signs that something was wrong. His father Sandeep Kolte previously told the Weekly that Neev’s ability to walk slowly started deteriorating, which provoked his parents to take him to the hospital.

It was then that they found out Neev had what is known as diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma. DIPG is a rare terminal brain cancer that, according to the National Cancer Institute, produces fast-growing tumors that form within cells inside the stem of the brain. According to the institute’s website, DIPG typically occurs in

children and is a disease that is hard to treat.

Neev died from the cancer on Nov. 30, 2021.

“If you look at it ... the survival rate for that is 0% and it has been like that for some 65-plus years,” Mehta said. “The only standard of care treatment that is offered is radiation and that is like just palliative at best, it just buys you a couple of months.”

That’s why Mehta took it upon herself to quit her job and advocate full time through organizations such as the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), which sent her to Washington, D.C. on April 24 for the 12th annual Alliance for Childhood Cancer Action Days event.

The two-day event, which was organized by the Alliance for

Childhood Cancer, brought in over 200 other cancer patients, survivors and family members from 34 states and from D.C. who spoke with lawmakers and asked them to allocate more funding toward childhood cancer research.

“Cancer is the leading disease-related cause of death among children and adolescents in the U.S.” Chakoma Haidari, grassroots manager for ACS CAN in Northern California, told the Weekly in a statement.

“When survived, the effects of childhood cancer and its treatment can last a lifetime,” Haidari added. “Advocates like Misha play an integral role in reminding members of Congress that they have the opportunity and duty to save lives from childhood cancer and help improve the quality of life of patients, survivors and their families.”

According to Haidari and Mehta, one of the major requests that they urged lawmakers to consider was providing about \$51 billion in funding for the National Institutes of Health and \$9.988 billion for the National Cancer Institute, which are both significant funding increases.

They also asked to continue funding for the 2019 Childhood Cancer STAR Reauthorization Act, which Congress unanimously decided in 2022 to continue for another five years.

The STAR Act “expands opportunities for childhood cancer research, improves efforts to identify and track childhood cancer incidences and enhances the quality of life for childhood cancer survivors,” Haidari said.

“To continue this important work, advocates ask Congress to provide \$30 million to fully fund the Childhood Cancer STAR Act for a sixth year and \$50 million to fully fund the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative for a fifth year,” Haidari stated.

Mehta had separately asked

lawmakers during that time to consider two California-specific requests: for the state to recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month — which is already federally recognized and is currently being introduced as a senate resolution — and to list DIPG in the state’s Cancer and Control Action Plan.

She said that by adding the rare cancer to the list, it would allow for more federal dollars to be allocated toward research and would bring DIPG into the state dialogue for what types of cancer to be addressed.

“We need to change that dialogue because there are kids that are dying of cancer,” Mehta said. “In a year, there are 400 different kids that are diagnosed, and it’s 100% terminal.”

Mehta’s advocacy work at the nation’s capital didn’t end after that April event. She returned to D.C. on May 25 to the White House, which hosted a Brain Cancers Forum focused on driving progress against Glioblastoma Multiforme — another type of brain tumor — and DIPG.

The forum was held in May in recognition of Brain Cancer Awareness Month and was put together through the White House Cancer Moonshot initiative, which brought in leaders from the brain cancer community to develop plans to address these types of untreatable cancers.

Cancer Moonshot is an effort that President Joe Biden reignited with the new goals of reducing the cancer death rate by half within 25 years and improving the lives of people with cancer and cancer survivors, according to the National Cancer Institute website.

The forum, which was led by the U.S. Office of Science and Technology, was meaningful to Mehta who said it was the first time DIPG was included in these national discussions to find ways

to fight back against the diseases.

“We’ve not made any strides in treatment, or even like detection or prevention ... We don’t even understand the basic biology of that cancer type,” she said. “Just because it’s such a small population size — it’s not like breast cancer or like prostate cancer — industry folks are not really interested in putting in so much money in making therapeutic options or testing for existing small molecules that can actually help with treatments.”

She said that at that forum, she and 80 other legislative delegates made up of parent advocates, researchers, industry partners and various health agencies, mainly advocated for more infrastructure to be built so that electronic health records regarding these types of cancer, which she said exist in silos, can be used to analyze and find different treatment options.

But even after all that recent advocacy work in D.C., Mehta said she is far from done.


That’s why she and her DIPG community established the DIPG-DMG Research Funding Alliance, where 65 nonprofit organizations work toward helping families through the use of a nurse navigator, which helps guide and educate parents whose children were diagnosed with DIPG.

The group also put together a national tumor board that, just like the navigator, is a free service where parents can easily get expert opinions from all across the United States.

She will also be attending the 2023 Brainstorm Summit, which is a program in D.C. that focuses on ending childhood brain cancer.

“As many people, as many families that we can get to advocate to government officials in terms of increased funding to finding cures for pediatric cancer, I think, is really important, because you never know when it’s going to change your life,” Mehta said. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Receive information regarding the City of Livermore Municipal Airport and the draft Leasing and Development Policy
- Consider adoption of a resolution amending the adopted Land Use Element and 2023-2031 (6th Cycle) Housing Element of the General Plan in response to comments from the State Department of Housing and Community Development

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POLICE BULLETIN

DA charges sheriff's deputies with records coverup in jail suicide

Two Alameda County sheriff's deputies have been accused of falsifying records in connection with a suicide at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in 2021.

Felony charges were filed against Deputy Sheri Baughman, 49, and Deputy Amanda Bracamontes, 30, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office said in a statement last Friday.

The charges stem from an incident April 3, 2021, when Vinetta Martin was found to have hung herself with a bedsheet in her cell, according to the public accountability unit of the prosecutor's office.

Martin had been deemed a "special management inmate" after telling jail staff she planned to take her life. Deputies were supposed to conduct direct visual checks every 30 minutes, according to the district attorney's office.

Baughman and Bracamontes are accused of doctoring the logbooks to make it appear that they had performed the checks.

Surveillance video showed they skipped some checks, sometimes for as long as an hour and 47 minutes, investigators said.

Martin, 32, had been held since July 2020 when she was booked by Oakland police for an alleged assault with a deadly weapon. She was found incompetent to stand trial and was awaiting transfer to a psychiatric hospital in Napa.

Baughman is a 20-year veteran of the sheriff's office and Bracamontes has served for four years, the prosecutor's office said.

—Bay City News Service

In other news

• One driver died and another was injured in a series of collisions in quick succession on Interstate 580 in Livermore last week, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The deadly chain-reaction incident began unfolding at about 3:30 a.m. May 25 when a Ford Mustang and Ford F-350 pickup truck collided on eastbound I-580 just west of the First Street interchange, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of CHP-Dublin.

No injuries occurred in that first crash, but the Mustang was rendered inoperable, stuck in the No. 2 lane facing near perpendicular to traffic, according to Hahn. The driver of the F-350 moved the truck over to the right shoulder.

Soon after, a Chevy pickup was traveling eastbound in the No. 3 lane approaching the area at a speed exceeding 75 mph. The Chevy driver told officers they looked over their shoulder to change lanes into the No. 2 lane but didn't see the stalled-out Mustang, according to Hahn.

"The driver of the Chevy was unable to brake prior to impacting the right front passenger door of the Mustang," Hahn said. "The collision between the Chevy and the Mustang caused the Chevy to travel into the path of a passing Ford Expedition. The front of the Ford Expedition struck the right rear of the Chevy pickup."

The driver of the Mustang sustained fatal injuries in the second collision. He was identified by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau as 21-year-old Concord resident Juan Moreno Alonso, according to Bay City News Service.

The Chevy driver suffered a broken left knee and broken right ankle, according to Hahn. The other two drivers were uninjured.

The circumstances remain under investigation, according to Hahn.

Eastbound lanes of I-580 were

closed for more than three hours into the early-morning commute that day due to the investigation and cleanup at the scene.

—Jeremy Walsh

• A Dublin man is facing federal felony charges of improperly accessing a former work computer system and changing its data.

Vamsikrishna Naganathanahalli, 47, pleaded not guilty in an Oakland federal courtroom last Friday, according to court records.

Naganathanahalli is accused by prosecutors of changing the password of a coworker's account after Naganathanahalli learned his employment would soon be terminated, which allowed him to log on to that coworker's account after his own access was revoked, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Prosecutors allege Naganathanahalli then used another coworker's account to upload false data to a database maintained by his former employer, Vituity, damaging the database.

Vituity is an Emeryville-based group of companies that provide healthcare partnerships and services.

Naganathanahalli is facing three counts related to the "Transmission of a Program, Information, Code, and Command to Cause Damage to a Protected Computer," according to court documents.

He was released on \$100,000 bond and is next scheduled to appear in court on June 15.

—Thomas Hughes, BCN

• A juvenile institutional officer in the Alameda County Probation Department has been accused of sex acts with a teenager that occurred more than 17 years ago.

Nicole Perales, 50, faces charges including oral copulation with a boy who was 15 at the time, the DA's Office said in a statement last Friday.

Perales, who has worked for the county for more than two decades,

allegedly met the boy in custody at the Alameda Juvenile Justice Center. The acts purportedly took place between Aug. 27, 2004, and Aug. 26, 2005.

If convicted, Perales could face up to three years and eight months behind bars, according to the district attorney's statement.

The statement said the case involved the prosecutor's public accountability unit, created by District Attorney Pamela Price in January.

—Bay City News Service

• A former federal corrections officer accused of sexually abusing inmates at a women's prison in the Tri-Valley made his first court appearance last week after a grand jury indicted him on 12 counts, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

Darrell Wayne Smith, 54, now residing in Florida, is accused of sexually abusing three female inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin between May 2019 and May 2021. The facility is a low-security women's prison.

The indictment describes Smith allegedly engaging in illegal sexual contact and acts with the victims, including by use of force.

"As alleged, Darrell Smith exploited his authority to sexually abuse three vulnerable victims in custody at FCI Dublin," deputy attorney general Lisa Monaco said in a statement.

Prosecutors have previously convicted four other employees of the Dublin facility for using their power to sexually assault inmates.

Ray Garcia, the former warden there, was sentenced to nearly six years in federal prison in March for sexually abusing three female inmates and then lying about it to investigators.

During Garcia's sentencing, the judge referred to the Dublin facility under his watch as a "cesspool."

Former Chaplain James Highhouse was given over seven years in federal

prison last August for forcing inmates to have sex with him.

In February, a former corrections officer, Enrique Chavez, was given 20 months in prison for abusive sexual contact with an inmate in 2020. That same month, Ross Klinger, another guard caught up in the scandal, pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual abuse stemming from 2020.

Jury selection began Friday for another former employee of the prison, John Russell Bellhouse, who is accused of sex crimes involving inmates from 2018 to 2021.

Smith is charged with five counts of sexual abuse of a ward, six counts of abusive sexual contact, and one count of aggravated sexual abuse, prosecutors said.

If convicted, Smith faces a maximum sentence of life in prison for aggravated sexual abuse, 15 years for each count of sexual abuse of a ward and two years for each count of abusive sexual contact.

Smith's next federal court appearance is scheduled for July 10.

—Katy St. Clair, BCN

• BART officials said early Tuesday that more police presence has led to two of its highest monthly arrest totals since the pandemic began.

BART recorded 258 arrests in March and 266 in April systemwide, according to an announcement from the transit agency early Tuesday.

On March 20, BART doubled the number of sworn officers riding on trains in the core of the system, agency officials said.

"These numbers are proof of the hard work being done by the people of the BART Police Department," officials said in the statement. "Our redeployment strategy is a direct response to the safety concerns of our riders." ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 25

Warrant arrest

■ 10:56 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

■ 1 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:21 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 8:14 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Burglary

■ 8:38 p.m. on the 6400 block of Paseo Santa Maria

May 24

Warrant arrest

■ 9:00 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Graffiti offense

■ 10:11 a.m. at Bernal Avenue and Independence Drive

■ 6:18 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Auto theft

■ 12:32 p.m. on the 3900 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 9:07 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fire

■ 5:07 p.m. at Nevada and Wyoming streets

May 23

Theft

■ 4:17 a.m. on the 8100 block of Mountain View Drive

■ 11:25 a.m. on Case Avenue

■ 12:04 p.m., 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; bicycle theft

■ 2:01 p.m. at Calle Enrique and Paseo Del Cajon; auto theft

■ 5 p.m. on the 8100 block of Canyon Creek Circle

Assault/battery

■ 8:11 a.m. on the 4100 block of Dorman Road

■ 3:56 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

May 22

Theft

■ 8:28 a.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

■ 11:39 a.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:08 p.m. on the 1400 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 3:37 p.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:16 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; catalytic converter theft

■ 7:52 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

May 21

Domestic battery

■ 10:24 a.m. on Annis Circle

Trespassing/prowling

■ 12:32 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hummingbird Road

Warrant arrest

■ 4:15 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall Road and Canyon Way

Theft

■ 4:15 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:15 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

■ 4:44 p.m. on the 3400 block of Serra Circle

■ 6:30 p.m., 5900 block of Owens Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 7:37 p.m., 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

May 20

Theft

■ 12:58 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 2:14 p.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

■ 5:25 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 8:07 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

Embezzlement

■ 1:34 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

■ 6:11 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

Warrant arrest

■ 10:25 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

May 19

Theft

■ 7:36 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

■ 8:50 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:07 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

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Wine country faces INFLECTION POINT

Future viability of Livermore Valley industry could hinge on important near-term decisions

BY TIM HUNT

Livermore Valley wine country stands at a crossroads.

Thirty years ago Alameda County and the city of Livermore adopted the innovative South Livermore Valley Area Plan. In exchange for development rights on land near vineyards, it required planting five acres of irrigated agriculture (mostly grapevines) for each acre developed.

Elected officials, planners and vineyard advocates set a goal of 5,000 acres of irrigated agriculture surrounding primarily Livermore, although Ruby Hill and land along Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton were also part of the plan. In its 1990 report, the Alameda County agricultural commissioner reported 1,628 acres of vines.

That was far less than the historical number dating from the 1880s when Wente Vineyards and Concannon Vineyards were established. Other wineries such as Cresta Blanca and Ruby Hill also were among the seven wineries with national distribution. Cresta Blanca put the Livermore Valley on the international wine map when it won an 1884 competition in Paris.

The landscape in Livermore started to change away from agriculture in the 1950s when both Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national labs established their campuses on East Avenue. Livermore grew from about 4,000 to 16,000 people that decade and has grown ever since.

Houses sprouted around Livermore where vineyards and dairies once operated.

By the late 1980s, the number of local wineries had fallen to six and the Wente family had to pull together a consortium of investors to save the Concannon brand when its corporate owner decided to sell it in 1992. The Concannon family sold in the 1980s to pay estate taxes after Jim Concannon's brother, Joe, died unexpectedly.

The South Valley plan was designed to create a permanent greenbelt of irrigated agriculture around the cities that would be permanently preserved as open space. Tri-Valley Conservancy was established to oversee those lands.

Sparked by the mitigation of 1,500 acres, another 400 acres of vineyards were planted in that decade after its adoption. The number of wineries grew to more than 50, but only Wente now is nationally distributed.

Most are small and making 2,000-3,000 cases of wine.

The conservancy commissioned a report in 2019-20 by University of California at Davis experts to determine the economic viability of vineyards moving forward. In contrast to the jumpstart that came from the mitigation acres, nothing similar looms now.

Vineyards must pencil economically.

The initial plantings took place during a boom time for coastal grapes in California when demand soared. In contrast to the Napa Valley and Sonoma County and, to a lesser degree, the Paso Robles area, Livermore has not been established as a uniquely valuable grape growing region. The climate with hot days cooled by coastal breezes and fog in the evening and the east-west orientation plus the soils make it ideal for premium grapes.

The reality, according to the report, is the valley's Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay make up such a tiny percentage of the state's coastal grape crop that they're folded into whatever the market price is. The report identifies that the costs are high enough that

the potential return on investment is low.

The report estimates about 2,800 acres of vineyards now, down from a high of about 4,000 acres. What's of concern to the conservancy and its former president, David Kent, is the viability moving forward with land that has been preserved and has irrigation available but has been fallowed because of the economics.

Kent ran The Wine Group, a worldwide wine company for 10 years, and moved its headquarters to the Concannon estate in Livermore. He retired six years ago and has been working on the Livermore Valley project for the past few years. His wife, Darcie Kent, owns the winery that bears her name and they also own Almost Famous Wine and its performance venue on Vasco Road.

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David Kent



CHUCK DECKERT

The South Valley Plan was designed to promote privately owned working landscapes preserved in perpetuity by conservation easements in greater Livermore.

Kent identified two key factors that were expected in the original plan and did not happen:

1. Development of wine country lodging, spas and destination restaurants that enhance the visitor experience.
2. Growth of some smaller wineries into mid-size making 10,000 or more cases a year with broad distribution.

The UC Davis report identified 125 vineyards with 68 smaller than 10 acres and 36 more between 10 and 20 acres. The vineyards account for 878 acres, about 32% of vineyard acreage which leaves two-thirds owned by 20 wineries.

The South Valley plan represented a compromise and contained tight limits, such as on sewer lines, to prohibit development from moving into the open spaces.

Over the last 20 years, it's become apparent that developing the boutique lodging and other amenities was simply too much of an uphill battle. Beyer Ranch, near the corner of Greenville and Tesla roads, was an ideal site but has been fallow during his entire time at Wente, said chief operating officer and winemaker Karl Wente. One local developer looked at it at length and then walked away.

Consider the hurdles being faced by a company trying to develop a 30-room wine country inn on a site designated for commercial uses at Hansen and Arroyo roads that is served by a sewer line. It was approved by the city, but then challenged successfully in court for not adhering to the 100-foot setback (it was 50 feet). At its meeting on May 23, the council reversed its earlier approval and took other actions to move the project forward.

Currently, there's only the 10-room Purple



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Vineyards surround Beyer Ranch off Tesla Road that has not had grapevines for more than 30 years.

Orchid Inn as a lodging option in the wine country. Other Livermore hotels, all national chains, are located on the Interstate 580 corridor.

During the pandemic, Kent negotiated changes necessary to revive the area so irrigated agriculture and tourism have a chance to flourish. He met weekly on Zoom with Jean King from Friends of Vineyards (Livermore) and Dick Schneider, who was a key author of Measure D.

One major change is extending a sewer line because lodging with more than 14 rooms and restaurants cannot function on septic systems — they need city sewer.

Livermore voters approved that with no opposition last fall after the city hurried it onto the ballot. The city had taken a community survey that found more than 80% of residents thought the vineyards were important to their quality of life and the community's character.

The negotiators also worked out a plan to cluster development, allow boutique hotels of 130 rooms and other amenities without increasing the total development footprint. The county planning department currently is working on those changes to the plan. As both Karl Wenthe and Kent pointed out, there are 6 million people living within an hour drive or less of Livermore wine country. There are 57 wineries operating here, according to the winegrowers association.

The wineries also have stepped up, agreeing to pay a 2% tax on their sales to support the association. The funds will go to marketing and consultants to work with wineries to improve their wines.

As vineyards are replanted, they need to be much more dense. Most of the mitigation vineyards were planted at 660 vines

per acre — replacement vineyards would be twice that dense to produce better fruit and higher yields.

Kent also believes that the valley should focus on grapes that are particularly well-suited to the valley's terroir: Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc.

Based on winegrowers' information, about 53% of the valley is planted in Cabernet Sauvignon with 80% of the whites in Chardonnay. Cab Franc is a rounding error at 1% while 16% is planted in Sauvignon Blanc — they are the parents of Cabernet Sauvignon.

The opportunity is similar to what

happened in Napa when phylloxera wiped out the vineyards in the 1980s and growers replanted the valley floor. They switched to primarily Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest is history.

A similar case history is the Santa Lucia Highlands in Monterey County when Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah were replaced by Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that were ideal for its climate and soils. Wineries produced premium wine and priced it accordingly. That's the direction that Kent believes the Livermore Valley needs to go with quality more important than quantity.

Steve Mirassou, a sixth-generation winemaker who owns Steven Kent Winery, has been making upscale Cabernet and Bordeaux blends since founding his Tesla Road winery in 1996. He believes in Cab Franc and is staging the area's first "CabFranc-A-Palooza" this weekend. He hopes the valley can become known for its Cab Franc. He's been moving his winery in that direction since the early 2000s.

Not all local wineries are embracing Cab Franc. Dante Robere on Wetmore Road makes about 3,000 cases per year — all reds and most small lot — and sells all of it directly to the consumer through its wine club and tasting room. Co-owner Dan Rosenberg is a fan of many red varieties. Their 6-acre vineyard has three clones of Syrah that Karl Wenthe selected for the original owner.

When asked about Cab Franc, he said, "If I were king and could control the vineyards, I'd graft them all to Alicante Bouschet and that would make news." He noted that it was a dominant grape variety in the 1880s and accounted for about one-third of the vineyards.

Incidentally, Wenthe, like the Dante partners, likes to make a variety of small lot wines, typically offered just to the wine club and at special tasting events. Kent has planted some of the Austrian variety, Gruner Veltliner, on their estate and makes both still and sparkling versions. The still wine was named best of class at the Livermore Valley Uncorked competition.

Elected officials and stakeholders have recognized the mistakes of the past. Whether the current adjustments to the plan will result in a vibrant wine country will play out over the next 20 years. For now, key leaders seem committed to moving in that direction. ■

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Karl Wenthe

Code of conduct a good idea done for wrong reasons

The Pleasanton City Council May 23 workshop on “Norms and Code of Conduct” could have been a positive turn for the council that has been referred to as a “circus” by some people outside of the community.

Unfortunately, this workshop was not about the rude and sometimes hostile treatment of one councilmember, Vice Mayor Jack Balch. It wasn't about discussing and establishing guidelines to force everyone to act like adults. This meeting was about how to muzzle Balch.

Balch is usually the dissenting “one” in the many, many 4-1 council votes. He doesn't agree with the council majority of Mayor Karla Brown and Councilmembers Valerie Arkin, Jeff Nibert and Julie Testa on many decisions they are making.

Not only does Balch make his opinions known on the dais (when he's allowed), he has the audacity to explain his reasons off the dais by posting his thoughts on social media, where he can't be shut down.

Once we found out about the special meeting (the agenda was not emailed as others are) and tracked down the staff report (which was with archived packets), we hoped the issue of the embarrassing treatment of Balch by Brown and Testa would be stopped.

Instead, it was about why Balch should stop posting on social media, especially when he doesn't agree with the majority.

Balch was called “disrespectful” by Arkin because of a Facebook post about the budget. He explained that he did not agree with how the budget was balanced with vacant positions, which is a departure from previous budgets. He also questioned spending over \$10 million on discretionary amenities when the city needs to invest in a solution for clean water.

Arkin also said Balch reposting Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell Wilcox's May 12 column, “Will Pleasanton council be fiscally responsible and prioritize reliable water supply?”, was disrespectful and contained “misinformation,” which is one of Arkin's favorite buzzwords to go to, even when everything is factually accurate.

Balch must have seen this meeting for what it was, though, because he started questioning vague words like “respect” and “positive”.

“How are we going to judge ‘be positive?’” Balch asked. “How is that measured?”

He was told by Testa to not “over-think” it.

But if reposting a column is disrespectful, is disagreeing with the majority negative?

Brown pointed out the town of Danville's code states that once a vote is taken, councilmembers shouldn't “discredit the decision or criticize (their) colleagues for having made it.”

“Facebook posts that are disparaging to others are public documents and it doesn't look (professional) if we're slamming each other,” Brown said. “We should look unified.”

“I believe our community is better because there is full and frank debate,” Balch countered. He later added, “I've seen better things produced from this city when the dissenting opinion is folded into the outcome.”

Balch does not “slam” others, or even criticize individuals. He does take issue with the decisions and methodically explains why. This is his right and responsibility.

If he's not allowed to disagree with the majority after a vote, Balch might never be able to make his opinions known.

We have seen time and again how issues are rushed to a vote — possibly to stifle discussion of opposing opinions or maybe to just hurry things along because the majority already decided what the vote would be. Sometimes it feels almost scripted. Sometimes it feels like they put plants in the audience to speak (or to send emails) to make it appear they have a lot of support for their vote.

That's the way it felt when Brown, Arkin and Testa voted in a district election map that was clearly not the fairest for the community. It did not distribute population or use major thoroughfares as well as other maps, and it split a neighborhood in two. But it benefited an incumbent councilmember that made up the majority.

Another vote that felt scripted is when the majority unexpectedly tabled the Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks Master Plan that was desired by thousands and decades in the making.

Another questionable incident occurred after the staff report on the city budget during the May 16 meeting. Balch said he had a few questions for staff, and Brown responded by asking if he had talked with staff prior to the meeting — which, of course, he had, but that wasn't the point.

Councilmembers sometimes ask questions during meetings not for their own benefit but so the audience has the information and to spur discussion. By her response, Brown gave the impression she wasn't interested in informing the audience or having a conversation about a precariously balanced budget, a worrisome issue with supplying clean water to residents during the summer months and more than \$10 million earmarked for an unnecessary skate park and

renovation of a historic property.

These attempts to shut down Balch are recognized by more than just our staff. During public comment May 23, community members (who were unaware of the meeting until they read our preview story) referenced this, as well as the “abhorrent” behavior and “argumentative” nature of the council majority.

“Mayor Brown, you have absolutely shut down other members. Just shut them down, and that's not OK,” Vicki LaBarge said. “Councilmember Testa, you held up your hand to another member to shut them down. That is wrong. That is just wrong.”

Linda Kelly also called out the majority members on their treatment of Balch, saying council meetings are “painful” to watch.

“Anyone with even a casual acquaintance with council proceedings understands the current administration has a four-to-one majority. As such, one expects most of the votes to go the way they do,” Kelly said. “What one does not expect is the snarky remarks, eye rolling, attempts to shut the minority member down, ridicule and demean him and make him look bad at every turn.”

These behaviors do not lead to the achievement of one of the suggested goals, “To inspire public confidence in our city government.”

Transparency inspires confidence. Encouraging debate and dissent inspires confidence. Being open to alternatives and compromise inspires confidence.

Summarily dismissing concerns of colleagues, staff and the public does not inspire confidence. Calling reasonable, logical explanations of an opposing opinion “disrespectful” and “disparaging” does not inspire confidence.

Seeming to have the discussion scripted and the outcome of a vote decided well before the meeting does not inspire confidence. We aren't the only ones who notice that, either.

“The appearance too often is that decisions have been made prior to entering the chamber and no amount of reasonable discussion will sway that decision,” Kelly said. “The result is not always a positive outcome based on what is best for the city, and that should be your guiding light.”

Testa brought up that many municipalities have codes of conduct and that these guidelines should have been in place in Pleasanton “years if not decades ago.”

We agree, but would like to see more concrete terms than “show respect” and “be positive,” which are very subjective and can be interpreted in different ways by different people in different situations.

We also agree with Kelly that decisions should be based on what is best for the city and a majority of its residents.

Perhaps the council should consider including some points from other municipalities' documents, such as: “Encourage dissent”; “Attempt to build consensus”; “Make no promises to the public on behalf of the legislative body”; “Recognizing that stewardship of the public interest must be their primary concern, members will work for the common good”; and the value of “fiscal responsibility.”

Last week, the Pleasanton Police Officers Association (PPOA) declared an impasse in labor negotiations, citing staffing shortages because of uncompetitive compensation packages compared to surrounding communities. The city's budget is balanced using funds from vacant positions such as these.

Resident surveys done every few years consistently show that public safety is very important to Pleasantonians, and they have been satisfied with the services.

But that was before what PPOA President Brian Jewell called the “deterioration” of the department because of the “city's unwillingness to competitively compensate its police officers.”

We feel the projects such as the skate park and interior repairs to the Century House should be paused until the city and PPOA have come to an agreement, a solid plan has been approved for the Pleasanton water wells and treatment for PFAS and there is clarity on how the economy will affect the city's revenue streams.

In addition, it's important to take steps to present a financial status as positive as possible to secure the most favorable terms on financing for work that will need to be done to achieve a sufficient supply of clean water, which will not be inexpensive.

The council needs to be prudent, unlike in June 2022 when Brown said taking \$2 million from the “rainy day fund” to pay for the renovation of Century Home was no problem at all because she was “confident this economy is going to be pretty good for Pleasanton.”

A year later, if the city fills all its vacant positions, there will be a deficit of around \$2 million — ironically the amount put toward that project.

The budget goes back to the council next Tuesday (June 6) for approval. Now is a good time to remind the council majority about the importance of sufficient clean water and police officers, as well as fiscal responsibility, working for the common good and stewardship. Email cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

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HOW LIFE "ON THE JOB" HAS CHANGED IN THE TRI-VALLEY

Museum exhibit examines what labor looked like locally for last 150 years

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton's Museum on Main has partnered up with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service to bring Tri-Valley residents a little history of how labor and jobs have changed in the area over the last 150 years.

Ken MacLennan, curator at the Museum on Main, told the Weekly that the museum's newest exhibit — "On the Job: The Changing World of Work in the Valley and Beyond" — provides the community with a unique, humanities-based examination of the local work history of Pleasanton and the greater Tri-Valley.

"That big shift of Pleasanton developing from an agricultural hub, a sort of a small market depot for the valley's farmers, into basically a Silicon Valley suburb ... that's sort of the big arc," MacLennan said. "But in that there's lots of little different kinds of changes, a lot of different kinds of jobs and a lot of different aspects of work that the exhibit looks at."

The exhibit was a joint effort between Pleasanton's museum and the Smithsonian through a project aptly named the Museum on Main Street program — which is a different entity than Pleasanton's local museum.

The Smithsonian program, which came out of a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and state humanities councils, was created to serve museums, libraries and historical societies in rural areas, where about one-fifth of all Americans live, according to MacLennan.

The effort brings exhibitions, educational resources and programming to small towns across America.

According to MacLennan, the Pleasanton museum was selected

to participate in the Smithsonian program in the spring of 2021, after they applied for the opportunity, in order to get more experience and knowledge in exhibit development.

He said that because the museum has worked with the Smithsonian in the past to bring exhibits such as the "Journey Stories" exhibit in 2015 that examined how transportation and migration helped build America.

But what made "On the Job" different from past exhibits from the Smithsonian was that it was more of a collaborative effort between the two organizations in terms of sharing material and having more of a back-and-forth on actually curating the exhibit.

MacLennan explained how the Smithsonian program developed an exhibit kit that acted as sort of a framework where all he had to do was insert relevant local materials, such as photos and other pieces of historical collections, into the framework format.

"Museum on Main staff and volunteers fleshed that framework out with local artifacts, historic images and oral history material to develop an exhibit reflecting the particular experiences of Pleasanton and the Amador-Livermore Valley in the evolution of work in the United States," MacLennan said in a press release.

MacLennan said that he especially appreciated the collaboration because it was more than just the Pleasanton museum staff filling out the kit that Washington, D.C. sent.

"It wasn't just they sent us the kit, we build the kit," he said. "They send us the kit, we develop a plan to implement the kit, they review that and suggest work ... and then we finally come to an agreement (and say) OK, yeah, this is gonna work."



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Above: A letter carrier unlocks a mail collection box in the year 1947. Below: Chemist Ellen Lew analyzes a sample to identify amino acids in 1976.

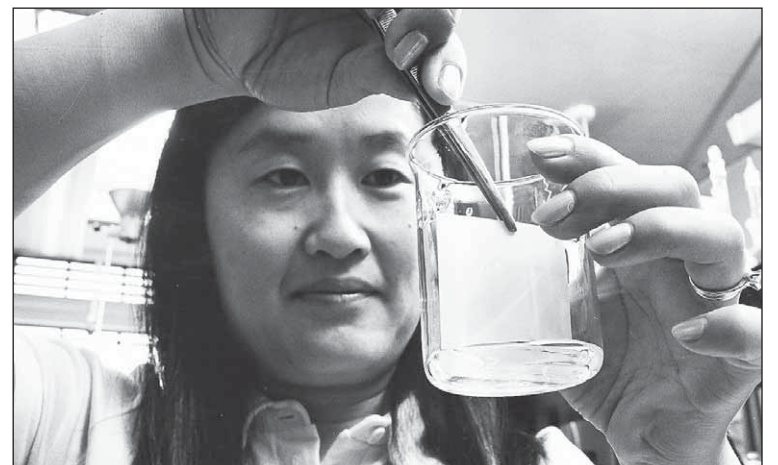
MacLennan said that the museum was able to "build on this framework to show the local story, show Pleasanton and the valley ... and how the valley has changed and how those changes have changed the way that people work."

"And not just like the physical end of it," MacLennan added. "But also things like the structure of a job, employment relations and contracts."

One example of that, he said, is that the exhibit will have an old employee handbook from former city employee Christopher Rizzoli who recently retired from the operations department. The handbook was issued to Rizzoli when he first got the job and is full of all the things he needed to know as a new Pleasanton government employee.

MacLennan said that other things the exhibit will have on display include old firefighter uniforms, flight suits, old household and agricultural work tools, and outdated machinery such as washing machines, typewriters and overhead projectors.

The exhibit's displays will also include video clips from oral history interviews and images from Pleasanton's agricultural past as well as its high-tech present that MacLennan said the museum has obtained from the Smithsonian's national archive as well as photos obtained from the Bay Area News Group.



"A little story here, a little story there about what it was like to work in a dentist's office or pick crops or do a roundup or work at one of the restaurants," he said.

And while the exhibit might seem like it only focuses on one thing — jobs — MacLennan said that the topic really does cover a lot of ground in terms of the region's history.

"It's not just paid labor and it's not just wage stuff. It's housework, it's family businesses. It's big corporations, farmers, ranchers and the government," MacLennan said. "They talk about how you dress for work, they talk about safety, they talk about where you work, like the actual physical environment, the tools people use and they talk about things like labor organizing and bureaucracy."

He added that with such a wide variety of jobs and types of work that the exhibit will feature, he's hoping that more people will be able to see something that they have experienced in the past and will be able to gain a deeper appreciation for how the area has changed.

"We're certainly hoping that it may not be your job specifically that gets up there. But you see something you're like, 'Oh, yeah, I did something kind of like that,'" MacLennan said. "We're giving people the opportunity to see something of their own experience and other people's experience. Which again, is something we try to do with every show."

The new local exhibition, which celebrated an opening reception on Wednesday, will remain on display through July 8 at the museum in downtown Pleasanton, 603 Main St. ■



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

A photo of an Army field medic training exercise at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area army base in Dublin in July 1991.

Rock history on display at the Bankhead

'It's Only Rock n' Roll (But I Like It)' showcases evolution of electric guitar

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley residents have the opportunity to explore the history, technique and technology behind the rise and continued popularity of rock music over the past century, with an exhibit aimed at highlighting the evolution of the electric guitar and its relationship with the genre.

"It's Only Rock n' Roll (But I Like It)" debuted at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater earlier this spring and is set to be on display into the summer, featuring a range of historic guitar models that bring to life the history of the early days of the instrument and its impact on music throughout the 20th century and today.

"The electric guitar played a crucial role in the sound of rock 'n' roll, with pioneers like Chuck Berry and Bo Diddley bringing its twangy, distorted tones to the forefront of the music," Livermore Valley Arts organizers said in a statement. "As rock 'n' roll evolved throughout the decades, the guitar continued to be a staple instrument in the genre, with iconic players like

Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Eddie Van Halen pushing the limits of what could be done on the guitar."

Anne Giancola, LVA visual arts and education manager, said that the idea of having an exhibit centered around guitars and the evolution of the electric guitar had been long considered by Bankhead organizers who were aware of longtime Livermore resident, businessman and musician Michael Ferruci's expansive guitar collection.

"He owned a music store in town called Fine Fretted Friends, and so he was well-versed in all things music and had long, long ago started a collection," Giancola said. "So this has been decades in the making. And I know Michael and my Executive Director Chris Carter knows Michael, so we just kind of had this germinate in the background."

In addition to providing a majority of the guitars on display in the exhibit, Ferruci helped formulate the exact shape it would take and vision of what would be explored and explained in it.

"Michael formulated this idea of sort of doing a brief history

of the electric guitar through the guitars themselves," Giancola said.

In addition to being the driving force behind the exhibit, Ferruci will be the main attraction at a "Rock n' Roll Roadshow" event this Saturday (June 3), during which community members can bring vintage guitars in for review and appraisal.

"It's kind of like 'Antiques Roadshow', if you have an instrument but you don't know much about it or just want to know if it's valuable," Giancola said.

While the exhibit itself and most of its associated activities are heavily centered on the presence of guitars, there is one exception — an "Air Guitar Contest" slated for next Thursday (June 8) in the theater — which is still in need of participants.

"I'm looking for air guitar contestants to get up on the Bankhead stage and do their thing," Giancola said.

"It's Only Rock n' Roll (But I Like It)" is on display through July 9 for free during gallery hours from 1-5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore. ■



COURTESY LVA

The new exhibit in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery features this artistic guitar with an image of music legend Bob Dylan.

Summer Cabaret Series coming to Firehouse

Tribute shows onstage in Pleasanton this month

By JEREMY WALSH

The Firehouse Arts Center will be filled with the music of Linda Ronstadt, Eagles and Barbra Streisand as tribute acts take center stage in the Summer Cabaret Series all month long.

Each of the three concerts will feature Bay Area-based artists paying their own special musical homage to an icon of the industry on a Saturday evening in downtown Pleasanton, according to Firehouse Arts officials.

"Representing distinctive styles and genres from various generations, each show is jam-packed with classic hit songs, great memories and outstanding performances ... in a friendly, intimate, local environment," Firehouse reps said.

The series begins next Saturday (June 10) with singer Sony Holland presenting her tribute to Linda Ronstadt's eclectic catalog.

Holland will bring her "silky voice and stylish interpretations to hits ... as well as some of Ronstadt's favorite jazz standards, and a piece or two from her foray into Spanish-language ballads — a nod to her own father's Mexican heritage," Firehouse reps said.

The Ronstadt hits on the set list include "You're No Good," "When



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Eagles cover band Midnight Flyer is playing at the Firehouse Arts Center on June 17 as part of the Summer Cabaret Series.

Will I Be Loved," "Blue Bayou" and her timeless cover of the Eagles' classic "Desperado."

The latter helps provide quite the segue to the concert series' second show, when Eagles cover band Midnight Flyer makes their return to the Firehouse on June 17.

"With a repertoire of more than 100 songs, Midnight Flyer shines in concert with arrangements and vocal harmonies, delivered with the authenticity and vitality that recall the earliest Eagles performances," theater reps said.

Closing out the series will be

musical theater star Kelly Brandeburg presenting her one-woman show "My Favorite Barbra" on June 24.

Celebrating the career of the great Barbra Streisand, Brandeburg's tribute act "shares rare anecdotes and backstage stories while singing many favorite Streisand classics including 'You Don't Bring Me Flowers,' 'Evergreen,' 'The Way We Were,' selections from 'Funny Girl,' 'Yentl' and so much more," Firehouse officials said.

Tickets are on sale for the Summer Cabaret Series; visit firehousearts.org. ■

Sharing your stories more effectively

Writers Club hosting Kate Farrell to present on engaging author events

By JEREMY WALSH

Author and librarian Kate Farrell is set to be the guest speaker at this month's meeting of the Tri-Valley Writers Club of the California Writers Club.

Farrell's talk, "Storytelling: An Interactive Workshop for Authors," will focus on helping writers improve their verbal presentation skills.

"Take your storytelling from the page to the spoken word and enliven your events, and create a shared experience with your listeners. The power of story immediately engages audiences through simple, traditional techniques," club officials said.

The presentation is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. June 17 in Room 2470 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Reservations are required by June 15. Sign up and learn more information via www.trivalleywriters.org. ■



Kate Farrell

SUPERHEROES, BLOCKBUSTERS AND BARBIE LOOK TO RULE THE SCREEN

Summer movies promise family fare, but there's still room for horror and a handful of grownup comedies



COURTESY SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

Spider-Man aka Miles Morales (Shameik Moore) enjoys another outing among alternate-universe Spider-Beings in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse."

BY PETER CANAVESE

Who woulda thunk it? The great showdown of the 2023 summer movie season pits J. Robert Oppenheimer against ... Barbie. And there's another twist: both may be Oscar contenders.

After five Academy Awards nominations, director Christopher Nolan may have found just the ticket with "Oppenheimer," starring regular collaborator Cillian Murphy ("Batman Begins," "Inception," "Dunkirk") as the father of the atomic bomb. But if mushroom clouds aren't your thing, you can seek out the sunny skies of the plastic-fantastic world of "Barbie," also opening on July 27. That one's from three-time Oscar nominee Greta Gerwig ("Little Women"), who co-wrote the script with three-time Oscar nominee Noah Baumbach ("Marriage Story"); Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling play Barbie and Ken.

Let's face facts: Barbie seems more at home in a movie theater in July. Although some prestige pictures trickle out as counter-programming, summer remains primarily the province of blockbuster cinema and franchise sequels. Indiana Jones will take his last ride, and Blue Beetle his first flight. As schools let out, theaters will mostly be catering to kids

of all ages, with an emphasis on superheroes, action and family movies, although there's always room for horror and a handful of comedies.

The Guardians of the Galaxy have already staked their claim at multiplexes, but a few big comic book movies wait in the wings. The hotly anticipated animated adventure "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" shoots its shot June 2, following up on its Oscar-winning predecessor "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." Meanwhile, those sewer-dwelling pizza munchers get an animated reboot of suspiciously similar style in "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" (August 4), which boasts comics fan Seth Rogen amongst its writers and producers.

"Cobra Kai" star Xolo Maridueña makes his big-screen bid as DC's "Blue Beetle" (August 18), the first Latino superhero to get a live-action vehicle. The buzziest comic-book movie, though, has to be DC's "The Flash" (June 16), directed by Andy Muschietti ("It"). A troubled production that's already weathered scandals surrounding problematic star Ezra Miller and rumored to have gone through as many as 45 screenwriters, "The Flash" represents both a last gasp of the

"Snyderverse" (Zach Snyder's casting for the DC Cinematic Universe) and the first time the character of the Flash gets his own movie, sort of (bets are hedged considerably by the return of Ben Affleck as Batman, the return of O.G. movie Batman Michael Keaton, and the introduction of Supergirl, as played by Sasha Calle).

Not all big-name characters are superheroes, of course. This week sees the return of Ariel in Disney's live-action remake of the classic animated musical "The Little Mermaid," whereas the title is the biggest star when it comes to Disney's theme-park-inspired ensemble spooky comedy "Haunted Mansion" on June 28. In addition to Spider-Man, Sony has another name-brand in family entertainment this summer: "Harold and the Purple Crayon," which takes the iconic children's picture book into live action on June 30.

Paramount revs up three of its biggest franchises this summer, saying goodbye to one of them. "Transformers: Rise of the Beasts" (June 9) continues the toy-inspired sci-fi action franchise that marries Godzilla to Hot Wheels, and "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" (June 30) sees off 80-year-old action star Harrison Ford in his most iconic role, this fifth outing being the first not directed by Steven Spielberg (James Mangold takes up the reins). On July 12, Tom Cruise's superspy Ethan Hunt returns for the seventh time in "Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning, Part 1," after missing four release dates due to COVID delays.

If you're getting the feeling that summer belongs to kid stuff, you're not wrong, but grown-up cineastes will have a few options beyond "Oppenheimer." Wes Anderson unveils his new comedy "Asteroid City," stocked up with another absurdly stellar ensemble cast (I can't begin to list them all, but the headline is that Tom Hanks replaces the scandal-damaged Bill Murray). Julia Louis-Dreyfus reunites with writer-director Nicole Holofcener ("Enough Said") for this week's comedy-drama "You Hurt My Feelings." Mark your calendar for the romantic dramas "Past Lives" (June 2) and "Passages" (August 4); foster-care drama "Earth Mama" (July 7); and

London-based girl-fight drama "Scrapper" (August 28), all of which can use a little support staying afloat in a sea of branded intellectual property.

In the category of laughs this summer, you'll also find some raucous and even raunchy options. There's "No Hard Feelings" (June 23), starring Jennifer Lawrence as the sex mentor to a 19-year-old (Broadway baby Andrew Barth Feldman); "Joy Ride" (July 7), a "Girls Trip"-style romp starring Ashley Park and 2023 Oscar nominee Stephanie Hsu; "Theater Camp" (July 14), a cheeky "let's put on a show" comedy; R-rated talking-animal picture "Strays" (August 18), with the voices of Will Ferrell and Jamie Foxx; Hulu's sequel "Vacation Friends 2" (August 25); and horror spoof "The Blackening" (June 13).

Speaking of horror, you'll find giant-shark sequel "Meg 2: The Trench" on August 4, and actor Patrick Wilson making his directorial debut with "Insidious: The Red Door" (July 7), the fifth in that franchise. A bit more off the beaten horror path are Stephen King adaptation "The Boogeyman" (June 2); A24 acquisition "Talk to Me" (July 28), a shocker from Australia; and "The Last Voyage of the Demeter" (August 11), a seafaring episode derived from "Dracula."

Of course, there'll be more where all these came from. I have yet to mention the summer's Pixar extravaganza, "Elemental" (June 16), the latest Nicolas Cage scenery-chewing exhibition "Sympathy for the Devil" (July 28); the junior racing drama "Gran Turismo" (August 11), and Netflix's summer of slate of movies to try to keep you home: action sequel "Extraction 2" (June 16), sci-fi comedy "They Cloned Tyrone" (July 21), and aspiring franchisee "Heart of Stone" (August 11), a spy actioner with Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan.

But can Netflix throw in the air conditioning for free? Theaters are crossing their fingers you'll fill your arms with popcorn tubs and belly up to their bars, pay premiums for IMAX and Dolby Cinema, and generally make movies your habit again as the summer weeks fly by. And as you can see, they've got something for everyone. ■

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COURTESY WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Emma Mackey, Simu Liu, Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling have a "beach off" in "Barbie."

Employment

Clinical Data Management Solutions Manager

Clinical Data Management Solutions Manager for Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Travel up to 20%, int'l & domestic, fully reimbursed. Telecommuting permitted up to 4 day/wk. Req: Bach's in Comp Sci, Comp Engr, Data Sci or Analytics, Stats, or r/ttd + 8 yrs exp (or Masters + 6 yrs exp). Expected salary range for position based on primary loc in CA is \$211,752-\$298,600/yr. Actual pay w/in range determined based on exp, qualifications, geographic loc & other job-r/ttd factors permitted by law. Discretionary annual bonus may be avail based on individual & Co. performance. Position qualifies for benefits detailed at Benefits (<https://roche.ehr.com/default.ashx?CLASSNAME=splash>). Apply: <http://applyroche.com/202305-111994> (Job ID: 202305-111994)

Lead Regional Support Engineer

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Multiple Positions

Workday, Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in **Pleasanton, CA:**

Sr. User Experience Researcher (20637.1965) – Create durable research insights that align with user-centered design principals. Salary Range: \$148,300- \$222,500 per year, 40 hours per week.

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Interested applicants submit resumes by mail to: J. Thurston at Workday, Inc., Attn: Human Resources/Immigration, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code.



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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER



TONY WHITWORTH

The Amador Valley baseball team celebrates next to its 2023 EBAL Valley Division championship banner.

Big bounceback season for Amador Valley varsity baseball

Also: 2019 champion Panthers finally being honored

One year after a disastrous season where the Amador Valley baseball team went 6-18 overall and 1-12 in East Bay Athletic League, the Dons ended the current season with a trip to the North Coast Section playoffs.

Before the season started, I wrote both in this space and in the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook that the Dons had too much talent and too strong of a coaching staff to be bad for a second straight campaign.

And there they were at the end of this regular season standing on top of the EBAL Valley Division. A five-game win streak gave the Dons the Valley title and a spot in the EBAL playoffs.

A 4-3 loss to San Ramon Valley in extra innings didn't keep the team from making NCS. A tough 2-0 loss to Freedom ended the season, but the final records of 18-6 overall and 9-4 in EBAL was a testament to the turnaround.

The team finished with a .313 batting average, with the pitching staff recording a 2.12 earned run average.

Seven players earned All-EBAL honors, with the team also excelling in the classroom, as the Dons earned the NCS Division I Baseball Scholastic Championship Team Award with a combined 3.65 GPA.

Players earning All-League honors were: first team Ross Kobayashi

(infield) and Tyler Kubo (utility); second team Matthew Foley (pitcher) and Mitchell Kreider (outfield); and honorable mention Oliver de la Torre (pitcher), Evan Berry (catcher) and Riley Borges (infield).

In addition to the NCS Division I Scholastic Champions team award, individual academic honors included NCS President's Scholar Award (3.8-4.0 unweighted) to Jason Alonso, Kyle Barbera, Kobayashi, Kreider and Alekh Shah; and NCS Honor Roll Award (3.5-3.79 unweighted): Berry, Tyler Candland, de la Torre, Kubo, Brady Lederer and Braden Whitworth.

Panthers finally recognized

Back in 2019 before the world was effectively shut down by COVID, the Pleasanton Middle School eighth grade boys' basketball team went out and captured the Tri-Valley Athletic League title.

Then came the pandemic and everything changed.

Tradition, at least in this area, calls for championship teams to be celebrated with a banner that hangs in the gymnasium. Lost in the confusion of what was going on in the world, there was never any banner created nor hung in the gym.

Thanks to a group of parents of the players keeping the dream alive, Pleasanton Middle School

administration confirmed last week that the banner will be made over the summer and hung in the gym.

The players will be entering their senior years in high school and will get a chance to see the banner with their names, recognizing their accomplishments back in 2019.

Coached by Matt Smith, the champion Panthers included Colin Braga, Jake Goldsworthy, Noah Johns, Arjun Kaul, Ranvir Rajoura, Sid Swarup, Ayden Magaro, Noah Mitzenmacher, Braden Nakken, Erik Olsen, Gus Shibliq, Caden Stedman, DJ Wang and Graham Zander.

Amador swimmer honored

Lilli Chau, a member of the Livermore Aquacowboys and a senior at Amador Valley, was awarded the initial Amerie Nordberg Scholarship from Pacific Swimming.

Nordberg was a Pacific Swimming athlete from Santa Rosa who went on to set records in breaststroke at UC Irvine. The award is given to someone who shows integrity and grit through their academic, athletic and leadership roles. ■

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

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

MUSIC ON MAIN Join the 925 Band, the Bay Area's hottest dance and party band, on Main Street near the Pleasanton Arch. 7-8:30 p.m., June 2. During First Weekends on Main, bands play on Main Street, not in the park. For more information visit pleasantondowntown.net.

BILLY BOB THORNTON & THE BOXMASTERS The Boxmasters have recorded an impressive and diverse music catalog with a wide array of influences. A must-see show at the Bankhead featuring one of Hollywood's biggest stars. 8 p.m., June 3. Tickets \$20-\$85. Visit livermorearts.org.

JUNETEENTH: LIVING IT, LEARNING IT, LOVING IT! Join educator, speaker and radio personality Faith Alpher as she shares insights about Juneteenth and why we all can love it and learn from it as she shares history through humor and storytelling. 3 p.m., June 4. Free with reservations required. Visit livermorearts.org.

AIR GUITAR CONTEST Grab your air guitar, squeeze into the spandex, put on the leather pants and fringed vests and submit your winning song. Prizes will be awarded. Contestant Entry Fee: \$20. 7:30 p.m., June 8. Visit livermorearts.org.

COURTYARD CONCERT STARRING KNR KNR is a three-piece pop/rock band from Livermore making music together for over 40 years. 5:30 p.m., June 9. Tickets \$10. Visit livermorearts.org.

MELODY MINSTRELS Musical entertainment by Dublin's own ukulele ensemble. 11:45 a.m., June 9. Pleasanton Senior Center.

PAULA POUNDSTONE AT THE BANKHEAD Known for her smart, observational humor and spontaneous wit that has become the stuff of legend. 8 p.m., June 10. Tickets \$40-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

SONY HOLLAND: A TRIBUTE TO LINDA RONSTADT Sony Holland is a warm, inviting performer whose unaffected style has endeared her to a loyal circle of fans locally, nationally and internationally. 8 pm., June 10. Tickets \$20-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

Exhibits

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

MUSEUM ON MAIN EXHIBIT The exhibit "On the Job: The Changing World of Work in the Valley and Beyond" will bring to light the who, what, where, why and how of Pleasanton and the Valley at work,

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Spunky Cashmere

Confident and curious, Cashmere is as soft of fur as she is warm of heart. Stop by for a play date with this cutie ... and bring the catnip! Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more about Cashmere and email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare to help pets today.

and how that experience fits into the nation's history. May 31-July 8. For more information visit museumonmain.org.

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

Family

FIRST WEEKEND ON MAIN Every first weekend of the month come to downtown Pleasanton and enjoy street closures for roaming historical downtown, events and outdoor dining. June 2-4.

BMX BIKE SHOW The BMX Freestyle Team will be coming to Pleasanton for First Weekends on Main in front of Superfly Wheels, 537 Main St. 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., June 3. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

FAMILY DAY AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Old Time County Fair is the theme of this Family Day at Museum on Main where activities will include carnival games and prizes, paper quilts and coloring. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., June 3. 603 Main St.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES Come join many local military and veteran organizations for a free pancake breakfast. Any donations will go to PMF for care package event postage. June 3. 4501 1st St., Delucchi Park. Visit pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

Farmers' Markets

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

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

LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support

small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St. and L St.

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

Festivals & Fairs

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

FREE CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL Celebrate summer with a circus show, games and free ice cream where kids learn plate spinning, juggling and more. 12-3 p.m., June 10. Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore.

LIVERMORE RODEO The Livermore Rodeo is packed with action and events including a Queen and Princess Competition, BBQ Mixer, Family Night and Cowgirl Luncheon. June 10-11. Robert Livermore Park. Visit livermoreroдео.com.

Talks

VERSE ON THE VINE The Livermore Public Library invites the community to attend a Verse on the Vine poetry reading by Livermore Poet Laureate Peggy Schimmelman. Refreshments will be served and an open mic will follow the formal presentations. 3 p.m., June 4. Civic Center Library, Storytime Room.

SELF-CARE FOR THE CARETAKER This webinar will focus on understanding the causes of stress, strategies for coping and the importance of seeking support and utilizing resources. 10-11:30 a.m., June 8. Visit hopehospice.com.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Multiple award-winning fiber artist and AVQ member, Linda Schmidt, will speak at the first in-person meeting in 3 years. Her lecture is "Short Attention Span Quilting Trunk Show" and each quilt has its own story. 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 10. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

Public Notices

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)

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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 COUNTY. MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 399, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. 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
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/09/1992
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Concord, CA 94520
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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FRANCISCO J GOMEZ
19263 Hathaway Avenue
Hayward, CA 94541
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597887
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TAEYEON KIM
3867 Florian St.
Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/14/2023
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597499
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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
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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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
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 23CV033725
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Sonja Kay Brown filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SONJA KAY BROWN to SONJA KAY KISSMAN-BROWN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: 06/20/2023, 09:30 am, Civil, Dept 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak St, Oakland, CA, 94612.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 05/19/2023
Charles A. Smiley
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 26, Jun 2, 9 and 16, 2023)

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

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 19-26 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and April 24-28 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4046 Alvarado Street** Thomson Living Trust to R. & M. Ramani for \$1,230,000
- 5416 Blackbird Drive** Paul Living Trust to L. & A. Sundaresan for \$1,841,000
- 3590 Churchill Court** Gutierrez Living Trust to B. & G. Batta for \$1,900,000
- 1164 Hopkins Way** M. Glenn to Paul Family Trust for \$2,205,000
- 7738 Oak Creek Court** M. Cho to J. & R. Soma for \$1,651,000
- 2485 Raven Road** Bush Living Trust to Q. & J. Jin for \$1,618,000
- 4258 Remillard Court** Laudenschick Trust to Y. & S. Deshmukh for \$3,231,000
- 356 Trenton Circle** I. & S. Mackey to A. & S. Shagabandi for \$1,125,000
- 258 Trenton Circle** Wong Family Trust to N. Mehan for \$1,090,000
- 1457 Trimmingham Drive** T. & C. Petro to C. & D. Martinez for \$1,275,000

Livermore

- 2520 6th Street** R. & T. Lawler to R. Weseloh for \$1,260,000
- 371 Alden Lane** C. & M. Martinez to Schmidt Family Trust for \$2,200,000
- 1002 Angelica Way** Farrell Family Trust to J. & J. Sanchez for \$1,210,000
- 642 Anna Maria Street** Y. Hatcher to A. Singh for \$960,000
- 3380 Arbor Avenue** J. & A. Gumiran to T. & S. Oiler for \$600,000

- 1208 Asti Court** Pellinen Family Trust to Emaa Trust for \$1,275,000
- 5350 Carnegie Loop** May Family Trust to Wang Trust for \$1,625,500
- 2387 Chateau Way** Born Trust to Powell Trust for \$1,106,000
- 1354 Hudson Way** F. Lewis to Three Z Investments Inc for \$1,050,000
- 1107 Innsbruck Street** Crawford Living Trust to Helping Homes Ca LLC for \$1,125,000
- 1054 Lucille Street** Hannon Living Trust to H. Shelton for \$1,055,500
- 538 Mayten Drive** Wampler Trust to Foreverhome Properties LLC for \$810,000
- 5627 Mimosa Court** Madera Family Trust to N. & H. Nagothi for \$1,347,000
- 187 Northwood Commons** D. Bracamontes to J. & C. Yanguas for \$690,000
- 2379 Norwood Road** Av Homes LLC to R. & D. Ghahramany for \$1,450,000
- 953 North P Street** N. Ongil to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$670,000
- 1945 Paseo Laguna Seco #23** Petznick Trust to D. & J. Dasteel for \$657,000
- 325 Pearl Drive** Keesling Trust to P. & J. Lancaster for \$1,100,000
- 720 Polaris Way** J. Sahaida to S. & K. Kumar for \$1,650,000
- 1130 Riviera Court** L. & K. Hennings to V. & M. Peng for \$1,305,000
- 1116 Riviera Court** J. & J. Adams to S. & S. Daivajna for \$1,250,000
- 1048 Sherry Way** L. & B. Harper to D. & C. Pond for \$1,680,000
- 1025 Spring Valley Common** H. Wang to C. Osorio for \$645,000
- 1142 Wagoner Drive** Zinder Trust to D. & R. Basak for \$1,151,000

- 4170 Wexler Way** Y. Rouse to Padilla Trust for \$1,800,000

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- 5762 Amberglen Court** Stephen Living Trust to P. & E. Kurian for \$1,625,000
- 5610 Central Parkway #401** V. Sizov to S. & M. Safer for \$1,350,000
- 4308 Clarinbridge Circle** L. & K. Silvas to S. Mishra for \$799,000
- 4187 Clarinbridge Circle** J. Nuger to H. Huynh for \$830,000
- 3011 Copper Peak Drive** L. & W. Van to Bhasin Trust for \$2,700,000
- 11448 Cresta Lane** Kvalheim Family Trust to J. & R. Worrall for \$1,520,000
- 7124 Cross Creek Circle #A** S. Chundi to A. & S. Uppal for \$715,000
- 11958 Glaskin Place** C. & A. Santos to N. & A. Bajaj for \$1,587,000
- 10729 Inspiration Circle** J. Hui to Y. & M. Osman for \$2,010,000
- 4501 Lee Thompson Street** K. Dikkala to S. & A. Nitin for \$1,681,000
- 7283 Lemberg Hills Drive** C. Weiner to J. & V. Kankipati for \$2,800,000

- 7412 Limerick Avenue** Hunt Family Trust to Wahab Investments LLC for \$950,000
- 3290 Maguire Way #320** Siu Family Trust to P. & S. Tiyyagura for \$720,000
- 6735 Maple Drive** C. & K. Lau to D. & D. Somayajula for \$1,560,000
- 8158 Tamarack Drive** P. Yee to J. & Y. Song for \$972,000
- 6964 York Drive** Simonson Family Trust to B. & V. Kilari for \$1,200,000

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- 62 Alton Place** H. Shin to U. & G. Saminathan for \$1,345,000
- 2432 Ascension Drive** Brown Trust to T. & R. Trinidad for \$1,505,000
- 3155 Ashbourne Circle** K. & S. Baik to J. & A. Godavarthi for \$3,350,000
- 7625 Balmoral Way** F. Jacobs to N. & A. Islam for \$2,825,000
- 2617 Basswood Drive** H. Ogawa to L. & K. Hemadri for \$1,565,000
- 9632 Broadmoor Drive** J. Strah to K. & A. Patel for \$2,200,000
- 2207 South Donovan Way** Zca Homes LLC to S. & B. Pant for \$1,530,000

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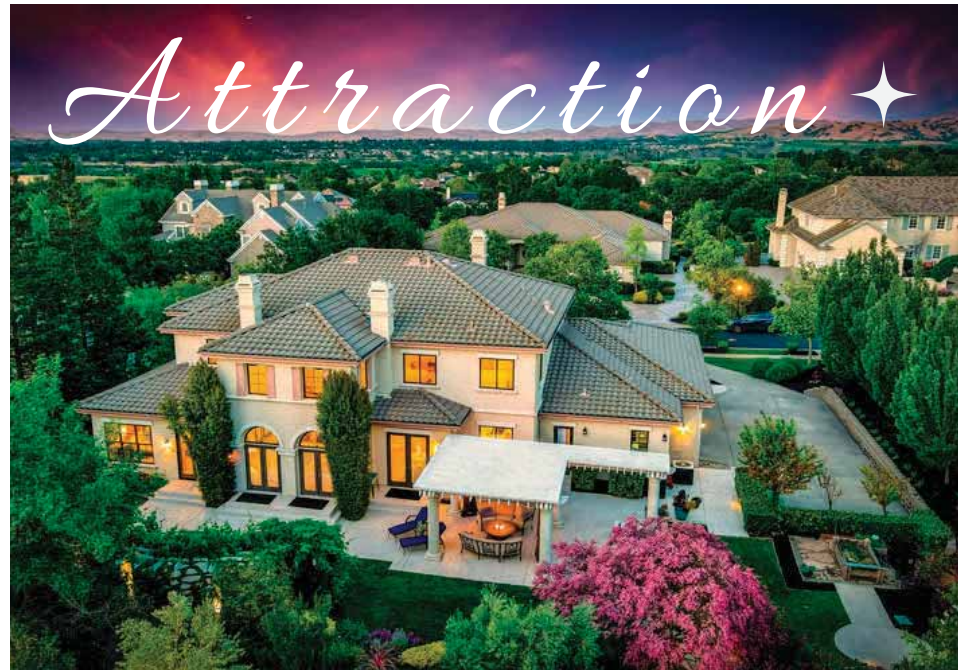
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