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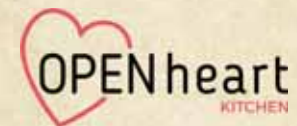
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Can't talk about it

Some of the most interesting items at a public meeting revolve around the things that aren't said. Or, more like, things the elected officials can't — or at least shouldn't — talk about.

Local governmental bodies give residents a forum toward the beginning of their regular meetings to speak (usually three minutes per person who signs up) about any item in the agency's purview that is not listed on that meeting's posted agenda. It's a way to put individual issues on the board's or council's radar, as well as the community's, in a public manner.

The trick is that the elected officials are not allowed to respond or converse about the issues brought up in non-agenda comment because to do so would be a violation of the Brown Act, California's open meeting laws.

Basically, a council can only talk about or act on items specifically listed on the meeting's agenda; the logic being a resident has a right to know what is being discussed — and as importantly, what is not — in a given public meeting.

It's an appropriate line in the sand to help ensure the public's business is always done, well, in public. Transparently.

The Pleasanton City Council saw a decent turnout for non-agenda comment at its last meeting, but the topics were all quite intriguing.

A group of six residents, mainly from Jorgensen Lane off Foothill Road, called into the March 15 meeting to oppose the advancement of a new trail in the Preserve at Meadowlark neighborhood near the Ridge.

"We are here today because the city has broken its promise," longtime resident David Yamamoto said. "While the original development agreement provided for the construction of a new trail in the open space, the city met that obligation when it constructed the Courdet Trail. We were shocked to learn that the city now believes that it is authorized to construct a second trail in the open space."

Yamamoto and others brought up safety issues, environmental and wildlife concerns, views of the ridge and parking availability. They also criticized the city for a lack of communication with residents, and urged officials to find a viable alternative location or new amenity.

Not having heard of this trail controversy, I reached out to city spokesperson Barbara Harb for relevant background information.

She explained that the trail was

a condition of approval for the Preserve at Meadowlark approved in 2006 for eight new houses and 22 acres of dedicated open space.

The project sat idle for nearly 10 years until a new developer took it on — and the city moved forward with implementing all prior conditions of the project, including construction of a developer-funded trail.

Notices went out to nearby residents in mid-December, and neighbors seemed surprised at the news. The city heard many negative responses, including at a community meeting, so work has been halted.

The council, at the end of its meeting last week, asked that the Meadowlark trail project be placed on a future agenda. That date is to be determined.

Also still in limbo are the ongoing contract talks between the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the firefighters union, IAFF Local 1974.

Union president Joe McThorn had some choice words while urging the council to intervene into what he called "unfair, retaliatory treatment" by the cities' negotiators.

"We are now 74 days without a contract. All other labor groups in Pleasanton and Livermore have a fair and reasonable contract. We are only asking for the same contract and fair treatment," McThorn told the council in non-agenda comment.

"The city of Pleasanton negotiating team is trying to erode our rights ... trying to impose unfair policies and want to open our contract to change anytime they see fit through a zipper clause," he added.

While the council did not respond that night, the two cities issued a statement this Tuesday where they confirmed contract talks have reached impasse and disputed issues include wages, benefits, staffing and a drug testing policy.

The other speaker was Andrii Vldyka, a Ukrainian national living in Pleasanton talking about the Russian invasion of his homeland.

"When it comes to matters of geopolitics, there is not much one can ask from a Pleasanton City Council meeting, and we can only do things that are in our control. Therefore I would like to ask you to write to your elected officials and ask to increase military aid to Ukraine and establish a no-fly zone over Ukraine," he said.

We'll have to wait and see how they answer. ■

About the Cover

Noise complaints and new developments at the Livermore Municipal Airport remain front of mind for many residents in both Livermore and Pleasanton these days. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young.

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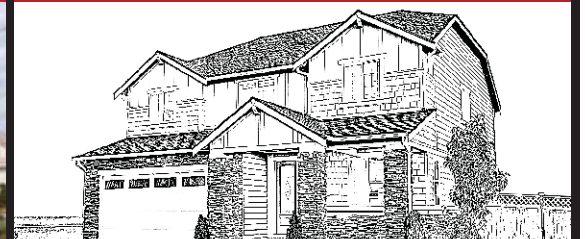
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Have you ever taken action in your waking life because of something that happened in a dream?



Anna Bowen
Appraiser

Actually, I once had a dream that I was swimming in a pool of banana cream pie. It seemed totally reasonable in my dream, of course. When I woke up, I was craving banana cream pie. So I made it my business to go out and buy one that day. I had to go to three different stores but I finally found it.



Tara Wescott
Human resources

I have all sorts of wild and crazy dreams. They are very real and vivid in the moment. But as soon as I get out of bed and my feet hit the floor to welcome a new day, I forget all about them. So unfortunately, the short answer is I probably have, but honestly I really don't know.



Stephanie Kipp
Content marketing

My dreaming brain is stuck in the past, in a lonely time before I had a partner and before I had children. So every single morning when I wake up, I remind myself that I am actually a mother of three and that I have a wonderful soulmate, and that in fact, I'm not alone at all. My hope is that one of these mornings, my waking brain will be singing "Every little thing, is gonna be alright".



Melissa Ponte
Receptionist

I am a Boy Scout troop leader. I once had a dream that a scout in my son's group was teasing him about something. So at the next meeting I gave that boy the cold shoulder. On our drive home I realized how ridiculous that was. I apologized to him at the next meeting. He had no idea what I was talking about.



Rick Hamilton
Renewable energy project developer

Well, like most typical men, I never remember my dreams. So I honestly can't claim to have done anything during my waking hours because of a dream that I had.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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City manager search

The Pleasanton City Council is progressing toward naming the next permanent city manager, holding closed-door interviews with candidates in recent days although no final decision has been reached to date.

Council members first held a special meeting in the boardroom at the Rose Hotel on March 17 to conduct candidate interviews, according to Barbara Harb, the city's new communications manager. They then met on Sunday (March 20) to continue the same discussion along with the city's human resources director and search consultant firm Avery Associates.

No decision was reported at the end of Sunday's meeting. As for the hiring timeline, Harb told the Weekly, "The City Council is continuing to evaluate prospective candidates. As there are no reportable actions at this time, it is too early to speculate when a contract may be ready to come before City Council."

The council is working to identify the successor to Nelson Fialho, who resigned as city manager at the end of November. Brian Dolan has been serving as interim city manager since.

Fair wins awards

The Alameda County Fair has earned a range of awards from the Western Fairs Association for its competitive exhibits, agricultural programs and marketing for 2021.

In all, the fair won 23 WFA awards in its division, including categories such as Nonprofit and Cultural Programming, Digital Advertising, Sponsorship Innovation, Community Outreach, Year-Round Events, Photography and Fair Marketing Campaigns.

The Pleasanton-based fair received recognition in Agricultural History for its American Farm Tractor Museum and in the Fundraising category for the efforts of the Alameda County Fair Foundation.

New trustee

Trustees at the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District recently appointed Union City resident Harris Mojadedi as their new colleague to represent Trustee Area 3 (including South Hayward and Union City).

Mojadedi, who will hold the position until the district's next regular election this November, replaces former trustee Genevieve Randolph, who resigned from the board after moving out of the area that she represented.

A lifelong resident of Area 3, Mojadedi works as a policy analyst at UC Berkeley and has community service experience on the Union City Planning Commission, Alameda County Human Relations Commission and New Haven Schools Foundation Board of Directors. ■

KaiserAir unlikely to proceed with proposed move to Livermore Airport

Officials from both cities also discuss neighbor noise complaints at recent meeting

By CIERRA BAILEY

At least one of the ongoing debates surrounding the Livermore Municipal Airport may be put to rest as officials announced recently that the proposed KaiserAir project is not likely to move forward.

"As folks are aware, KaiserAir did make an application to the airport to reserve a portion of the airport for a potential project and as of this point, KaiserAir has not submitted an application to move forward with that project," Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts said of the project's status.

"We have reached out several times over the last few months but it appears at this point that KaiserAir is not moving forward with what was originally their proposed project," Roberts continued, adding:

"They've not made any of the required submittals. They've not completed any of the environmental work necessary. They've not taken any actions to move forward on a formal basis to move the project forward. Their reservation of the property will expire this summer and at this point, they've not taken any action that would allow them to perfect a project during

that timeframe."

The KaiserAir proposal was among a number of airport-related topics discussed in the Livermore-Pleasanton City Council Liaison Subcommittee's meeting last month, along with recent noise study results, environmental concerns and increasing the frequency of subcommittee meetings.

The group includes Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, Livermore City Councilmember Bob Carling and Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa. The intention of the group is to address all issues of

mutual concern between the two cities and is not specifically an airport liaison committee, according to Pleasanton Interim City Manager Brian Dolan.

At their most recent meeting on Feb. 25, the subcommittee heard reports from city staff all of which were concerning the airport.

Roberts' KaiserAir status update followed about 30 minutes of public comment, most of which came from residents expressing their opposition to the project.

KaiserAir's initial proposal was

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Rendering shows final conceptual design for new skate park proposed at Ken Mercer Sports Park in Pleasanton.

New skate park clears hurdle

City Council approves final design concept, but questions remain about how to fund construction

By SHIRI MARWAHA

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously last week to advance the final design concept for a new skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park, but funding for the estimated \$8.5 million construction project remains very much up in the air.

The idea to expand the popular skate park facilities on Parkside Drive has been on the city's to-do list for years and took close to a decade to pass to this stage of the approval process.

"I will say I'm a little embarrassed that a 2014 Parks and Rec. Master Plan is just now working on a project eight years later, and we still certainly haven't funded

it," Mayor Karla Brown said at the March 15 council meeting.

The new design, which would be accessible to everyone, brought out enthusiasm from the council. It stretches over an acre in area and includes creative skateable furnishings, a plaza style skating area and a paved public space for viewing, including shaded picnic gathering areas with furnishings, drinking fountains and restrooms.

"I'm also extremely pleased to hear that all wheels can use this park and that's very special to me, because we are staging the all-ability playground as well," Brown said. "If people of all physical abilities and all skill sets

can use this new skate park, I think that's wonderful."

The conceptual design was chosen from two proposed design plans after a community-wide survey and consultation with the city's Parks and Recreation Commission.

"So from all of that input, we created one preferred plan and the final plan is a total of three acres of park improvements with one full acre of skateable space in the middle," said Gina Chavez, project manager. "We have two entries to the park, one at each parking lot, one here, and then one at the Hopyard

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LPFD, union at impasse as contract talks stall

Wages, staffing, benefits, drug testing policy among issues still in dispute

By CIERRA BAILEY

Labor negotiations between Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) and the local firefighters union have reached impasse, according to a joint statement Tuesday from the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, which fund and oversee the department.

Officials said Fire Fighters Local 1974 — which represents LPFD's firefighters and fire inspectors — formally declared impasse on March 1, following eight months of negotiations.

The decision marked the union's rejection of LPFD's offer of a 12.5% pay increase over the 3.5-year contract for firefighter-paramedics, a 10.5% general wage increase for everyone else, plus improved benefits and working conditions, according to the cities.

"A primary sticking point has been the Union's rejection of a proposed drug testing policy — a proposal made after the Union earlier objected to the department drug testing a fire captain, who ended up testing positive for cocaine while on duty," said Art

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Faced with referendum petition, Dublin council rescinds East Ranch development approvals

City leaders emphasize disappointment with available options; unclear how Trumark Homes might choose to proceed

By JEANITA LYMAN

Months after voting to approve an ambitious housing project that garnered controversy from neighboring residents and the school district, the Dublin City Council has reversed course on the East Ranch development while raising concerns about how alternative paths for the applicant might further limit the discretion of the city.

A group of Dublin residents submitted a referendum petition in January on the council's decision to approve the Stage 2 Development Plan for the proposed 573-unit housing development, which received the required number of signatures (at least 10% of registered voters).

"I know a lot of residents when they signed, they probably think if they get enough signatures this project will not be developed, but ... the result will be actually the opposite," Councilmember Sherry Hu said, referring to the possibility of the developer pursuing approval through new state law instead of the city-endorsed project.

"We did our best. We worked with the process with city staff, we tried to make this with additional community benefits, which is the dedication of Sunflower (Hill) to build affordable homes for disabled people," Hu continued, adding:

"We want to make that clear to the residents, because when they signed their signatures

they probably expected different results."

The council voted on March 1 to certify the sufficiency of the referendum petition and repeal the Stage 2 Development Plan ordinance they'd previously introduced on Dec. 7 and adopted on Dec. 21 for the East Ranch project.

Shortly after the council's final December vote, the city clerk's office received a proposed summary referendum against the ordinance, with the city attorney issuing an approved summary on Dec. 28. The petition was submitted by the proponent on Jan. 27, within the 30 days allotted following approval of the summary.

The threshold established for the minimum number of signatures on a referendum from Dublin voters is set at 3,439, based on the latest official report of voter registration to the secretary of state. The petition garnered 4,635 signatures.

Reaching the threshold of signatures meant certification of the petition by the city clerk's office, which was one part of the measure on the table for the council on March 1. The other portion was a decision on whether to repeal the ordinance approving the project or to instead put the issue on a ballot either in a special election or in the upcoming November general election.

Community development director Jeff Baker noted that while costs would be minimal for adding

the measure to November's ballot, a special election would likely cost more than \$100,000.

Cost aside, however, Baker noted that even if the council were to leave the decision up to city voters, the applicant, Trumark Homes, would still be able to pursue approval of the project through other channels. In a letter to the city, officials from Trumark encouraged the council to vote on repealing the ordinance approving the project, and said that they would take another route regardless.

"To be honest, we don't know what exactly the applicant might submit," Baker said.

Although Trumark had not indicated what their new route would be, councilmembers and staff discussed the potential of the project to go through the state's Housing Accountability Act process, which would not require the Stage 2 Development Plan to be approved by the council.

While councilmembers ultimately voted unanimously to repeal the ordinance approving the Stage 2 Development Plan on March 1, many expressed frustration at how little discretion the two choices on the table that evening offered, as well as concerns about having even less discretion in the planning and approval process of the East Ranch housing project, if Trumark pursues the project according to state rather than city requirements.

"The fact of the matter is that

this council is bound by the legal constraints that are put in place by the state," Councilmember Shawn Kumagai said. "And whether it's me or anyone else sitting up here, we have to follow the law. If they bring a Housing Accountability Act application, we have very little discretion which means we don't get to ask for the perks and the bells and the whistles."

In particular, Kumagai said he was concerned about whatever alternative route pursued by Trumark might mean for a proposed portion of the East Ranch project negotiated by the council with Trumark, which would provide affordable housing to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

"I sit in meetings often with individuals in the intellectually and developmentally disabled communities, and they are hurting," Kumagai said. "There's insufficient funds to provide services for them, they're disproportionately taken care of by their aging caregivers and they're aging out."

He added, "Those elderly caregivers of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities tell me, 'I'm worried that my child is not going to have a place to live, that they are going to be displaced, or worse, they might be homeless when I pass away.'"

Kumagai and other councilmembers also noted that moving to repeal the ordinance might not have the outcome expected by petitioners, with housing still being

planned for the East Ranch area under the city's general plan.

Although councilmembers agreed with staff's recommendation to repeal the ordinance rather than sending it to the ballot, they emphasized their disappointment with the further limits on their input on housing at the East Ranch site, and said that this would not have the outcome residents had intended when they signed on to the referendum.

If Trumark Homes submits an application bound by the Housing Accountability Act, they would be required by state law to make 4% of the project's units affordable housing or pay an in-lieu fee, but would not be required to proceed with the project as it had been negotiated with the city.

Although Kumagai and other council members said they remained hopeful that Trumark would still seek to proceed with the Sunflower Hill project aimed at housing intellectually and developmentally disabled adults, they emphasized that Trumark would not be required to do so by state law.

"The irony isn't lost on me tonight that we passed a proclamation in the consent calendar today for Developmental Disability Awareness Month on the same night that we're repealing this ordinance that will probably effectively kill the Sunflower Hill project on this site, and that makes me very sad," Vice Mayor Jean Josey said. ■

New Glazer bill would require school districts to report annual salaries of employees

Legislation aims to increase transparency, close public disclosure loophole

By CIERRA BAILEY

State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) was among a group of legislators last month who introduced a bill to close a loophole used by school districts to get around public disclosure requirements for posting their salaries through the State Controller's Office, according to a statement from the Tri-Valley representative's office.

In addition to Glazer, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell



Steve Glazer

Gardens) and Sen. Rosilic Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa) authored the legislation — Senate Bill 924 — under which school districts would be required to report the annual salaries of employees to the state controller, complying with the same requirements for local agencies, including each county, city and special district.

The legislation would also require the controller to annually publish this information on its website.

"School districts should be disclosing the pay of their top administrators just like every other public entity," Glazer said. "They have used a loophole in the law to prevent easily accessible public disclosure. This legislation will

close that gap."

Under current law, school districts are required only to report financial and salary information to the state superintendent. Some districts and other agencies have voluntarily reported to the controller. In all, only 23% of California school districts in 2021 reported their annual compensation reports to the state controller, according to Glazer's office.

The need for more transparency in salary reporting came to light last year after a Southern California News Group investigation found that the superintendent of the Ontario-Montclair School District, James Hammond, made more than \$700,000 in both 2020 and 2021 "through

a series of out-of-the-ordinary perks", according to the state legislators. However, his salary was listed on the school district's website as less than half of his actual total.

Garcia said she is proud to be working with Glazer to finally "close this loophole once and for all."

"It makes me angry to learn that eight years after the passage of my AB 2040 in 2014, most school districts are not complying with the intent of the law due to a loophole," Garcia said. "This type of behavior is why the public loses trust in our government. Sunshine is good for the democratic process and if your decisions are valid, you shouldn't

be afraid to share that with the public."

Ochoa Bogh said the bill is about good government and accountability.

"As our state government grapples with a hefty budget surplus, it is more important than ever to ensure all tax dollars are appropriately allocated and are efficiently serving the needs of Californians," said Ochoa Bogh. "SB 924 will make way for greater transparency in our education system by allowing families to see how their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent. There is nothing more important than the value of an education. Let us make sure our kids receive the highest quality to ensure their future success." ■

Livermore launches second phase of key corridor study

‘Tactical East Avenue’ to test improvement options before permanent changes are made

By CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore has kicked off the second phase of its ongoing East Avenue Corridor Study to enhance mobility and safety along the stretch between South Livermore Avenue and South Vasco Road.

Phase II — referred to as “Tactical East Avenue” — is a six-month pilot project that will explore elements of the design alternatives produced in Phase I of the East Avenue Corridor Study to arrive at a real-world tested solution for the corridor, according to a statement from the city.

The strategy is derived from Tactical Urbanism, a method of place-making that uses low-cost,

temporary materials to offer the city of Livermore and the community the opportunity to experience potential changes to the street before permanent improvements are made.

As part of the project, tactical improvements to East Avenue could include curb extensions, bike lanes, lane re-configuration, and traffic calming interventions, city officials said.

On Wednesday, the city of Livermore and urban planning firm Street Plans were hosting an in-person public workshop to officially set Tactical East Avenue in motion and gave community members a chance to share what measures they’d like to see tested.

Phase I of the study was conducted between 2020 and 2021 and involved community outreach, analyzing existing conditions and preparing multiple design alternatives for the corridor, according to the project website.

Four design alternatives were developed based on input from the community in the first phase. Various elements of the four alternatives will be tested during Tactical East Avenue to help determine the safest and most feasible options.

Some of the changes identified in the alternative designs include, altering the number of travel lanes and size, changing bicycle lane width, and adding bulb-outs

and refuge islands.

Safety concerns at the East Avenue Corridor have been raised over the course of several years and the area has been identified as a priority corridor in the Livermore Active Transportation Plan.

However, the urgency to improve the area was recently heightened after a 2019 incident in which 26-year-old Yaneli Morales was fatally struck by a vehicle while trying to cross East Avenue about 100 feet east of the Jensen Street intersection.

While Morales did not use a nearby crosswalk that illuminates when the pedestrian button is pushed, that particular stretch of East Avenue is known among

residents for pedestrian safety issues.

At the time, supporters of Morales had launched an online petition calling for action to enhance public safety, including adding more lighting along the street, putting in speed bumps and better visibility of the speed limit signage, among other measures.

Following the city’s workshop this week, city officials said that all presentation materials will be posted on the project website where an online survey is also available to provide input on what should be tested in this phase. To learn more, visit east-avecorridorstudy.com. ■

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Harteringer, the chief negotiator retained by the department in these negotiations.

“This is a huge safety priority for both cities, and we are urging the Union to partner with us to implement a meaningful, clear, and impactful Policy,” Hartinger added.

Union president Joe McThorn had not responded to a request for comment as of early Tuesday evening.

The union’s previous contract term was from July 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2021. The provisions under the latest contract



remain the same until a new agreement is reached, city officials said.

“We are committed to ensure that our firefighters remain well equipped, well trained, and well paid. We think our proposal meets these objectives,” Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts said in Tuesday’s joint statement.

An LPFD-created webpage on the labor negotiations includes a copy of the union’s initial statement of impasse, which details their position on various issues. In the statement of impasse, representatives of the union said they had presented several proposals over the course of 30 days “in a good faith effort to narrow the unresolved issues,” including “multiple counter proposals seeking to develop an appropriate reasonable suspicion and post-vehicle accident substance testing policy.”

The statement argues that despite their efforts to come to common ground, LPFD has remained “unwilling to acknowledge the Union’s legitimate concerns, and the Department has

not responded meaningfully to the Union’s economic proposals.”

One of the union’s concerns described in the statement is the elimination of rank-for-rank overtime for short-term day-to-day vacancies — a benefit that has been in place for 25 years.

In a letter responding to the union’s declaration of impasse, Hartinger said that the parties held a meeting last Friday to try to resolve their outstanding differences. While some progress was made as a result of the meeting, a handful of issues (including


the drug testing policy) remain in dispute.

The LPFD webpage with updates on the ongoing labor negotiations lists staffing for efficiency and wages as issues that have not been agreed upon, in addition to the matter of drug testing.

The cities have not confirmed additional details about the allegations of an unnamed LPFD fire captain testing positive for cocaine on duty.

More information and the labor negotiations updates can be found at lpfdlaborupdates.com. ■

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Pleasanton seniors support Ukrainians

Residents at the Creekvie Health Center on Stoneridge Drive came together last Friday in a show of solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine amid their country’s battle against the Russian military invasion. Many donning the Ukrainian national colors of blue and yellow, the Creekside crew assembled aid kits, collected needed items and signed an oversized card with messages of hope to send to Ukraine.

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Congressmen secure millions for Tri-Valley projects

List includes Iron Horse Trail work, Livermore Veterans Park, Axis Bridge

By JEREMY WALSH

A half-dozen projects in Tri-Valley communities, as well as a handful of others with countywide impacts, were earmarked for nearly \$20 million in federal funding this month thanks to the efforts of U.S. Reps. Eric Swalwell and Mark DeSaulnier.

Secured as part of the appropriations bill signed by President Joe Biden last week, the list of local projects to receive federal monies include Veterans Park in downtown Livermore, the Axis Bridge mental health urgent care program, two Iron Horse Regional Trail projects and traffic signal improvements in Danville.

"I am incredibly pleased that the government funding bill included \$11,525,000 in Community Project Funding that will help

CA-15 residents, from providing a new community center and veterans park, to improving bicycle and pedestrian safety in the East Bay," Swalwell (D-Livermore) said in a statement. "I am proud to have fought for this funding that will make our community healthier, safer, and more resilient."

"For the first time in a decade, we finally have the opportunity to bring home funding to Contra Costa for specific projects that will have a meaningful impact on people's daily lives," DeSaulnier (D-Concord) added about the \$8 million he secured. "From supporting mental health resources to improving commutes, the quality of life of residents across the County will be much improved thanks to this critical funding."

Swalwell's list of nine projects

districtwide includes:

- \$2 million to finalize designs for construction of the Iron Horse Regional Trail bicycle-pedestrian overcrossing in San Ramon.

- \$1 million to support the new Veterans Park in downtown Livermore, with money eligible to be used for design, engineering, entitlements, and construction.

- \$450,000 for the Axis Bridge mental health urgent care services pilot program among the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and Axis Community Health.

- \$375,000 for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to develop a "Latinx Support and Access" community engagement program.

Two other projects on Swalwell's catalog have regional implications: \$1.7 million for the Alameda

County Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Schools mini-grant program, and \$3.5 million for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's upgrades to the Upper San Leandro Drinking Water Treatment Plant (EBMUD's service area includes much of the San Ramon Valley).

A bit north in the Tri-Valley in DeSaulnier's district, the project list includes:

- \$1 million for Danville's town-wide traffic signal modernization project, including replacement of aging signal hardware, vehicular detection systems and communications infrastructure.

- \$350,000 for the Iron Horse trail bridge, nature walk and pedestrian safety project in Danville, in coordination with the cities of San Ramon and Dublin.

Contra Costa County projects for DeSaulnier include the mobile crisis response team expansion (\$1.061 million), the Contra Costa Crisis Services' Hub Project (\$1 million), Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's collaborative care implementation (\$900,000), the Office of Education internet access project (\$900,000), the Department of Conservation and Development's Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan (\$750,000) and building improvements at local veterans memorial buildings (\$700,000).

The 12-bill omnibus government funding package, which was passed by the House of Representatives and Senate before being signed by Biden on March 15, included a range of domestic initiatives as well as emergency aid to Ukraine. ■

County supervisors give \$75K to help plan public bank for East Bay

'Would provide many public benefits to the community'

A vision for a public bank in the East Bay — and possibly only the second one in the country — got a boost last week when Alameda County supervisors voted to give \$75,000 to a group aiming to start one.

Four supervisors voted unanimously March 15 to give the money to Friends of the Public Bank East Bay, which has already taken steps to start a bank. (Supervisor Richard Valle was excused from the meeting.)

The money from the supervisors is for planning activities, according to a letter to the board

from Supervisor Dave Brown. The money is coming from Brown's fiscal management reward funds.

"A public bank would provide many public benefits to the community," Brown wrote. "It would create a long-term multigenerational source of capital for East Bay communities, and would cut infrastructure construction costs significantly by providing low-interest loans."

Brown added that such a bank "would return profit and interest to local communities and bring transparency and democracy to banking and investment of public funds.

Lastly, a public bank would help strengthen local banks and credit unions by backing their loans and letters of credit."

Friends of the Public Bank East Bay have already completed a viability study for a public bank, according to the group's website. A viability study is a necessary step under the California Public Banking Act.

The California Public Banking Act was established by Assembly Bill 857 and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2019. The law enables government entities to form public banks.

Friends of the Public Bank East Bay are now working on a business plan, another step in the process required by law.

A public bank in the East Bay as envisioned by the group would be a cooperative venture among the entities of Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond and Alameda County.

Other California cities and counties have begun work toward establishing public banks in their areas.

In October, the city of Los Angeles voted to have a consultant write a business plan for a public bank. Also, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors less than a year ago

enacted an ordinance to create a working group to create a business plan.

Monterey and Santa Cruz counties along with Watsonville and Capitola have passed resolutions to have a viability study done to form a Central Coast Public Bank.

According to Brown's office, only one public bank exists in the U.S. and was formed in 1919. The Bank of North Dakota "manages the state's funds and provides funding to small businesses and infrastructure projects through partnerships with community banks." ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

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planned for a 45-acre vacant parcel north of West Jack London Boulevard and south of Taxiway Lima and included a "fixed based operator" (FBO) facility, offices, aircraft maintenance facilities, fuel farm, self-service aircraft fueling facility, corporate hangars, parking spaces and box t-hangars.

In his report, Roberts also briefly addressed the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) ongoing plans to phase out the use of leaded aviation gas throughout the entire country by 2030.

Regarding noise issues, a number of residents expressed concerns during the meeting that the airport staff isn't responsive enough to complaints and that there is a lack of follow up after the complaints are investigated.

"We do follow up on noise

complaints and we investigate all complaints but of course — from what we've heard today — the feedback loop back to those who complain is something we can do better at, so I think that's on our list of things for us to work further on," Roberts said.

Roberts gave a brief overview of the results of noise monitoring studies from May and November of 2021. He noted that the monitoring is done twice at different times of the year to account for different landing patterns that are the result of weather changes that impact wind direction.

"To get a complete idea of the overall noise impacts around the airport we conduct the noise studies twice," he said, adding that all of the monitoring locations in Livermore and Pleasanton met the noise threshold compatibility standards.

Roberts said the studies use the community noise equivalent level (CNEL), which refers to a weighted

average of noise level over a period of time. He said that CNEL is the standard used locally and statewide.

Roberts also acknowledged that these averages are different from how people experience noise as most people are impacted by specific points of noise. However, he explained that CNEL regulations are used to determine levels of noise because those numbers reflect what is required by law.

According to Roberts, noise monitoring is one of several ongoing efforts that will continue and he said that the city is in the process of installing continuous noise monitoring equipment at the airport and acquiring new equipment that will allow for more detailed monitoring and flight tracking.

Pilot and tenant briefing and education will also continue along with providing community feedback to the pilots, suggesting flight patterns and operating procedures to minimize noise. He also said they are



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A plane makes its approach to landing at the Livermore Municipal Airport.

prioritizing working closely with their fixed based operator to maintain compliance.

"There is more work to be done and I look forward to working with the public as well as councilmembers Carling, Testa and Mayor Woerner in making this a reasonable and improved atmosphere for quality of life within Livermore,

Pleasanton and Dublin — those aren't just words, we're going to do it," Brown said toward the end of the meeting.

The subcommittee did not specify when the next meeting will take place but further discussion regarding airport noise and communication improvements will also be on the next agenda, according to city staff. ■

Amador Valley High returns to Ethics Bowl competition

Club aspires to localize national competition for other East Bay public schools

By JEANITA LYMAN

Amador Valley High School's Ethics Club is one of the many extracurricular activities and organizations that has resumed business as usual since the return of in-person classes last fall.

Yet despite an uptick in interest and motivation during the pandemic that inspired some of the current members to join, it remains one of the lesser-known student-run organizations.

"A lot of clubs are created for the sole reason of college applications," senior Sahana Kumar told the Weekly. "This is not that club. You're not going to get that much fame or notoriety from Ethics Club, so I think that's one reason we keep sustaining ourselves, is because we aren't born out of necessity, we're born out of passion."

On the heels of a recent regional competition earlier this year, current members are seeking to raise their club's profile, and eyeing ways to expand what they value about the organization locally in the future.

As participants in the National High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB), Amador Valley students and others throughout the country spend the school year studying cases and practicing for the organization's annual competition, which kicks off at the regional level in January, with winners of the regional competitions heading to the national competition in North Carolina in April.

While the two teams of Amador Valley Ethics Club members who competed in the regional competition this year both failed to advance to the national level, they returned with a sense of confidence about their performance, and a desire to work towards addressing issues in the organization that they identified in the recent competition and past years.

"We were working together perfectly, everyone spoke, we spoke eloquently, we weren't interrupting each other, we took turns, everyone was participating," Antonio Terziysky said. "But to go against a team who, just because they're more recognized, the judges seem to just overlook the fact that only one person is answering and that they're not fully answering the questions."

Although NSHEB as an organization prides itself in seeking to foster a more inclusive, collaborative atmosphere that contrasts with the competitive nature of other speech and debate competitions, Kumar and Terziysky said that this year's event made structural inequalities within the organization clear, particularly to one of the only public school teams competing against better supported teams from private schools.

"Even though we live in a very affluent area, we're not able to just pay a coach, and we noticed that a lot of other schools there are private schools," Terziysky said. "I think there were only two public schools

at regionals this year, and every single one of them had a coach who were either philosophy teachers or former people who have competed in college level Ethics Bowl. And then we're just there."

"One time someone said I was the coach, they were asking for all the coaches to meet up ... I was like, 'we don't have a coach,' they were like 'oh, you are the coach now.' So I was automatically made the coach for the records," Kumar added. "That was bad."

While the six-year-old club has struggled with membership and access to support from adults, Kumar and Terziysky, who are both in their senior year, and the club's founder, who has since graduated college, are all seeking to continue working with the club, and have plans to expand access to ethics to public schools throughout the East Bay, alongside the club's current younger members.

"We're thinking we could do our own version of an Ethics Bowl, and it would be far more useful," Kumar said. "It would just be for East Bay public high schools, and there would be no coaches allowed. It would just be for debate, mock trial, comp civics classes to prepare to understand better philosophy, and our club would be the judges of it, so we wouldn't be able to compete."

The inspiration behind this idea came in part from noticing and seeking to address inequities in NHSEB, but also looking towards

the wider Bay Area with the same perspective.

"Ethics is a very privileged conversation to have," Kumar said. "To be able to study philosophy in college is a very lucky thing to do, and I hope I'll be able to do it."

Kumar and the club's other members said that while the regional competition had made it clear that they were underdogs as a public school team, it made them all the more sensitive to the difficulties of

other local public schools without as many resources, which serve students who may have work, family and other obligations keeping them from extracurriculars.

"Private schools and affluent public schools like ours have that time to work on it, and we just feel like there's this huge gap between people who need ethics the most and people who come up with ethics," Kumar said. "We just find that incredibly irritating." ■

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Shopping Center."

Funding for the project has been a challenge. City staff are researching possible grant and fundraising opportunities but they are confident that, at a minimum, partial additional funding could be secured, according to the council report.

The estimated cost to build the park has doubled since inception, causing concern among councilmembers who expressed their shock.

The proposed skate park is estimated to cost approximately \$5.7 million in direct costs with another \$2.8 million budgeted for construction and design contingencies including mobilization, bonding and insurance — for a total projected construction cost of approximately \$8.5 million.

"I had sticker shock, looking at the staff report, because my recollection was when we undertook this as a priority, we were looking at around \$5 million,"

Councilmember Kathy Narum said at the meeting.

Residents from Pleasanton and elsewhere in the Bay Area joined in to plead before the council for the approval of the modernized skate park.

"Skateboard parks are an amazing place for kids to get out of the house and make friends, and it's also a great community that enriches the community in a lot of ways," said Peter Koff, a San Francisco resident. "I look forward to skating at the new skate park in Pleasanton; it's a short drive for me so I will be there."

Pleasanton resident JoEllen Lambert attended the virtual council meeting, as did son Andrew Lambert, to advocate for the skate park and said that youth in the area are enthusiastically looking forward to the skate park so much so that they would even help raise funds.

"These kids actually showed up to the city council meetings, to the Parks and Rec. meetings," said JoEllen Lambert, whose late husband David Lambert was a city parks commissioner and supporter of a new skate park. "They actually put

in the effort to work with the city officials on this."

Andrew Lambert, a skater himself, pushed for the need of a new skate park at Pleasanton.

"You don't need a group or a team to skate or ride a bicycle. You just need a new park," Andrew Lambert told the council. "Skateboarding is now in the Olympics; council members, let's push to have a future Pleasanton gold medalist."

Council members approved the skate park design concept unanimously and agreed to look at potentially building the facility in phases to alleviate the financial burden. The cost for construction for the project depends on when the project is constructed, potential design changes and if any further changes are required during construction. Installation of a restroom for the skatepark will add another \$450,000.

"I think conceptually, it's beautiful, and I wouldn't want to lose anything. But rather just look at the add-ons that we can do, depending on how much the bids come in, or have that as a phase two," Narum said. ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Livermore native and girlfriend charged with murder, hate crime in Tracy

A man with ties to Livermore and his girlfriend were arraigned last Friday on murder charges with special circumstances alleging that the fatal shooting and stabbing of a 30-year-old Stockton man in Tracy at a gas station was a hate crime, the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office said.

Co-defendants Christina Lyn Garner, 42, of Manteca, and Jeremy Wayne Jones, 49, a Livermore native now living in Stockton, are charged in the killing of Justin Peoples intentionally in connection to a hate crime. A third defendant, Christopher Dimenco, 52, was arraigned on accessory charges.

"There is no place for hate in our community. No one should be victimized because of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion," District Attorney Tori Verber Salazar said in a statement. "These types of crimes are reprehensible, and my administration will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law to hold those who perpetuate hate accountable."

The victim's race was not released, but many of Jones' tattoos are associated with white supremacist groups.

Jones said on his Facebook page that he attended Livermore High School and listed Livermore as his hometown. On a second Facebook page he recently posted a video saying that the new tattoo circling his neck was to "show his love" for his girlfriend Christina.

Shortly after 9 p.m. March 15,



Jeremy Wayne Jones



Christina Lyn Garner

the Tracy Police Department responded to a report of a man suffering from gunshot wounds at the Chevron gas station on North Tracy Boulevard.

Officers found Peoples lying on the floor with a gunshot wound to his upper body and multiple stab wounds, police said.

He was taken to San Joaquin General Hospital where he died two hours later.

Police said there was a confrontation before Peoples was shot, and Salazar said the victim did not know his assailants. Garner and Jones were arrested in the 1500 block of De Ovan Avenue the following day at 9:15 a.m. after authorities served search and arrest warrants at the residence.

Peoples was a graduate of Edison High School, San Joaquin Delta College and had served in the military.

"It doesn't make a difference what color you are," Peoples' aunt, Berniece Bass, said after the arraignment. "Some are black, some are brown, some are light skinned ... we have all colors, but we know the human race is the number one color we need to be fighting for."

The three defendants are set to appear in the San Joaquin County Superior Court on April 4 for further arraignment and have been remanded to custody.

—Victoria Franco, BCN Foundation

In other news

• The Target Corporation has entered into a stipulated agreement to pay more than \$5 million to settle a civil law enforcement complaint that alleged that the retail giant engaged in false advertising and unfair competition, including in Alameda County.

The action was originally filed in Sonoma County Superior Court by District Attorney Jill Ravitch's environmental and consumer law division in a joint filing with the district attorneys of Alameda, Marin, Contra Costa, Santa Cruz, Ventura and San Diego counties.

The Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures Division did the inspections of the Target stores, along with departments of agriculture from the other counties.

The complaint alleged Target charged customers prices higher than its lowest advertised price for items. Prosecutors also alleged that prices changed for some items once people who used the Target app on their phone entered the boundaries of the store.

The judgement includes an injunction that prohibits Target from engaging in false or misleading advertising or charging a price greater than that advertised. The judgement also bars Target from using app technology to cause the price of an item to increase based on the user's location and requires it to clearly state where a customer can obtain the item at the advertised price. Target will also be required to implement audit and price accuracy procedures in its stores for seven years.

The settlement includes \$5 million in civil penalties, \$200,000 in restitution to support future enforcement of consumer protection

PPD welcomes new officer

Gonzalez joins department this month

Officer Melisa Gonzalez is the newest addition to the Pleasanton Police Department, city officials announced last week.

Gonzalez, who graduated from the 165th South Bay Regional Public Safety Consortium, earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a double minor in political science and mathematics from California State University, East Bay.

"We congratulate Melisa on successfully completing her training as a police recruit," Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing said, "and we are confident she possesses the qualities and skills to enhance our service to the community." ■

—Jeremy Walsh



New Pleasanton PD Officer Melisa Gonzalez at her badge-pinning ceremony.

laws, and \$173,618.18 total in costs to the multi-county departments of agriculture who conducted the investigation.

Target did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

—Bay City News Service

• Two San Ramon teenagers were located in good health and reunited with their families on Sunday night after being reported missing as likely runaways for four days, city police said.

Authorities and the San Ramon community had been actively searching for Dougherty Valley High School students Marybel "Ruby" Gonzalez and Aminah "Mina" Khan since the San Ramon Police Department issued a missing-persons bulletin last Friday afternoon.

The pair were found safe some time after 8 p.m. Sunday, according to police.

"We are happy to report that both Ruby and Mina were located within the past hour through a coordinated effort between a community member and our Investigations Division. Both girls are in good health and were reunited with their families," SRPD stated on social media at 9:16 p.m. Sunday.

Additional details about the girls' disappearance and the resolution of their case were not released as of Sunday night.

Police issued an update in the case earlier Sunday morning, before the girls were located, saying investigators had reason to believe the pair were "in good health based on our investigation, recent sightings, and communication with local youth via social media."

They had last been seen on March 16 in the Gale Ranch area of San Ramon, with police reporting on Friday there was undisclosed evidence indicating they had each likely run away from home.

—Jeremy Walsh

• Following an administrative hearing on March 3, Livermore-based Cloud Smoke Shop's retail license has been revoked for five years after repeated violations for selling vape and vape-related products, specifically to minors, according to the Livermore Police Department.

The shop's owner, 48-year-old Wahid Faroqi, is prohibited from selling all tobacco until 2027.

An inspection on Feb. 10 found 41 cases containing 244 vape products in an "employees only" room at Cloud Smoke Shop, formerly called Spark Smoke and Vape. LPD said the owner claimed he was planning to return the products but he was unable to provide invoices for them.

A Livermore ordinance prohibits the sale of all flavored tobacco products, electronic smoking devices and electronic smoking fluid.

In January 2021, the store owner was cited for selling a flavored electronic smoking device to a minor decoy. He was then ordered to remove all vaping products from the store immediately. Last June, a store employee sold a vape product to a different minor decoy. The owner then received a 90-day suspension and was not allowed to sell any tobacco and nicotine products during that timeframe.

Despite these infractions, police said tips continued to come in that the business — located at 4088 East Ave. — was selling vape products to minors.

"This store is situated right across the street from a middle school and daycare, and they are selling to kids," Livermore Police Sgt. Paul Mayer said. "It's really hard for kids to not get addicted and if we can disrupt the supply chain, then they have to stop. It's not only a financial burden for kids, but there are medical, health risks and depression associated with it."

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State bill would restore public access to police radio communications

Law enforcement agencies would have until next year to find alternative to encryption

By GENNADY SHEYNER / PALO ALTO WEEKLY

Police departments throughout California would be required to make their radio communications accessible to the press and the public under new legislation proposed by State Sen. Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park).

Senate Bill 1000, also known as the "Public Right to Police Radio Communications Act," responds to a recent trend among California's law-enforcement agencies to encrypt their radio communications since early 2021, a move that prevents journalists, citizen watchdogs and other residents from monitoring police activities.

The switch to encrypted radio, which was made by police departments in Palo Alto, Mountain View, San Francisco, Los Altos and other

cities, followed a memo from the state Department of Justice that required departments to institute measures to protect release over the radio of personal information such as social security numbers, license plate numbers and criminal histories.

The memo gave departments the option of either fully encrypting their communications or establishing policies that protect sensitive information while keeping other communications publicly available.

The California Highway Patrol responded by adopting a "hybrid" approach in which radio transmissions remain open except for when personal information is being transmitted. Most other Bay Area agencies followed Palo Alto's lead and encrypted all their communications.

Becker's bill gives California law

enforcement agencies until Jan. 1, 2023 to "ensure that all radio communications are accessible to the public." This could be done by using unencrypted radio frequencies for all nonsensitive information, thus allowing it to be picked up by radio scanning equipment; by streaming radio communication online; or by providing access to encrypted communication to anyone who requests it for a "reasonable fee."

Agencies can also transmit confidential information by phone, tablets and other text-display devices, according to the bill.

The legislation would not apply to radio frequencies used to share confidential information or for tactical and undercover operations.

In a fact sheet announcing the bill, Becker called the switch by

various law enforcement agencies to switch to encrypted radios a "poor decision."

The issue of police encryption has become contentious in Palo Alto, where several council members, including Mayor Pat Burt, Tom DuBois and Greer Stone, have repeatedly urged the department to reconsider its policy and reverse course, with no success. Stone, who serves on the council's Policy and Services Committee, advocated at the committee's Feb. 8 meeting for the city to revisit the topic and follow the CHP's lead.

Stone argued that the encryption policy has "the feeling of trying to put up guard between the media and those on the ground."

"I do think there are reasonable concerns that have been raised regarding transparency," Stone said,

shortly before the committee supported his motion to reconsider the encryption policy at a future meeting. "If other agencies like CHP can do it, it is curious why we can't do it here."

"Palo Alto has kind of been at the tip of the spear on this one, as one of the first departments to move to full encryption," Becker told this news organization in an interview. "Especially with what the country has been going through in the last year or two, now is not the time to reduce access to police activity."

"The public and news media have had access to this information for the past 70 years or so. And I understand the police are looking to protect people's private information, but we think there's a way to do both, as the CHP is doing." ■

BULLETIN

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• The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office is continuing to search for the culprit in a robbery in Alamo last Saturday who reportedly claimed to be armed and demanded money from the CVS Pharmacy on Danville Boulevard before fleeing.

Deputy-sheriffs were dispatched to the scene at approximately 7:14 p.m. on Saturday in response to the incident, according to a spokesperson for the sheriff's office. The suspect reportedly told store employees he was armed with a firearm before taking money and fleeing in a gray Audi A6 with a paper license plate on the front and no rear license plate.

The sheriff's office is asking anyone with information on the incident to contact their investigation

division by calling 925-313-2600 or 866-846-3592 to leave an anonymous message, or by email at tips@so.cccounty.us.

—Jeanita Lyman

• A man was convicted last week of murdering a 14-year-old girl in 1980 in a Contra Costa County investigation that turned cold for decades until a DNA breakthrough in recent years, District Attorney Diana Becton announced.

Mitchell Lynn Bacom, 67, of Antioch was convicted of first-degree murder with special circumstances on March 15, prosecutors said.

Bacom, who was 27 years old at the time of the murder, was an early suspect in the initial investigation, but the case went cold until 2017 when he was identified as the perpetrator through his DNA profile, prosecutors said.

Suzanne Bombardier was babysitting her younger cousins when she disappeared from her sister's apartment on June 2, 1980, and her body was recovered a week later from the San Joaquin River.

Prosecutors said there was evidence of sexual assault, and Bombardier's cause of death was determined to be a single stab wound to the chest.

Bacom, who had previously been convicted in 1974 of rape and other felony offenses in Mountain View, was on parole at the time of the murder.

He was convicted of sexually assault and related felonies in 1981 and was sentenced to 24 years in state prison.

He will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, prosecutors said.

—Bay City News Service

• A company that buys used vehicles and sells or recycles its parts has agreed to a \$2.5 million settlement over allegations of illegal disposal of hazardous waste and stormwater pollution issues, including in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Pick-N-Pull agreed to the settlement with 14 California district attorneys' offices and promptly improved their practices, according to an announcement from the office of Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton on March 11.

The company, which operates 21 facilities in Northern California, buys older vehicles, sells their parts and recycles the remaining steel. Pick-N-Pull is a subsidiary of Schnitzer Steel, Inc.

Following unannounced waste inspections at the company's facilities around the state, the company was

found to routinely and illegally dispose of automotive fluids, aerosols, batteries and electronics.

"It is a priority to protect our environment and especially our waterways from harmful pollutants," said Becton, who praised the company's response. "When contacted by prosecutors, Pick-N-Pull promptly implemented improved procedures and practices relating to their hazardous waste disposal."

The judgment included \$1.85 million in civil penalties, \$350,000 in costs of enforcement and a payment of \$350,000 to environmental projects, including the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available

March 18

Rape by force/fear

■ 12:20 a.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

■ 12:31 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Burglary

■ 10:22 a.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

■ 12:06 p.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

■ 8:06 a.m., 3100 block of Washoe Way; theft from auto

■ 11:21 a.m., 3000 block of Calle De La Mesa; catalytic converter theft

■ 3:09 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Drug violation

■ 4:21 p.m. at Johnson and Owens drives

March 17

Drug violation

■ 12:19 a.m. on the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

Warrant arrest

■ 1:04 a.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 7:03 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 2:23 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

■ 10:26 p.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

March 16

Theft

■ 7:22 a.m., 3100 block of Cranwood Court; theft from auto

■ 11:58 a.m. on the 500 block of Dolores Place

■ 4:30 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

■ 8:10 p.m. on the 2700 block of Huff Drive

March 15

Vandalism

■ 10:03 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Fire

■ 12:53 p.m. on the 5100 block of Springdale Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 1:50 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

Domestic battery

■ 9:57 p.m. on Andrews Drive

March 14

Theft

■ 7:24 a.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

■ 10:55 a.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

■ 5:53 p.m., 4900 block of Dolores Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 7:41 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 9:05 a.m. on the 4000 block of Payne Road

■ 1:01 p.m. on the 3800 block of Mammoth Cave Court

Domestic battery

■ 2:25 p.m. on Fairlands Drive

Drug violation

■ 3:51 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Fire

■ 9:31 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

March 13

Assault/battery

■ 3:38 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

Graffiti

■ 4:02 p.m. on the 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive

Shoplifting

■ 7:11 p.m. on 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

■ 11:53 p.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives

March 12

Domestic battery

■ 12:21 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Shoplifting

■ 6:47 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 8:05 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 11

Graffiti

■ 9:29 a.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

■ 9:31 a.m. on the 100 block of Neal Street



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Museum welcomes Gus the horse

Community party set downtown on Saturday

By JEREMY WALSH

Gus recently galloped down the block — well, on wheels, anyway — to his new home on Main Street, and the community is invited to celebrate the horse's move at a welcome party this weekend.

The shiny equine sculpture, a longtime mascot at Christesen's Western Wear, now greets patrons at the Museum on Main after Christesen's owner gave Gus to the museum upon the historic retail store's closure last fall.

"Gus has been very popular, and it's really gratifying to see how many people have come up to see him since he's moved down to our front yard," museum curator Ken MacLennan said in a statement. "As popular as he has been, we felt a Main Street icon like Gus deserves a big welcome party."

Attendees at the community party on Saturday morning can take photos with Gus on the museum lawn, as well as enjoy fun, games, treats and of course, a little local history to boot.

Gus the horse greeted passersby outside Christesen's starting in 1975, introduced to Main Street not long after Stan Janes purchased the western apparel and supply store from the original owner's family.

The shop had been a mainstay in Pleasanton since being founded by Danish immigrants Peter Christesen and Andrew Greve in 1929, initially as a men's and boys' clothing store before Christesen bought the building next door in the 1950s to expand his inventory to include tack, riding gear and western attire for men and women, according to the museum.

With the Janes family making the decision to close Christesen's in September after 92 years in operation, many people were left wondering what would happen to Gus. Rory Janes, Stan's son, soon answered that question, making arrangements for the museum less than a block away to adopt and preserve the "icon of Main Street's history," museum officials said.

"Gus moved to the museum in February and since then has greeted visitors to Main Street each day from his new perch in the museum's front

yard," officials said. "He is wheeled out each morning and wheeled back into the museum in the evenings, just as when he was at Christesen's."

The museum is ready to bring out the welcome mat publicly for its newest addition this weekend, with a community party set from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday on its front lawn at 603 Main St.

The celebration will include photo opportunities with Gus, crafts including wooden horses and horse-shoes to color, horse crowns and a horse racing game with prizes.

Meadowlark Dairy, another downtown staple, has donated tokens for a free ice cream treat, which will be given out by drawing to a select group of attendees at 11 a.m. — and at that time, museum officials will give special recognition to Christesen's and Rory Janes.

Baughman's Western Outfitters, Rory Janes' store in downtown Livermore, will have a promotional booth at the event. The museum will also partner with Big Bay Ray, a local nonprofit that raises money to support local horse rescue organizations, to offer sales of its popular tote and wine bags sewn by local volunteers out of recycled animal feed bags.

To learn more about the welcome party, visit www.museumonmain.com or call 925-462-2766. ■



Above and below left: Gus the horse, a staple on Main Street in Pleasanton for decades, has found a new home at the Museum on Main. Below right: Rory Janes (left), prior owner of Gus at Christesen's Western Wear, poses with Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan. Courtesy Museum on Main.

Art for the season

‘Visions of Spring’ exhibit opening at Bankhead Gallery

By JEREMY WALSH

The Bankhead Theater Gallery is embracing spring with a new exhibit showcasing the talents of artists, musicians and writers from the National League of American Pen Women, Diablo/Alameda Branch.

Opening next Thursday in downtown Livermore, “Visions of Spring” offers patrons the chance “to experience firsthand the exuberance in the colors, media and expressions apparent in the artworks, and reflect in a heartfelt welcome to spring, renewal and emergence from the restrictions of the last few years,” gallery officials said.

A free opening reception following on the weekend will feature the artwork, musical presentations and readings of poetry and other writings representative of the exhibit’s “visions of spring and joyousness,” officials said.

Artists who are exhibiting works include Winnifred Thompson, Elizabeth Hack, Pat Doyne, Pam Holloway, Ruey Syrop, Ann Maloney Mason, Julie Cohn, JoAnn Frisch, Charlotte Severin, Usha Shukla and Azar Vaghefi. Artwork on display, which are for sale, represent a range of media including watercolor,



“Iris Germanica” by Pat Doyne.

acrylic, oil, colored pencil, digital, photography, ceramics and collage.

Musicians who will perform include Mary Fineman, pianist/composer and singer songwriter; Debra Nimmer, vocalist; and Margaret Davies, harpist and singer, with Kristoph Glover as accompanist. The writers include Susan Wight, Pat Doyne and Connie Rusk.

An organization that dates back

to 1897, the NLAPW is a nonprofit that “supports and promotes professional women in arts, letters, music and allied professions,” according to gallery officials, who note that the exhibit is opening in Women’s History Month — and aims to extend that celebration well beyond March.

“The NLAPW is the oldest women’s arts organization in the United States whose goal is to evolve into a modern organization and to spread its reach to new generations of women while continuing to build on their rich history and legacy, with mentoring, encouraging and promoting emerging professional women in the arts as an integral part of their mission,” officials said.

“Visions of Spring” runs from next Thursday (March 31) through May 29 in the Bankhead Theater Gallery at 2400 Front St. in Livermore. The gallery is free and open to ticketed patrons during theater performances and to the general public on Thursdays through Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

The opening reception is set for next Saturday (April 2) from 1-3:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.LivermoreArts.org. ■



“Glorious Garden” by Winnie Thompson.

Incredible Edible Plant Sale

Fundraiser back at Centennial Park next month

The UC Master Gardener Program of Alameda County is hosting its Incredible Edible Plant Sale at the Pleasanton Senior Center’s Centennial Park in two weeks, and preorder sales will begin this weekend.

More than 5,000 vegetable seedlings and culinary herbs are available to be reserved online ahead of the curbside pickup days on April 9-10, with all funds supporting the program’s community education work, according to organizers.

“On sale will be a selection of tomato plants including heirloom, cherry, slicers, container and paste varieties,” organizers said. “In addition, varieties of peppers, from sweet and juicy to hot and spicy, plus squash, zucchini, pumpkins and many other vegetables and herbs will be available.”

“The selection will include many rare and heirloom varieties that are hard to find and not widely available,” they added. “Place your order early as we expect to sell out fast as we did last year.”

The edible plants, which must be ordered in advance, with sales starting this Sunday, will cost \$4 for each 4-inch pot. Customers can pay by cash or check at the curbside pickup time of their choosing between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. April 9-10 in the park adjacent to the Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd.



Maria Lopez admires tomato transplants.

The money raised will support the local organization toward its mission “to provide the public with UC research-based information about home horticulture, sustainable landscape, and pest management practices,” organizers said.

The master gardeners noted that they are also working on plans toward establishing a demonstration garden in Pleasanton to offer “a unique experience offering hands-on learning through garden talks, workshops and demonstrations and creating a fun learning atmosphere for the entire family.”

The plants can be ordered at www.incredibleedibleplantsale.com. To learn more about the organization, visit acmg.ucanr.edu/. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Alliance creates new co-working space for nonprofits

CommonPoint Nonprofit Center opens in Livermore

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance unveiled the new CommonPoint Nonprofit Center, a co-working venue and community resource center, in downtown Livermore earlier this month.

The facility, a longtime goal of TVNPA co-founders Kathy Young and Mony Nop, provides flexible and fixed office space and conference room facilities for startup and established nonprofits alike at a low cost. Open for either drop-in or long-term office needs, the 2,900-square-foot center is located at 116 North L. St. in Livermore.

“This co-working space for nonprofits is such a wonderful resource for our community,” said Nop, a former board member of TVNPA. “Kathy and I spoke about this nonprofit collaboration center when we first met in an elevator eight years ago. Now that it is coming to fruition, you can’t help but support it. Together, our community will thrive.”

“Having a physical place for collaboration — not just with colleagues, but also those they serve — is important for nonprofits,



employees and volunteers, and it will host TVNPA trainings, educational sessions and networking events.

TVNPA officials said Hively, Quest Science Center and the HERS Breast Cancer Foundation have committed to leasing space at CommonPoint thus far.

“We wanted to establish a co-working space at a low cost so there are several set-ups to accommodate almost any budget,” Young said. “Eventually TVNPA plans to offer sponsorships for start-up nonprofits without budgets, as well as sponsor opportunities to reduce rent for all tenants.”

Key to helping establish CommonPoint were efforts from Nop to develop the space, source furniture, and funding and coordinating tenant improvements at the building. He joined building owner Alan Burnham as the center’s first donors, matching Burnham’s \$10,000 donation with a check of his own at the March 1 opening event, according to TVNPA officials.

More information is available by contacting Young at kathy@tvnpa.org. ■

particularly when they’re just getting started,” added Young, who serves as president and CEO of the alliance. “Larger nonprofits not based in the Tri-Valley also benefit from having an office-front closer to those they serve here.”

CommonPoint includes dedicated offices, dedicated cubicles, shared workspaces and virtual offices for nonprofits who just want a physical address and use of the conference room. Other amenities include secure WiFi, printer and a kitchen.

The center is staffed by TVNPA

Famed fiddler and Flambeau at Firehouse

Roots music on tap for April 3 show

The stringed sounds of Louisiana roots music are coming to the Firehouse Arts Center stage next weekend.

Acclaimed fiddle player Tom Rigney and his band Flambeau are performing in Pleasanton on April 3 as the downtown venue expands its live, in-person entertainment offerings amid eased pandemic restrictions.

“Flambeau showcases Rigney’s fiery, virtuoso fiddling, his charismatic stage presence, and his range and originality as a composer,” Firehouse officials said. “He and Flambeau have forged a unique sound that blends American Roots styles into something original — mixing irresistible grooves with deep musicality and spectacular soloing.”

“(They) specialize in blazing Cajun two-steps, low-down Blues, funky New Orleans grooves, Boogie Woogie piano, and heartbreakingly beautiful ballads and waltzes,” officials added. “Much of the repertoire is composed by Rigney, but they mix in a few classics from the Cajun/New Orleans songbook. Audiences may also pick up a trace of Rigney’s Irish roots.”

The concert is scheduled for 2 p.m. next Sunday (April 3). Tickets remain on sale; visit www.firehousearts.org. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



FIDDLE PLAYER TOM RIGNEY WILL PLAY IN TOWN APRIL 3.

FIREHOUSE ARTS



Goodguys back with 38th All American Get-Together

Car show taking over Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend

By JEREMY WALSH

A springtime favorite is returning to the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend as the Goodguys’ 38th All American Get-Together rolls into Pleasanton.

Set for this Saturday and Sunday, the auto showcase organized by the Pleasanton-based Goodguys Rod & Custom Association will include a range of vehicles on display, plus special competitions, cars for sale, vendor booths, kids’ activities and other entertainment.

“The event will feature over 3,000 American-made or -powered custom hot rods, muscle cars, restored classics and trucks competing for show prizes, as well as on-track excitement with burnout competitions, the Goodguys Autocross Series and more,” Goodguys officials said.

“Hundreds of vendors and exhibitors will be on site offering products and services, memorabilia, food and drinks, and more,” they added. “The weekend-long swap meet and corral will feature car parts as well as cars for sale.”



GOODGUYS

Classic cars will be back at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend for Goodguys’ All American Get-Together.

A special presentation for this weekend’s Get-Together will be an indoor car show featuring custom vehicles from 1936-1972 competing for Custom of the Year award honors.

Other highlights on the schedule include the Nitro Thunderfest Dragster Exhibition, burnout competition, indoor lowrider display, model/pedal car show and

Pinstripers Brush Bash. There will also be a kids’ model “make and take”, along with the familiar kids’ zone with free arts and crafts, games and prizes.

The 38th All American Get-Together is set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (March 26) and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday (March 27) at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Visit www.good-guys.com for more details. ■

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DAR honors local students

The Pleasanton-based José María Amador Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution recognized 11 Tri-Valley students at an awards ceremony on March 12 for taking part in the organization’s annual Constitution Week Poster Contest, the DAR Good Citizen and the American History Essay Contest — “The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier”.

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LETTERS



RICHERT LUMBER

Ace has retired from his duties at Richert Lumber and Ace Hardware

Ace the Cat retires

The pandemic hasn't just taken its toll on the human labor force across the globe with employees changing jobs and retiring. Although not well documented, the animal workforce has also been impacted.

Ace the Cat, a seven-year associate at Richert Lumber and Ace Hardware in Pleasanton, recently retired from his position as "Mouser Extraordinaire".

We couldn't keep up with the rodent problem in the yard, which is large and primarily outdoors. We wanted professional help, but were opposed to traps and poisons. The perfect solution was a deterrent, so we hired Ace the Cat.

Between food and veterinary maintenance, Ace was an expensive fix, but he has been phenomenal in reducing the rodent population as well as serving as a great ambassador for our company.

After previously residing at Valley Humane Society, Ace joined the Richert Lumber team in 2016 and soon became a popular fixture at his daytime hangout in the Plumbing Showroom. This past December, Ace the Cat retired to Sacramento along with another Richert associate, Dave Butts. Just short of Medicare (in cat years), Ace was rounding up rodents up until his last day in the store.

With Ace's retirement, Richert Lumber again turned to Valley Humane Society and associate Fred Emerson to find a replacement. This time around, we decided that two cats would be ideal and turned duties over to feline brothers Bert and Ernie.

Richert Lumber has always been pet- and kid-friendly, and playful charmers Bert and Ernie now have the run of the store, welcoming everyone, including dogs!

—Matt Richert, store owner

Council gerrymandering vote

So, what is it with Valerie Arkin, Pleasanton vice mayor?

Arkin spouting innuendos, "There has been a swell of outrage spewed by one special interest group with many members who are

not even Pleasanton residents and a political agenda to boot."

Is it the Pleasanton Weekly editorials? Feb. 27: "City's district election map, up for key vote Tuesday, reeks of gerrymandering". March 4: "Elections have consequences, as do election maps".

Arkin's beef is the Pleasanton Chamber? The Weekly is a chamber member?

Are these organizations Arkin's "One very special interest group with many members who are not even Pleasanton residents, and a political agenda to boot?"

After all Mayor Brown wanted to separate, disengage the city from the chamber regarding shared programs.

I suppose that council members Testa, Arkin and Brown discuss city business between the Pledge of Allegiance and council meeting adjournment? My concern comes about regarding Councilmember Testa's deceitful activity in distributing misinformation involving a development proposal downtown

Selecting the Tangerine map was gerrymandering. There is no other way to slice it.

—Michael Austin

Re-elect Gambs to Zone 7

I am pleased to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the Zone 7 Water Board.

The current drought is a stark reminder of just how precious water is. Zone 7 must improve water supply reliability to Tri-Valley residents and agricultural customers for future generations. Additional storage, such as the Sites Reservoir and Los Vaqueros expansion projects, is needed to capture extreme storm events and offset snowpack storage lost because of global warming.

I am a civil engineer and former water supply/flood control manager at Zone 7 for 34 years. I was elected to the Zone 7 Board of Directors in 2018. I have a lifelong interest in water supply, flood control, and community service.

I am a strong advocate for community input and decision making that is readily transparent to the public. My wife Lisa and I have lived in Livermore, since 1980, where we raised our sons and now enjoy our grandchildren. I would be honored to continue serving you on the Zone 7 Board.

For more information, you can visit my campaign website at www.dennisgambsforzone7.com.

—Dennis Gambs, Incumbent candidate for Zone 7 board

Thank you for Holiday Fund

On behalf of Axis Community Health's patients, board and staff, I would like to thank you and your readers for the extraordinary

\$10,000 contribution we received from the 2021 Holiday Fund campaign.

The Holiday Fund truly makes a difference in our ability to provide care for Tri-Valley families, especially during the pandemic.

These funds will be used to purchase in-home blood pressure monitoring devices for the Axis Health Connect program for vulnerable seniors who have hypertension.

The ability to monitor patients' blood pressures is essential to ensuring ongoing good health and for catching changes in condition in a timely manner. These patients are at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19 due to their age and underlying chronic illness, so in-home monitoring is important for keeping patients safely at home.

We greatly appreciate that the Pleasanton Weekly's journalistic efforts put a spotlight on the challenges that the health crisis has brought to the delivery of health care and the innovative solutions we have implemented. We also thank the caring community of Pleasanton Weekly readers for their generous response.

We are truly grateful for your philanthropic work and deeply appreciate Axis being a beneficiary of the Holiday Fund.

—Sue Compton, CEO

A more representative Streetwise

I was wondering why I rarely see my neighbors represented in the Weekly's "Streetwise". I have neighbors and friends who are originally from the Philippines, Korea, Mexico, India, China and many other places around the world. I'd like to hear what they think and how they feel.

Just look at the 2020 census results; just stand on a street corner in downtown Pleasanton. Thank you for having "Streetwise" show all of us.

—Sharon Murphy

Much appreciation

Thank you for the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund grant of \$10,000.

Your support makes it possible for Hope to respond to the growing and diverse needs in our community and help families to safely care at home for their loved one who is at the end of life. Hope brings expert nursing care, home health aide services and support by medical social workers, chaplains, volunteers and others to compassionately deliver the help families need.

One family recently wrote, "thank you to each one of you who supported us, guided us, and provided love and spiritual support

for our mom and for us. I simply couldn't have done it without you. It is so obvious that you all love what you do; you provided care and compassion when we needed it most, and for that we are eternally grateful. Mom is resting easy now. I will never forget your kindness."

Thank you for being part of our mission to bring hope, peace and care to those when they need it most.

—Jennifer Hansen, CEO

Thank you Weekly, readers

Thank you to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund for your generous support of Open Heart Kitchen.

Because of your contribution, our staff and dedicated volunteers will be better able to prepare and distribute nutritious meals to people in need in the Tri-Valley area. Last year we served more than 2 million meals curbside to-go across the Tri-Valley.

Now more than ever, more of our neighbors are turning to Open Heart Kitchen to meet their basic nutritional needs. We rely on the community's financial support and volunteer efforts to continue our mission to provide meals to anyone in need.

We hope you will consider visiting our website and signing up for our newsletter. We would love to keep you up to date with our progress.

Thank you once again for your contribution. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

—Denise Bridges, development director

New skate park in Pleasanton would be great

It is great to hear about the movement of promising a new skate park for Ken Mercer Sports Park.

As a former resident of Pleasanton, I attended Pleasanton Middle School and Foothill High School. Back when we used to refer it as "FGO", it brought great memories but also brought us the idea of improving the conditions of the park so the legacy of "FGO". This skate park has brought many different kinds groups to experience the wonderful environment the skate park provides.

Reaching a milestone like upgrading the skate park will influence many more kids and teenagers to be more outgoing which will result in a positive impact for the community and hopefully influence more parks in Pleasanton that are need of restoration and create activism to make that happen.

—Tomas Barrera-Lozano



Democracy and journalism go hand in hand.

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— Christina S. ”

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill boys' golf dominates Discovery Bay tournament

Also: Amador boys' volleyball stays hot; ice hockey back after two lost seasons

The Foothill boys' golf team started last week off by winning a tournament at Discovery Bay by 19 strokes, thumping second place California and third place Miramonte.

Brandon Knight took individual honors finishing with a 69. Chanhee Ryu came in second with a 71 to pace the Falcons to the win.

Then on March 17, Foothill avenged an earlier loss to rivals Amador Valley at Ruby Hill by a 185-188 final. Knight had the low score for Foothill at 36.

Finally, the Falcons finished the week with a two-stroke victory over Dougherty Valley. Knight was again the low score with a 36.

Boys' volleyball

The Dons stayed hot in East Bay Athletic League play with straight set victories over both Dougherty Valley and Dublin.

The Dons traveled to Dougherty Valley on March 15 and beat a scrappy Wildcat team. Bryce Nohava (16 assists, 6 kills, 5 blocks), Luke Melvin (8 service points, 4 kills, 2 blocks) and Parker Brookhart (3 aces, kills) paced a balanced effort by the Dons.

Two days later, the Dons beat the Gaels. In the final set, the Dons battled back from down 24-20 with Tyler Homes securing the exciting comeback with a decisive kill to end the match. Match leaders

included Nate Clinton (12 kills, 3 blocks, 3 aces) and Colin Bowers (19 assists, 7 digs, 9 service points)

Boys' tennis

The Falcons continued their dominance in the EBAL beating De La Salle (8-1) and San Ramon Valley (9-0).

In the De La Salle match, Foothill swept the singles and notched doubles wins from Archit Poruri/Ankur Hangal and Anas Joyo/Cam Cameron.

Later in the week when San Ramon Valley visited, the Falcons put the hammer down with the 9-0 win.

In singles, the Falcons got wins from Christopher Lee, Matthew Chen, Jivan Krishna, Poruri, Hangal and Anmol Jain, and doubles wins by Ahan Trivedi/Nick Tagalog, Cameron/Joyo and Komal Pamujula/Anuj Acharya.

For crosstown Amador, the Dons keep on rolling through, starting the week with a 9-0 sweep of Livermore.

In all, the Dons lost two games in the six singles matches. Wins came from James Heeter, Nolan Smith, Aaron Sharma, Vincent Ma, Stephen Gao and Hrishi Hari.

In doubles, the Dons dropped just three games in the three matches. The winning teams were Steven Yang/Subha Das, Vikram Murali/Arnav Murarka and Ajay Chandran/Tai Falcone.

The week ended with an 8-1 win over Monte Vista. Singles winners

were Minsung Kim, Rohan Patil, Anuraag Aravindan, Sharma and Gao.

In the doubles, the Dons took all three matches in straight sets. The winners were Heeter/Roy Kim, Smith/Murali, and Hari/Aaditya Geddam.

Boys' lacrosse

The Dons split their games last week.

The stretch started with a 13-5 loss to California. Collin Wallace led the scoring with three points (2 goals, 1 assist). Defensively, Max Quarneri forced two turnovers and collected a ground ball.

Amador rebounded with a 16-5 win over College Park. Wallace led the offense with nine points (4 goals, 5 assists), while Juke Jacobsen and Mateo Castillo each had 4 goals.

The defense even got into the scoring, with defenseman Tommy Hinek scoring on a fast-break rush. Freshman Brady Macissac got his first varsity goal.

The Dons got strong defense from Alex Krage (6 ground balls, 3 forced turnovers), Daniel Kniveton (3 ground balls, 2 forced turnovers) and goalie Jonny Wessel (12 saves).

The Falcons had a busy week too, with three games, going 1-2.

On March 15, Foothill traveled to Northgate and lost 11-5. Goals were scored by Jack May, Wyatt Lam, Darrin Lau and Darragh Kennedy (2). The defense was led by Nathan Kinsey, Caden Garofalo and Anthony Cardoza.

The next day the Falcons went on the road again and fell 15-5 to Vintage. Goals came from May, Lam, AJ Becker, Kennedy and JT Brugaletta. The defense was led by Josh Taylor, Garofalo, and Kinsey.



NANCY RITER
 Bryce Nohava setting the Dons up for success.

The week ended with an 11-5 win over Livermore on the strength of goals from Jake Morgan, May, Tyler Walsh (2), Becker (2), Darrin Lau (2) and Kennedy (3).

Mikey Paulsen was tremendous in goal with 20 saves. The defense was led by Bennett Zander, Graham Zander and Cardoza.

Ice hockey

After two seasons lost to COVID, the Dons ice squad was back in action, downing De La Salle 4-2 last Friday.

Brett Patzer (2) Ryder Lahrs, and Hunter Selkow scored for the Dons, while assists came from Will Coultrip (3), Lahrs (2) and Neil Johnson (2).

Goalie Lena Anderson made 28 saves in a spectacular performance. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly.

Dublin Distance Fiesta brings together 3,000 athletes

With DJ entertainment, event has become a true party for area runners, fans

BY DENNIS MILLER

After spending many years covering track and field, I saw some great invitational events that brought together athletes from all over competing in a variety of events.

They were annual events that many looked forward to seeing on a yearly basis, as people looked forward to seeing the top athletes on that particular year.

Over at Dublin High, they have such an event. The 14th annual Dublin Distance Fiesta took place last Friday and Saturday, bringing together 150 schools and almost 3,000 athletes for the two-day event.

With some athletes entering multiple events, there was 4,300 entries overall.

The "Fiesta" part of the event title fits as it has become a party for the distance running universe. The event features a DJ spinning tunes throughout the days.

Dublin has established itself as one of the top distance running programs in the state, so it is fitting the Gaels play host to the event.

The Fiesta is the brainchild of Dublin coach Chris Williams, who started

the event in 2008 when he was the coach at Skyline High in Oakland.

The next year he came over to Dublin and brought the meet with him. They started with 39 teams that first year and that has grown almost four times the amount.

"We put on a good meet," Williams said. "A good retention for an event is usually around 50%. Ours is 92% — they keep coming back and bring others with them."

So how crazy of an event is the Saturday sessions? The day starts at 8 a.m. and finishes around 10 p.m. There are 146 heats run during the day, with about 15 seconds between the end of one race and the start of the next.

"The meet is exciting — there is always a race going off," Williams said.

Williams turns to his staff of 15, 60 parent volunteers, and his athletes that are not distance runners, which numbers around 150.

The talent at the meet is off the charts. All the heats are seeded by times, with the top seeds always determining the fastest time of the day — or the winner.

The success of the Gaels as a

distance program is a big draw.

"The fact that our team has been noticed is big help," Williams said. "Teams look and say, 'It's Dublin; let's go there.'"

Every year there are great times turned in and the sheer size of the event makes it attractive. "Our meet is the biggest in the country," said Williams. "And we have more (personal best marks) than any other meet in the country."

As you can imagine, with a talent level the Fiesta boasts, success often follows at the CIF State Track and Field Championships later in the season.

In fact, there was an incredible three-year run with winners of the 3,200 at the Fiesta that also won the gold at the state meet.

In 2016, Cooper Teare of St. Joseph's in Alameda turned in the double. The next year it was Callum Bolger of San Luis Obispo who took both races, with Fiesta runners Luis Grijalva of Armijo High finishing second, and Teare finishing third. Grijalva was the 2016 CIF State cross champion. In 2018, Liam Anderson of Redwood High won in Dublin, then took the

gold in the 1,600 at state.

This year the race of the day may have been the girls' 3,200 where the first two runners Hanne Thomsen (Montgomery) and Sophia Nordenholz (Albany), both shattered the existing meet record.

One East Bay Athletic League runner took a title Saturday. Cate Peters of Monte Vista crossed the line first with a 2:11.45 for the win.

What seems to bring the Fiesta all together is the music.

"Once the gun goes off in a race, it's dead air," Williams said. "The music really gives a good vibe, not just for the athletes, but for the parents and spectators. Track is a sport that is not always user friendly because of the down time. This keeps the fans entertained."

The idea for the music started with the initial meet as Williams was a former DJ and had all the equipment. That initial meet also provided one of the more entertaining races.

"That first year we had the top three teams in the Distance Medley," Williams said. "It was (Skyline), Petaluma, and Monte Vista. A runner from Redwood requested 'Like a



DUSD
 Cate Peters of Monte Vista won the girls' 800 race at the 14th annual Dublin Distance Fiesta.

Virgin' by Madonna. The race starts, then music starts cranking Madonna — it was hilarious."

Like the meet, the music has grown as well. Williams now uses a DJ service for the meet.

There is one thing for sure — the Dublin Distance Fiesta will always be a party. ■

Entertainment

ASBURY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATER The Asbury Players present, "Done to Death", by Fred Carmichael, a murder-mystery comedy. 7 p.m., March 25-27. Ashbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE SPRING MUSICAL Las Positas College Theater Arts Department presents "High Fidelity: The Musical", based on the popular 1995 Nick Hornby novel. March 24-26. For more information visit laspositascollege.edu.

ROY ORBISON RETURNS WITH WILEY RAY & THE BIG O BAND This tribute captures the man, the memories and the music of a true legend. 8 p.m., March 25. Tickets \$67-\$77. Visit livermorearts.org.

EAST BAY JAZZ PERFORMS AT THE BOTHWELL The East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars is an after-school program for high-caliber musical performance and education for high school jazz musicians. Tickets \$10-\$24. 7 p.m., March 27. 2466 8th St., Livermore.

WORDS! MAHLER SYMPHONY 4 Pacific Chamber Orchestra presents this symphony with Marnie Breckenridge, soprano and narrator. 3 p.m., March 27.

Tickets \$65. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater.

VELOCITY IRISH DANCE AT THE BANKHEAD Representing the next generation in Irish tap, Velocity Irish Dance honors past traditions but blasts them feet first into the 21st century. 7:30 p.m., March 30. Tickets \$20-\$98. Visit livermorearts.org.

SWIRL FOR A CAUSE Local musicians band together at Swirl on the Square in Livermore to raise money for Doctors Without Borders to help the Ukrainian refugees. Swirl will donate all profits to the cause. 5-9 p.m., March 31. 21 S. Livermore Ave.

HOT PEAS 'N BUTTER Children have a hard time resisting the engaging mix of Latin jazz, Afro-Caribbean rhythms, folk and rock music served up by Hot Peas N Butter. 3 p.m., April 3. Tickets \$10-\$20. Bankhead Theater. Visit livermorearts.org.

TOM RIGNEY AND FLAMBEAU Tom Rigney and Flambeau specialize in blazing Cajun two-steps, low-down blues and funky New Orleans grooves. 2 p.m., April 3. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

Shows & Exhibits

GOODGUYS ALL AMERICAN GET-TOGETHER The longest running event on the Goodguys schedule returns

for the 38th All American Get-Together. Check out a jaw-dropping display of over 3,000 American show cars and trucks of all years, makes and models. March 26-27. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

ART & LITERATURE TOGETHER Livermore Arts presents a collaboration with Cynthia Patton, Livermore poet laureate, to bring a pairing of art and literature to the Bankhead Theater. Free and open to the public. Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., now through March 27.

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE/MUSEUM ON MAIN EXHIBIT "Imagination Expressed 2022", features paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, jewelry and other works by members of the Pleasanton Art League. Now through March 26. Visit museumonmain.org.

ALL BREED CAT SHOW Fancy felines from around the country will be on display and competing for Best Cat at the 41st annual Cat Fanciers Association cat show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 2 and 3. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

GOLDEN GATE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION SHOW The Golden Gate Arabian Horse Association presents their annual horse show at the Pleasanton Equestrian Center. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 2 and 3. Admission is free. Visit goldengateaha.com.

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Rex is ready

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VISIONS OF SPRING EXHIBIT Presented by the National League of American Pen Women-Diablo/Alameda Branch, the opening reception includes musical presentations, poetry readings and refreshments. 1-3:30 p.m., April 2. This free exhibit runs through May 31. Bankhead Theater.

available for all levels of fitness. Visit ebparks.org/trails-challenge.

HIKE FOR HOPE REGISTRATION IS OPEN This annual memorial hike raises funds to generate support for Hope Hospice. Register early to receive a t-shirt at TheHikeForHope.com or call 925-829-8770. May 14.

Outdoor Recreation

LIONS OF LIVERMORE Ranger Doug will discuss the largest predator in Livermore, the Mountain Lion. Learn how we share the same habitat with this amazing hunter. 2 p.m., March 27. Call 925-960-2400 or email natureprograms@larpd.org. Sycamore Grove Park.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT TRAILS CHALLENGE Participate in this free, self-guided hiking and bicycling program to explore the East Bay regional parks and to keep fit outdoors. The 2022 Guidebook includes 20 detailed trail descriptions

Health & Wellness

COVID VACCINE CLINIC Livermore Springtown Library, Pfizer (12+), Moderna (Boosters) (18+), Pediatric Pfizer (5-11). 3-7 p.m., March 29. 998 Bluebell Drive in Livermore.

Veterans

MILITARY VETERANS VA MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM Meet the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Team to review health care benefits, register to VA services and receive care or a referral from medical staff. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., March 28. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Hereld & Ayres Architects
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 586561
The following person(s) doing business as: Hereld & Ayres Architects, 1039 Serpentine Lane, Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Ayres, 3248 Cheryl Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Kerry Ayres, 3248 Cheryl Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by David Ayres, Kerry Ayres, a married couple. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 2022. Signature of Registrant: Kerry Ayres, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 17, 2022. ([Pleasanton Weekly](http://PleasantonWeekly.com), March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.)

Crown Trophy
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 586631
The following person doing business as: Crown Trophy, 5424-3 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: JJCJ, Inc., 5424-3 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by JJCJ, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 10, 2001. Signature of Registrant: Jerry Rosenblatt, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 23, 2022. ([Pleasanton Weekly](http://PleasantonWeekly.com), March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.)

Beach House Waxing LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 587139
The following person doing business as: Beach House Waxing LLC, 4713 First Street, Suite 215, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Beach House Waxing LLC, 4428 Hacienda Drive, Apt. 104, Pleasanton, CA 94588, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by Beach House Waxing LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the

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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JANE CAROLE DAL PORTO also known as JANE DAL PORTO
Case No: RP22121100. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JANE CAROLE DAL PORTO also known as JANE DAL PORTO. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARK WILLIAM DAL PORTO in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: MARK WILLIAM DAL PORTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on APRIL 13, 2022, at 9:45 a.m. in Dept.: 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your

attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Patrick Etchebehere, 293112, Etchebehere Law Group, 7250 Redwood Blvd., Ste. 380, Novato, CA 94945, (650) 288-0122. ([Pleasanton Weekly](http://PleasantonWeekly.com), March 18, 25, April 1, 2022.)

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 24-28 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and Feb. 14-18 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4225 Garibaldi Place** D. Kirai to M. & D. Kumar for \$1,500,000
- 4004 Ghiotti Court** Bariteau Family Trust to S. Solanki for \$860,000
- 44 Golf Road** Lipman Family Trust to X. & M. Hsu for \$2,700,000

Livermore

- 1579 5th Street** Colzani Family Trust to L. & P. Clary for \$1,005,000
- 1233 Amalfi Common** K. Suileabhain to P. & R. Wright for \$1,300,000
- 2976 Basil Common** Yip Living Trust to Mary & Aims Living Trust for \$1,300,000
- 1598 Bluebell Drive** K. & W. Wheeler to G. Toschi for \$962,000
- 1064 Bluebell Drive** Strahl Living Trust to Bray Trust for \$1,175,000
- 855 Dakota Court** G. Wessel to V. & D. Devassy for \$830,000
- 980 Dickens Court** K. & C. Olson to M. & K. Alidoost for \$1,750,000
- 6360 Forget Me Not #112** D. & W. Cullen to A. & A. Rithe for \$780,000
- 221 Garnet Drive** Eustace Living Trust to M. & R. Boppidi for \$1,325,000
- 690 Grace Street** Meyer Trust to N. & W. Pak for \$1,236,500
- 6419 Half Dome Court** Messner Family Trust to E. & M. Diehl for \$1,225,000

- 883 Keystone Way** D. & C. Holmes to Redfinnow Borrower LLC for \$1,090,000
- 772 Lido Drive** Gnanak LLC to B. & T. Wills for \$1,460,000
- 526 North M Street** J. Llamado to V. & M. Aranda for \$692,000
- 1798 Mallard Court** Whiting Family Trust to J. & M. Hernandez for \$1,530,000
- 3971 Portola Common #1** L. Om to N. & H. Gutierrez for \$950,000
- 221 Scott Street** Rumberger Family Trust to C. & F. Shenave for \$765,000
- 3873 Stanford Way** T. & K. Singh to G. & S. Sriram for \$1,050,000
- 1025 Vienna Street** 1994 Sang-Wook & Hilde Trust to D. & A. Gardner for \$1,303,000

Dublin

- 3717 Branding Iron Place** L. Eldeeb to A. & H. Bedi for \$1,000,000
- 4257 Fitzwilliam Street** Kay 2021 Family Trust to K. Kim for \$841,000
- 4153 Healdsburg Way** V. Posa to C. & V. Merreddy for \$1,615,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #311** Alves Living Trust to K. & P. Veera for \$740,000
- 6622 South Mariposa Lane** Aluru Family Trust to M. & S. Mahmood for \$1,053,000
- 4321 Markleeville Road** E. & M. Ventura to N. & A. Voruganti for \$1,550,000
- 5810 Midnight Place #E** Calatlantic Group Inc to R. & R. Maamidi for \$1,128,500
- 4811 Perugia Street** Bodley Family Trust to Arora Living Trust for \$1,136,000

San Ramon

- 9088 Craydon Circle** Barbara Irwin Trust to G. & R. Hung for \$425,000
- 264 Eastridge Drive** T. Barrett to I. Gendelman for \$515,000
- 169 Elisha Lane** O. & M. Afridi to S. & A. Kumar for \$2,650,000
- 2908 Fountainhead Drive** Golden Choice Homes LLC to T. & N. Shafiq for \$884,000
- 66 Hazelnut Court** D. & C. Dodge to M. & K. Aurora for \$1,800,000
- 556 La Copita Court** Francine Trust to K. & J. Chan for \$682,500
- 2619 Marsh Drive** A. Robinson to N. & V. Kannan for \$1,170,000
- 637 Santander Drive** Thomas Living Trust to D. & A. Nagaich for \$1,973,500
- 501 Summer Valley Court** Q. Zhao to K. & S. Balamugundan for \$2,200,000
- 9122 Tangerine Street** Park Family Trust to Syriani Living Trust for \$1,165,000
- 210 Triana Way** K. & M. Higgins to S. & E. Zhang for \$1,768,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Jan. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 3
Lowest sale reported: \$860,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,700,000
Average sales reported: \$1,500,000

Livermore (Jan. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$692,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000
Average sales reported: \$1,175,000

Dublin (Jan. 24-28)

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$740,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,615,000
Average sales reported: \$1,090,000

San Ramon (Feb. 14-18)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$425,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000
Average sales reported: \$1,170,000

Source: California REsource



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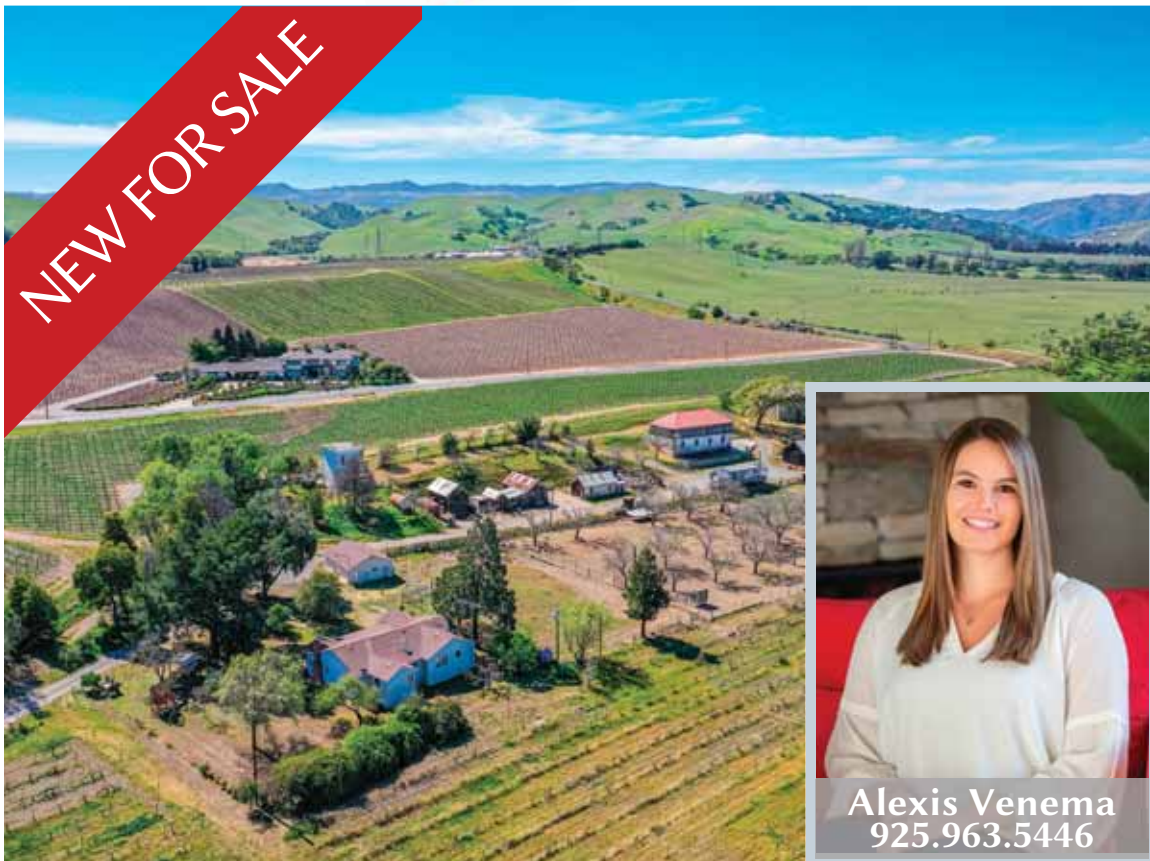


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Sold - \$86K Over



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OPEN SAT/SUN, 1-4PM
4186 Hall Court, Pleasanton
3bd/2ba | 3,226+/- sq.ft | 9,178+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,849,000



NEW LISTING

OPEN SAT/SUN, 1-4PM
4726 McHenry Gate Way, Pleasanton
4bd/3ba | 2,050+/- sq.ft | 9,575+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,799,000



NEW LISTING

OPEN SAT/SUN, 1-4PM
814 Saddleback Circle, Livermore
4bd/2.5ba | 1,683+/- sq.ft | 6,408+/- sq.ft lot
Listed at \$1,448,888



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1530 Rose Lane, Pleasanton
5bd/2.5ba | 3,800+/- sq.ft | 12,077+/- sq.ft lot
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5bd/3.5ba | 2,688+/- sq.ft | 6,772+/- sq.ft lot
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4bd/2ba | 2,172+/- sq.ft | 7,350+/- sq.ft lot
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4630 Laramie Gate Court, Pleasanton
4bd/3ba | 2,020+/- sq.ft | 7,560+/- sq.ft lot
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2231 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton
4bd/2ba | 1,690+/- sq.ft | 9,871+/-sq.ft lot
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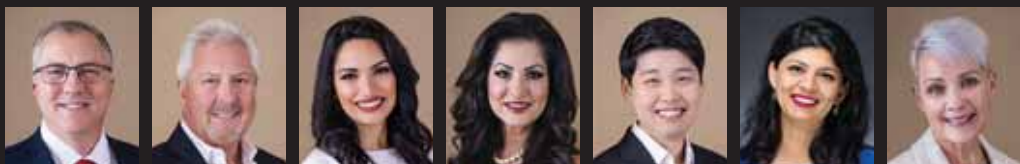
COMING SOON

1536 Maple Leaf Drive, Pleasanton
4bd + bonus room/3ba | 2,788+/- sq.ft
6,656+/-sq.ft lot
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We recently sold our home in Pleasanton Valley with the help of Tim McGuire and his team. I cannot overstate how professional and effective they were. Everything was executed exactly as planned, and they provided support and services that went well beyond what we could have reasonably expected. I can't imagine a better experience with anyone else, we were able to get top value for our home, and the transaction was completed in a timely and frictionless manner. Tim's knowledge of the local market is unparalleled, and his pricing and negotiating strategies resulted in multiple offers that were viable and compelling. The partnership we were able to develop with Tim and his team resulted in a wonderful outcome for all concerned, and we are very grateful to have had Tim as our guide and facilitator to navigate our way through the process.

– Klaus & Kathy Hofmann, Pleasanton



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