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AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

The Traveling Alphabet brings help to Ukrainians

“We struggle to process and make sense of the situation in Ukraine. Images of bombed apartment buildings, civilians dead on the side of the road and long lines of people fleeing their home haunt our thoughts. We feel drawn to do more than watch...”

Pleasanton’s Bryan Gillette posted this March 29 as he shared his family’s plans to help refugees from war-torn Ukraine and a plea for help funding supplies and other necessities.

Bryan and Audrey Gillette and their sons, 15-year-old Colin and 13-year-old Decker, took only two hours to make the decision to travel halfway around the world to help the Ukrainian people.

Picking up and traveling thousands of miles “isn’t out of our character,” Bryan said.

The “Traveling Alphabet” — self-named because they are A(udrey), B(ryan), C(olin) and D(ecker) — is all about meeting and connecting with new people. In 2017, Audrey and Bryan took Colin and Decker out of school for a year to travel the world.

They knew traveling to Germany and Poland to assist refugees was not going to be a pleasure trip, but there was no doubt it was going to be ABCD.

“I think we knew what we were going to do was going to be impactful,” Audrey said, “not just for other people but for us as well. I don’t think it ever crossed our minds to not take the kids. Either all four of us were going or we weren’t going. We operate as a family that way.”

Through GoFundMe donations, the Pleasanton family raised more than \$57,000. They left for Berlin on April 10.

“The support from this community blew me out of the water,” Bryan said.

Because they knew they would need more than just financial help, as soon as the decision to go was made, Audrey “put it out to the universe” by sending an email to everyone in her contact list.

“I knew people knew people who knew people that were going to help open doors,” she said.

Audrey was contacted by a former Pleasanton Police Department employee who said a current PPD lieutenant, Maria Sarasua, was volunteering at the Ukrainian border. Sarasua put the Gillettes in touch

with others who helped transport \$10,000 of medicine purchased with the donations from Germany to Kyiv.

Much-needed tourniquets, costing \$7,000 for 442, are making their way to Kyiv right now. Several thousand dollars were used to purchase household supplies, food, clothing, toys and medicine for a refugee center in Swidnica, Poland, a city that has taken in more than 2,700 Ukrainian refugees.

ABCD was also able to outfit 10 Ukrainian children living in Berlin with Chromebooks and headsets so they could attend school online with teachers who are still in Ukraine. “It sort of speaks to the tenacity of the people there, trying to maintain some sort of normalcy.” Knowing a sense of normalcy is so important to mental health and wellbeing, the family indulged the children with some list items that were more “want” than “need,” like towels and swimsuits and cosmetics for two older girls.

There is an orphanage in Swidnica, and ABCD asked for a list of items they could bring when they visited.

“You try to put yourself in their shoes, which is a very difficult thing to even comprehend,” Audrey said. “They had good lives in Ukraine. They were probably living in a comfortable home, they had jobs and the children were in school. They had what they needed — clothes, food, whatever.”

“And now their world has been turned upside down and they are forced to rely on the kindness of strangers,” she said, adding that nobody knows how long this will continue.

Looking ahead, the Gillette family hopes to provide 17 Chromebooks and wardrobe armoires for clothing and storage for the orphanage, as well as supplies to the Swidnica refugee center. They are also considering purchasing more medicine to be sent to Kyiv.

That is why the fundraising account at GoFundMe.com/ABCDforUkraine is still accepting donations.

“We hope we inspire people to do something,” Audrey said. “And it doesn’t mean you have to go to Poland. What can you do for your next-door neighbor? What can you do around Pleasanton? What can you do to make things a little bit better for somebody else?” ■

About the Cover

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Melanie Mueller
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I would love to do that. I think it would be a really great and valuable experience. However, I think it would be a bad idea because I know I would be biased in favor of the person I felt I knew better and admired.



Hiren Sheth
Utility operations

Oh yeah. I think it would be insanely fun to hear what's going on and get an inside view of a really interesting trial. I've actually been following the Johnny Depp versus Amber Heard trial quite closely because I find it fascinating.



Bridget Rittman
Server/graduate student

I think it would be really interesting to have a say in something so important. However, I'd be afraid of a decision being rendered against my own feelings and having to live with that the rest of my life. So I guess the short answer is "no."



Reetu Singh
Executive

Yes. I think it would be fun to hear all of the interesting testimony and be part of the process of deliberating over all of the evidence and deciding who to believe.



Linnea Lianides
Biologist

Definitely yes. If I were to have to give up my normal salary to be on a case being paid the standard juror payment of \$15 per day, I would want to be assigned to an interesting trial. I wouldn't want to be a juror on a garden-variety, run-of-the-mill case where, for example, someone slipped and fell and is suing the owner of the property.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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First Weekends

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's First Weekends on Main program begins today through Sunday in downtown Pleasanton.

A revamping of the downtown street closures each summer weekend in 2021 and summer and autumn in 2020 amid the pandemic, the program for 2022 will see the affected streets closed to vehicular traffic on the first weekend of each month from May to December. The City Council approved the 2022 plan in a 4-1 vote in February.

"Every first weekend of the month, come downtown and enjoy street closures for roaming our historical downtown, events and outdoor dining," PDA officials said.

The downtown street closures will extend from the Main Street bridge to south of Bernal Avenue every first weekend of the month, starting Friday at 4 p.m. and ending Sunday at 9 p.m.

Rodeo Parade

The Rotary Club of Livermore recently announced its annual Rodeo Parade will be back on June 11 at 10 a.m. in downtown.

The parade's theme each year is to honor the Livermore Valley's Western heritage, organizers said.

"If you have a classic car or truck, a horse or a wagon, wish to promote your groups or your business name then join us and be part of the parade. Walkers with a banner works too," Rotarians said. "14,000-plus people come to downtown Livermore to see the parade. The parade is an opportunity for you to advertise yourself while having some great family fun."

Prospective entrants can visit www.livermore-rotary.org.

Support group

Tri-Valley Haven is set to begin an in-person support group for survivors of domestic violence at the nonprofit's Community Building located at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore.

"Our weekly facilitated support groups are curriculum based along with open-ended discussions with peers and therapists in a safe and supportive environment," organizers said.

Sessions will be held each Monday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for eight weeks starting May 23. To register, email Olga at olga@trivalleyhaven.org or call Sharon at 925-449-5847 ext. 2607.

Tri-Valley Haven also reminded of its 24/7 crisis hotline for those in need, 1-800-884-8119. ■

PUSD board wants to proceed with plans to move district operations off Bernal site

Concept would allow Village High to relocate, portion of property to be sold for housing

By SHIRI MARWAHA

The discussion about setting up the Pleasanton Unified School District property on the edge of downtown for future redevelopment could be moving to the next stage soon.

The Board of Trustees expressed interest in a conceptual plan presented by district staff at last week's meeting to relocate district headquarters to an office building in

Hacienda Business Park, a move that could result in a new home for Village High School and a portion of the current site to be sold for future housing.

"I just really also applaud the administration here for looking at all the various options with us and our facility master planning committee for really weighing all that type of information and kind of synthesizing those priorities so that we can

get the most value out there," Board President Mark Miller said at the April 28 meeting.

The presentation was led by Ahmad Sheikholeslami, assistant superintendent of business services, who spoke about the plans for Village High School and laid out potential options for planning work.

The PUSD property at 4645 and 4665 Bernal Ave. includes the

district office, Village High School and the upper Bernal field. The upper field is under a lease to the city and is used by the school during the day and by the community in the afternoon.

The property also houses the Pleasanton Virtual Academy, the Superintendent's Office, Business Services, Student Support Services,

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Amador celebrates We the People national championship

Dons win title for second time in school history; Foothill also finishes Top-4 in DC

By SHIRI MARWAHA

The competition civics team from Amador Valley High School is the best in the country, winning the national We the People tournament last week.

Bringing home the school's second We the People national championship in history was a testament to the hard work and dedication of this Dons team in the competitive educational program that promotes civic competence and responsibility by having students demonstrate their understanding of government and the Constitution by participating in congressional hearings, according to coach Stacey Sklar.

"This year's team is truly an extraordinary group and it has been my pleasure to work with them. Not only did they place first at each stage of competition, but they also developed a genuine love of history and civics," said Sklar, who also teaches English at the school.

For the competition, Sklar traveled with the teams through Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., during which she could see their excitement and the benefits the program was having on the students.

"That deep understanding and appreciation for our system of government is what this program really fosters," Sklar said.

It was a banner tournament for all of Pleasanton, as Foothill High School placed fourth in D.C. to give Pleasanton Unified School District two teams in the Top 4 at nationals for the second time



The Amador Valley We the People team, seen here with U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell at the Capitol, won the national championship in Washington, D.C.

in five years — in 2018, the Falcons took second and the Dons were fourth. Amador previously won the national championship in 1995.

"The students and adults that make up our competitive civics teams are truly remarkable and are always an inspiring example

of our PUSD mission in action: Our students will make a better world," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in a statement congratulating both teams for their high finishes at nationals.

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Pleasanton chamber hires new president/CEO

Vallejo's Cooper to take reins here June 1

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has selected James Cooper, the current leader of the Vallejo chamber, to serve as its next president and CEO.

A former real estate professional and U.S. Air Force veteran who also has career experience with the Novato, American Canyon and Benicia chambers of commerce, Cooper said he is "honored" to have the opportunity to move to the Pleasanton chamber and lead its efforts "with helping local businesses grow."

"My focus is for the chamber to be relevant to its members and the community. This only happens when we understand their concerns and collaborate on the solutions. For our voice to be heard, we must first be willing to listen," Cooper said in a statement released through the chamber on April 28.

"The greatest joy I get from my role as chamber president is when I hear from a member that the chamber made a difference for them," he added. "We are a resource to be tapped, rich with information and connections benefiting businesses. Our job is to make sure members know we can help, and how."

Cooper, whose first day on the job in Pleasanton will be June 1,



James Cooper

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The community debate to 'Save Donlon Field'

Parents, neighbors balk at idea of housing on school property; district argues concept is in early stages, but site is too large to maintain

CHAMBER

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By SHIRI MARWAHA

Donlon Elementary parents and neighborhood residents recently held a rally to appeal to the school district and raise awareness among the community about their desire to retain all of the large green space and play area at the campus that is being considered as an option for potential new housing.

The April 24 event at Val Vista Park, across the street from the backside of the campus, was organized by a group of concerned parents like Colleen Hake hoping to save the 8.3-acre Donlon field as green space for the elementary students to play and achieve optimal development in their youth, as well as for community use outside of school hours.

"There's scientific evidence that the benefits of green space for the mental, physical and emotional health of children is significant," Hake told the Weekly.

"I think that an important part of our event was just raising awareness that it is on the (city) Housing Element list," she added.

The Donlon Elementary field was among nearly two-dozen properties across Pleasanton included on the short list for environmental review in the city's Regional Housing Needs Allocation sites inventory list for potential residential development. The ultimate inventory list will be approved as part of the city's Housing Element update finalization process.

Patrick Gannon, spokesman for the Pleasanton Unified School District, noted the concept of



COURTESY COLLEEN HAKE

Scores of residents turn out to community rally event on April 24 to generate support for the "Save Donlon Field" movement.

converting part of the Donlon field into housing is in the very early stages and could take years to materialize. The district would need to sell the land for any development to take place, and the proposal would need to go through public processes at the district and city levels.

The topic will be discussed as part of a special PUSD Board of Trustees meeting on the district's Facilities Master Plan scheduled for May 19.

"As always, we encourage families and community members to learn more by watching and participating in these meetings as all conversations around use of District property happen publicly to allow community engagement," Gannon said.

"Right now, we're more focused on providing Donlon students

access to green space, which is what the parents and the Donlon community have asked us to do. So we are happy to be doing that for the Donlon students," he added, referring to adjustments being contemplated to the new fencing at the campus.

PUSD trustees Steve Maher and Kelly Mokashi, along with city Mayor Karla Brown, were among those in attendance at the April 24 event at Val Vista, and they each spent time and interacted with the crowd, according to Hake.

"They talked to so many community members on (that) Sunday, and everyone really let them know their thoughts about what is going on in our part of Pleasanton," Hake said.

The participation feedback was overwhelmingly positive, according

to Hake, a mother of two and former NASA engineer and Navy veteran.

Preparation for the community event started a few months ago with the distribution of fliers throughout the neighborhood, but even so, the organizing group of parents was surprised by the turnout of approximately 300 people, Hake said.

Including the awareness angle, the event featured games for kids where Robots supplied treats to children including raffles, according to Hake. Community members showed support by donating products for the event for the raffle prizes.

One concern of Donlon Elementary parents is that the kids will lose their play area and will be forced to play on black tops, which could cause more injuries in falls and pose overheating issues on hot days, compared to the grass field, according to Hake. They also expressed concerns about the accessibility of the field, for students and the community, in light of a new security fence installed by the district in the past year.

Gannon told the Weekly the district plans to relocate the fence that currently sits between the Donlon blacktop and field to create an accessible green space for the school community to utilize. This new, enclosed green space would provide at least 3 acres — larger than two football fields — that will be easier for the school to supervise students safely, he said.

"We're moving it, so a portion of the existing field would be fenced in as part of the school and connected to the blacktop," Gannon said. "It would be the area minus the 5.5 acres that is potentially being considered (for future residential use)."

A key issue with the 8.3-acre Donlon field "is that it is too large and the school can't reasonably provide adequate supervision to allow students to play on the field safely," according to Gannon, who noted that the result is the area would then sit there largely unused by the district.

The large ground would require supervision, and according to Gannon, the school's request for parent volunteers hasn't received enough response.

"So my question to the parents who want the entire field is, what are you doing to ensure (safety)? It doesn't seem that they're stepping up so their children can use the field during the day," Gannon said.

Donlon Elementary School is tucked in the Val Vista neighborhood northwest of the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road. The front of the school is on Dorman Road, but the portion under debate is the field on the backside of the campus along Denker Drive and Payne Road. ■

rose to the top of the chamber board's search process over the previous two months — undertaken after President/CEO Steve Van Dorn announced his upcoming retirement in late February after nearly four years at the helm.

"We are confident that James will represent our business community with compassion and professionalism. His experiences not only make him well-positioned to lead our chamber, but also complement the economic initiatives our city has been focusing on," said Chamber Board Chair Kim Damiani of Summit Financial Group.

"James has an impressive professional background, and we are confident his approach will help the chamber fulfill its vision and mission over the years to come," Damiani added.

Cooper entered chamber of commerce administration later in his professional life, joining the Novato Chamber of Commerce as its membership manager in early 2011. The next year, he was hired as president and CEO of the American Canyon Chamber of Commerce, which he led for nearly four years.

He made the move one city south down Highway 29 to the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce to take over as its president and CEO in late 2016. During part of that time in the pandemic, Cooper concurrently assisted the Benicia Chamber of Commerce as interim executive director providing executive-level support during a time when the Benicia chamber had no staff.

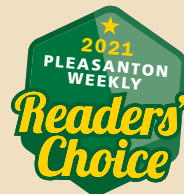
Earlier in his working life, Cooper served in the U.S. Air Force in security policy and as a K-9 handler, and he later ran a dog training academy. He spent nearly 15 years in the real estate industry as a corporate marketing director, general manager and real estate salesperson. He was also a business services representative for the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County before working at the Novato chamber.

Cooper is a graduate of the Western Association of Chamber Executives and holds a Master of Business Administration with a global management emphasis and an undergraduate degree in business management.

A lifelong Californian, Cooper was born in Southern California but raised in the Bay Area. He is married with two daughters, one in college and the other a senior in high school. He and his wife own a small bed-and-breakfast on an island off the coast of Madagascar, his wife's home country.

Cooper cited his personal passions outside of the office as including music, movies, sports, traveling, and spending time with his family. ■

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LVJUSD parcel tax renewal narrowly ahead after Election Night

Measure A sits at 67.47% Yes — needing 2/3rds approval to pass

By JEREMY WALSH

The margin is razor thin for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's parcel tax renewal, with the Yes side on Measure A finishing Election Night narrowly in lead with final ballots still to be processed.

The initial results sat at 67.47% Yes (9,805 votes) and 32.53% No (4,728 votes) in the special mail-only election with ballots due Tuesday, according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office. As a parcel tax question, Measure A requires a two-thirds supermajority (better than 66.67% Yes) in order to pass.

Election officials still have an unconfirmed number of eligible ballots left to tabulate, as ballots postmarked by Tuesday or submitted to a drop-off location by the deadline in the evening still qualify. Voter turnout

was reported thus far as 24.66% of registered voters in Livermore.

LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers expressed cautious optimism that the lead on Election Night would hold once the results are finalized in the days ahead.

"I am sending a heartfelt thank you to the thousands of Livermore voters who once again supported our schools in this special election," she said in a statement on behalf of the school board and district leadership on Tuesday night, while also acknowledging, "it is too early to declare an outcome."

"Our Measure A campaign volunteers have spent hundreds of hours reminding and encouraging parents and other school supporters to vote," Bowers continued, adding:

"Once all the ballots are counted, we are optimistic that Measure A

will prevail so that we can continue to keep great teachers in our classrooms, maintain strong STEM academic programs and keep classroom technology and curriculum up-to-date. We expect to have more definitive results at the end of this week."

Measure A asked voters who live within the LVJUSD boundaries whether to extend the existing \$138-per-parcel tax for another seven years.

The ballot question said the tax funds would go to "preserve quality academics in math, science, reading, writing, engineering and technology; attract and retain qualified teachers; preserve TK-12 technology and elementary science specialists; (and) keep classroom technology and curriculum up-to-date."

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each year, the parcel tax question also cited "senior exemptions, independent citizen oversight and all funds benefitting Livermore students."

The parcel tax has been in place in LVJUSD since 2004, with successful renewals in 2008 and 2014. The current, approved as Measure G eight years ago, is set to expire at the end of June, which is why the district set the election for the renewal Measure A in May.

The decision to call for a mail-only special election, rather than put the tax renewal on the June primary election came under question in February when Livermore resident Alan Heckman, of the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association, sued the district in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to halt the parcel tax ballot.

The plaintiff argued "everything about this election has been deliberately set up by the school district to favor the measure," the association's attorney, Jason Bezis, told Livermore Vine at the time.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch would rule in the district's favor and clear the way for the May 3 special election.

The opposition group had not issued a response to the initial election results as of Tuesday night.

The totals announced by county officials at the end of Election Night typically represent a significant majority of ballots cast, but not all. Ballots postmarked by Tuesday but still in process with the U.S. Postal Service can still qualify, as can those from provisional or conditional voters. It was unclear how many eligible ballots remain to be tabulated. ■

Zone 7 directors vote 5-2 to continue in Delta Conveyance Project

Board majority supports staying the course, keeping seat at table; dissenters cite concerns about environment, feasibility

By JEANITA LYMAN

A divided Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors voted to continue participating in the planning phase for the ambitious and long-discussed Delta Conveyance Project, following discussions about intricacies and concerns related to the matter last month.

The directors' 5-2 vote on April 20 comes with an a commitment of an additional \$4.75 million in funding by Zone 7 for environmental planning for the proposed project.

"California's been fighting over the Delta for almost 110 years continuously, and we have never been able to figure out what to do with it ... It's a full century; it's amazing how much emotion the Delta has caused in the state," Director Sandy Figuers said.

"It's really wild, but I think this project has been ... one that has

been pounded on, beaten on, sued over, lawyers have gone through it, that has survived," he continued. "And I think the core of it is solid. And I have to support it because we can't go another hundred to 200 years to come up with another solution."

However, despite the favorable outcome of the vote, deciding to continue participating in — and funding — the planning phase for the project was complicated by the still-pending results of environmental review processes, as well as the fact that by necessity, agencies not participating in the project would still see water quality improvements anticipated by it.

"At this point in time I can't support this," Director Olivia Sanwong said. "I look at the Delta ecosystem and I think it's such an important environment. For

me personally, I really think a lot about humans controlling nature and unintended consequences and it's really tough for me to support this without seeing the EIR."

Zone 7 was among the 10 out of 18 state water agencies to agree to participate in the first two years of the anticipated four-year planning phase for the Delta Conveyance Project but check in and vote again before proceeding with the next two years of participation and funding in the planning process. Of those, six had voted to continue prior to the agency's April 20 meeting and vote, making Zone 7 the seventh.

With results of the California Environmental Quality Act and environmental impact report processes still pending, agencies that vote to continue participation in the planning phase will have the benefit of being able to review

these results prior to committing to participate in and fund the next stages of the project.

The main benefit, however, is that these agencies would be able to have a voice in the project itself if they decide to participate past the planning phase.

"If for some reason we were to not approve this tonight and if we were to get off this project at this point, then we're out of it," Board Vice President Sarah Palmer said. "We don't have any say in what's going on."

Palmer added that what this would mean is that an agency who had stayed on board with the planning phase of the project could potentially then buy up shares of water that would have gone to Zone 7 if they continued participating, forcing the agency to then purchase them at a higher rate than they would have paid

under continued participation in the planning phase.

In a presentation on the project ahead of the vote, Amparo Flores, manager of integrated planning, said that the project was "aimed at restoring and protecting the ability of the State Water Project to deliver water reliably."

Environmental changes to water flow and quality in the Delta region that are already underway include the impacts of sea level rise, which increases salinity, and a less predictable snow run-off season from the Sierra Nevada.

"We have got a system where we cannot rely on the Sierra snowpack," Palmer said "The snowpack leaves the ground and comes on down at earlier times than we've ever seen before ... so we've got extreme levels of water coming

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Tri-Valley rallies support access to safe and legal abortions

In wake of leaked U.S. Supreme Court draft opinion signaling reversal of Roe v. Wade

By JEREMY WALSH

Several dozen people joined together in Livermore and Dublin on Tuesday in a show of support for protecting access to safe and legal abortions in the wake of a Politico report that made waves nationally the night before in citing a draft opinion from U.S. Supreme Court signaling a potential reversal of rights from Roe v. Wade.

Council members, local leaders and community members shared reactions and personal stories during comments at the separate rallies while others held signs with messages to reinforce reproductive rights, organizers said.

"The Supreme Court is no longer an institution we can count on to expand constitutional rights," Kyoko Takayama, of Livermore Indivisible, said afterward in recapping their event. "Their goal now is to roll back and restrict the rights we've all fought so hard for. This opinion signals the Republican Supreme Court's intention to overturn marriage equality, end access to contraception, gut protections for people of color, and more."

The "Bans Off Our Bodies" gathering at Stockmen's Park in downtown Livermore featured female speakers sharing stories of surviving an illegal abortion, traveling to other

states to seek an abortion before the original Roe decision and choosing to continue pregnancies, Takayama said.

In Dublin, people met in front of the Dublin Civic Center on Tuesday afternoon and heard a lot of friendly honks from commuters driving by, according to Kate Duggan.

"Local elected leaders and Abortion Rights supporters (rallied) to defend abortion rights and women's healthcare rights, and demand elected officials take action before 50-year settled law is overturned," Duggan said, adding that a focus was also on "the importance of saving Roe and access to safe and legal

abortion for all who need it."

The issue of abortion protection and reproductive rights was cast into the national spotlight on Monday evening when Politico published a report after obtaining a leaked copy of a draft opinion authored by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito appearing to indicate a majority decision in favor of overturning Roe v. Wade. A final opinion has not been officially released thus far.

Tri-Valley Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Reproductive Health, reacting to the news report that night.

"The moment we have feared for years is here," Bauer-Kahan said, adding:

"As the Supreme Court appears ready to end the right of women to make decisions about their own bodies and their freedom to choose, we are ready to do whatever it takes to protect access to abortion and women's health care in California. Not only will we continue to work relentlessly to safeguard the right to a safe and legal abortion in California, but we will ensure that California is a place that women from every state can continue to exercise their reproductive freedoms in a safe environment." ■

Teachers union rallies at Dublin High, district HQ in midst of negotiations

Management ticks up raise proposal to 3.25%; teachers say more is needed to recruit and retain

By JEANITA LYMAN

Dublin educators and community members rallied at the district headquarters and Dublin High School last week, with the goal of garnering support and attention for the unionized teachers' fights for proposals that they say would contend with recruitment and retention struggles in the district.

"DTA believes the best student-centered approach is one that invests in the best for student success, and we are calling on management to meet us there to ensure no student gets left behind," Dublin Teachers Association President Robbie Kreitz said in a statement.

Kreitz told the Weekly that a proposal put forth by DTA would allow

new employees to transfer in up to 10 years of credit, which would be retroactively applied for current employees.

"This allows for the retention of current (employees) and expands the recruitment of new employees," Kreitz said. "Dublin Unified district management has offered only to allow new hires to increase their amount of service years and leaves current employees behind: a refusal to retain."

The announcement of the April 26 rally from DTA alleges that "management refuses to retain and recruit the best educators for Dublin students" in their proposals, in contrast with the aims of the union's proposals.

Kreitz said that another proposal

put forth by the union would increase healthcare funding from 75% to 90% for DTA educators, "to allow for recruiting and retaining folks to come and stay."

Kreitz added that DUSD management's proposal of a 3.25% increase in salary for DTA educators was particularly insulting to teachers living in areas with a high cost of living, such as Dublin and the greater Tri-Valley.

"The lack of effort to retain the teachers who currently call Dublin home is insulting to all employees and a salary proposal of 3.2%, which is 1.8% less than what the board voted to give themselves and imposes some 5% in loss of purchasing power on employees," Kreitz said.

The DTA announcement this week additionally contrasts the union's proposals, aimed at teacher recruitment and retention, with management's, for their focus on the needs of students.

"A student-centered approach involves meeting every student where they are and keeping them a priority on all fronts," DTA's announcement said. "However, DUSD management has unilaterally implemented several of its divisive proposals, such as their work calendar which did not consider what was best for Dublin students."

DUSD spokesperson Chip Dehnert said that the district "look(s) forward to the ongoing dialogue with our union partners," which

would resume at their next meeting.

DUSD's fourth bargaining session with DTA was on April 15, during which both parties presented their compensation proposals. DUSD raised its compensation proposal, according to an update from Heather Duncan, assistant superintendent of human resources.

The revised compensation proposal from the district raised their proposed salary increase for DTA educators from 3% to 3.25%. DTA's compensation proposal would also see a 4% salary increase for each salary schedule cell, as well as a 0.5% salary schedule increase to compensate for an increase in collaboration days.

"The District continues its commitment to partnering with DTA and its membership to ensure that all DUSD students benefit from having the best educators," Duncan's April 15 announcement said. "We look forward to our next bargaining session." ■

BART board reinstates mask requirement

Rule in place through at least July 18; enforcement to focus on education, not penalties

BART riders will once again be required to wear a mask while on BART property after the transit agency's Board of Directors approved its own mask mandate last week.

The board voted 7-0, with Directors Debora Allen and Robert Raburn abstaining, to require masks within BART's paid areas through at least July 18. The vote came just over a week after a federal district court judge struck down the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's mask requirement for public transit and airplanes.

The California Department of Public Health also announced two weeks ago that it would align with the CDC and drop its own mask requirement for public transit and transit hubs like bus stations and airports.

After BART said in a statement April 20 that it would make masks "optional but strongly encouraged" throughout its system, BART Board President Rebecca Saltzman and Directors Janice Li and Bevan Dufty announced they would propose adding a mask requirement to the transit agency's customer code of conduct.

On April 25, Saltzman also sent letters to health officials in the five counties in which BART operates to urge them to issue their own requirements to wear a mask on public transit.

"As you are aware, the requirement to wear masks on trains and buses as well as within bus terminals and trains stations, helps protect everyone from COVID-19, especially those who are immunocompromised, people with underlying health conditions, and children under 5 who cannot be vaccinated," Saltzman wrote in the letters.

At the board meeting on April 28, Saltzman said enforcement of the

new requirement will be focused on education rather than penalizing riders.

BART police officers will only give warnings to those without masks for the first week of the new requirement. Masks will also be available for free at each BART station.

The mask requirement will also not apply to people who have a disability or medical condition as well as children aged 2 or younger, under the updated code of conduct.

"The intention is not to have a permanent mask requirement on BART," Saltzman said. "The reality is we're still in the midst of a public health crisis, and in the past three weeks cases have been going up every day in the Bay Area."

Virtually all riders throughout the BART system have complied with previous mask requirements. Mask audits conducted four times per month in the first three months of the year found 97% compliance in January and 98% in both February and March.

Riders who refuse to comply with mask requirements after an initial warning have been given citations starting at \$75 and climbing as high as \$250, but BART Police Chief Ed Alvarez told the board last week that it has been exceedingly rare for officers to cite riders.

Alvarez estimated BART police officers have given just seven citations for failing to wear a mask over the last two years, and said officers have been very successful by just reminding riders that masks are required.

Alvarez also said he did not have data immediately available on how many riders have been ejected from the system over the last two years for refusing to put on a mask.

"Our officers and anybody wearing a BART police uniform always carries free masks for giveaways and that's where we've pretty much gotten most of our compliance," Alvarez said.

Director Liz Ames suggested doing away with the citations in general in an effort to prevent BART

police officers from potentially receiving pushback from non-compliant riders.

"I just think we should just give them a mask and not even do the citation," she said. "I mean, just don't

even get into a big conflict because right now, the country's in conflict over this, and we don't need more."

While Allen and Raburn both said

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Stanford nurses overwhelmingly ratify agreement with hospitals

Union ends weeklong strike in support of deal that includes 7% base wage increase this year

BY SUE DREMANN /
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

Nurses at Stanford and Lucile Packard Children's hospitals have overwhelmingly voted to end a weeklong strike, their union, the Committee for the Recognition of Nursing Achievement (CRONA), said on Monday. The strike was the first in 20 years by the union against the hospitals.

The nurses walked out on April 25 after a 93% approval vote that authorized CRONA to call a strike. They chose to strike against the hospitals due to conditions they said were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Intense pressure of understaffed units and constant requests for overtime were pushing as many as 45% of union members to consider leaving the hospitals soon, according to the union, which represents about 5,000 nurses.

Over the weekend, 83% of nurses voted to ratify the three-year contract, which includes safe staffing measures, across-the-board wage increases, improved access to mental health support, additional vacation time and measures to recruit and retain nurses for high acuity

areas. The nurses returned to work on Tuesday morning, CRONA said.

"CRONA's new contracts represent an enormous victory for nurses at Stanford and Packard, who have been fighting tirelessly for improved work and patient care conditions. We have won improvements across all the priorities nurses identified at the beginning of our contract campaign. CRONA nurses always knew our worth," said Colleen Borges, president of CRONA and pediatric oncology nurse at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

"We are glad the hospitals are finally acknowledging it now after a week-long strike that demonstrated how difficult it is to get nurses with the skills and experience that Stanford and Packard nurses bring to their patient care," Borges added.

In a statement issued Monday, Stanford hospital leaders said they were "pleased" that the agreement was ratified.

"After extensive discussions, we were able to reach a contract that reflects our shared priorities and enhances existing benefits supporting our nurses' health, well-being, and ongoing professional development,"

according to the statement. "We look forward to welcoming our union-represented nurses back tomorrow ... We appreciate the incredible effort that our entire health care workforce put forward last week."

The strike action did not relate to Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare facilities in the Tri-Valley but did impact local patients obtaining services in the hospital system on the Peninsula.

The contract changes come amid burnout and exhaustion among nurses nationwide. Recruitment and retention of nursing talent was a core concern during negotiations, the union said. The nurses called on the hospitals to commit financially to address inadequate staffing, rising costs of living in the Bay Area and a consistent lack of rest and recovery.

The nurses will receive across-the-board wage increases that keep up with the high cost of living in the Bay Area, rising prices and competitive contract nurse rates. The pay increases will be a combined 7% base wage increase this year — initially 5%, followed by 2% — with additional raises of 5%

in 2023 and 5% in 2024.

Nurses working in units that are difficult to staff and require care for the most severely ill patients, including emergency departments, intensive care units and critical care transport teams, will receive additional incentive pay.

The new contracts require staffing based on patient acuity — the level of sickness and care needed — and include commitments from the hospitals that ensure nurses with high-acuity patients are able to safely take meals and rest breaks.

To reduce burnout, the nurses also demanded greater access to mental health treatment and the ability to rest and recover. The new agreement will give the nurses greater access to mental health care and funding specifically designated for mental health treatment.

The hospitals have committed to consulting with CRONA before selecting a vendor to revamp their Employee Assistance Program, which was widely criticized by many nurses for its delayed and inadequate support for nurses seeking counseling.

Nurses will also be able to pre-schedule an additional week of paid

vacation and the contracts confirm nurses' rights to use protected sick leave for mental health reasons.

The new contract also offers significantly increased retiree medical benefits and student loan assistance. The hospitals would also provide a new rapid response team to address workplace violence incidents and in-person training on emergency-response protocols.

The contract also maintains a no-cost medical plan for nurses and their spouse and dependents.

"I was proud to vote for this contract. It's what nurses at Stanford and Packard have been fighting for: changes that ensure we can meet our patients' needs, especially in critical care units and emergency departments, with time to rest and recover and take care of our own health," David Hernandez, a Stanford Hospital emergency room nurse, said in the union statement.

"We're grateful to have the support of our patients and our community, who understood that excellent patient care is inseparable from nurses' working conditions and stood with us on the picket line," Hernandez added. ■

DISTRICT

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Teaching and Learning, Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Adult Education and Career and Technology Education (CTE) programs, TV30, Horizon Early Education, STEAM Preschool and Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE).

The district functions on a property with seven buildings spread over 10-11 acres of land, which has also long been considered ripe for redevelopment as residential due to its prominent location in downtown and near the ACE Train station.

Village, the district's alternative high school, is located in both modular and older 1950s buildings. But the placement of the buildings causes inconvenience to students with Horizon is on the north side and STEAM is at the lower part of the campus, PUSD officials said.

According to Sheikholeslami, efforts are ongoing over the past months for the potential acquisition of a site for a good portion of the district office functions in the Arroyo Center on West Las Positas Boulevard in Hacienda.

The office building would provide the district with a great deal of flexibility to move most of its functions, Sheikholeslami said. A portion of the property is rented currently, but he suggested it could be a potential opportunity to pursue it at this point.

"So we'd have to really look at

those buildings and make sure that they are in the condition that they're supposed to be and they meet all our demands," he said.

The presentation also included plans to modify Village High School, along with the consideration of the Educational Operations Center for a potential future bond measure.

Board members agreed that Village High School is in dire need of a makeover. Trustee Mary Jo Carreon said students deserve the same opportunities as students at other schools as she tried to understand what the plan entails.

"But when it says relocate Village High School, I want people to understand that that would be temporary wouldn't it though because what would happen if we don't have the bond?" she asked.

The relocation would be a phased approach, according to Sheikholeslami.

"Phased approach is to relocate them down here in a unified campus, bringing in portable classrooms. So the unified campus is out of the older 1950s building and so how we position that and how we do that depends on what paths we (take)," Sheikholeslami said.

Vacated district operations area could potentially be used as classrooms since they are more modernized, but everything will depend on the path taken including funding, he said.

"If we decide if we don't have a bond measure, if the new high

school or some level of modernization upgrades are not included in the bond, then we'd have to look within the dollars we have and the dollars we could get from a potential sale than to come up with an alternative plan," Sheikholeslami added.

"But it needs to be a plan that thinks of the Village holistically and not just something that just kind of gets them through the next few years. It has to be a holistic long-term plan," he said.

Student Board Member Saachi Bhayani came with many questions, including about the board's closed-session financial deliberations on Arroyo Center, to which Board Member Joan Laursen said such negotiations were not disclosed to the public because it would give away the board's plans to potential negotiators and put them at a disadvantage when negotiating property deals.

"If we talked about the price that we were trying to buy or sell something, the other party would have an advantage to knowing what our thoughts were," Laursen said.

Bhayani had multiple questions related to finance, "What is the cost to prepare the entire district office?" she asked.

In terms of modernizing and bringing the buildings together, Sheikholeslami said, based on recent building construction costs estimates of \$600 per square foot, the district needs 60,000 square feet amounting to approximately

\$36.2 million.

"Do you know how much the district office would possibly sell for the property value of this place?" Bhayani responded.

Treading carefully around the question, Sheikholeslami said, it is a highly priced property and it depends on many issues such as final approval, number of units but gave a rough estimate of \$4 million to \$5 million per acre.

"I'm assuming we're trying to move forward with the purchase of the new district office; I was wondering how it will be funding that new district office if we're not selling this property as of yet?" queried Bhayani.

There are loan opportunities a district could take and that could be through a certificate of participation arrangement or a bridge type of loan between the time we purchased and then sold this property, answered Sheikholeslami.

Bhayani wasn't still convinced about the plan and said, "I'm just confused about the logistics of getting rid of the district property and then keeping the Village still, so we're only gonna sell a portion of the property instead?"

The idea would be to retain a portion of it that would most likely be the one connected to our remaining property at the upper Bernal field, which would provide access to that field from the campus and the remaining portion of it would be for sale, Sheikholeslami said.

Superintendent David Haglund

spoke to assure the community that a Facilities Master Plan process was involved here in which each school had a group of stakeholders contributing ideas to the facility.

"The similar process would be used to engage the teachers and students and families that are participating in the Village program; some of that process has already started," he said.

Trustees had more queries to understand the nuances about the proposed plan.

"Has there been other considerations for other schools besides what was presented here as a high school?" Trustee Kelly Mokashi asked, to which Haglund said nothing new was being added but just replacing the existing school to modernize it.

"It's less about doing something new, but enriching and engaging and more about doing the right thing for the current students that we have," Haglund said.

After discussions and deliberations, the board members said were satisfied with the plan and excited about moving forward to the next step.

Laursen expressed gratitude about moving forward with the plan although it would still need the city's help and many details still needed to be worked out.

"Taking our assets that we have, and converting them into their best use to move this district forward is what we're supposed to be doing. So, I am really thrilled," she said. ■

ZONE 7

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down, and not being able to capture them.”

Infrastructure under the project would mean being able to switch to a different diversion point when there are obstacles in the Delta.

“The key here is that they’re providing another tool for State Water Project operators to address these impacts,” Flores said.

The need for some kind of project

to update the aging, 1960s-era infrastructure that conveys water through the Delta for the SWP has been clear for some time, but the conveyance project has come to the forefront compared to other proposed plans, to the dismay of Board President Angela Ramirez Holmes, who cast a dissenting vote alongside Sanwong.

Ramirez Holmes said her major concern with the project had remained steady throughout the process so far, which was that it would

never come to fruition.

“This idea does not yet for me clearly indicate that we will get all the things that we’re promised for all the people that we’re promising,” Ramirez Holmes said.

“I just don’t like all the eggs in one basket,” she added.

Although Palmer emphasized that the project’s current planning stage had accounted for the concerns and comments raised by significant input from a Stakeholders Engagement Committee

that she chaired, Ramirez Holmes said she remained concerned that there would be lawsuits from environmental groups down the line, pending the results of environmental studies in the planning phase.

Despite concerns raised by Sanwong and Ramirez Holmes, the board majority ultimately sided with Figuers’ and Palmer’s affirmative position on the project, with directors Dennis Gambbs, Laurene Green and Michelle Smith McDonald agreeing with Palmer’s

assessment that a vote against continuing in the DCP process amounted to an “exit ramp” that they weren’t willing to take at this point.

The project is currently on schedule and on budget, according to Flores, with the planning phase set to continue through 2024. Participating water agencies such as Zone 7 will then have the opportunity to consider and vote on whether to continue to be involved past the planning phase. ■

WE THE PEOPLE

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The two Pleasanton schools represented California among 47 teams and approximately 1,000 high schools from across the country at the national tournament held late last month.

The Amador championship team of 22 students includes seniors So-raia Bohner and Tom Li.

Li said he was always interested in STEM subjects but one history class he took made him appreciate civics better and he enjoyed the topics of the competition more than he expected.

“I never knew that I could make a passion or really enjoy it a lot more than I did with science,” Li said to the Weekly.

On the other hand, teammate Bohner said she was interested in civics and politics since middle school but the 2016 elections piqued her interest when her family started participating in public rallies.

“I don’t know if I’d want to be like an elected official, that’s a lot of pressure. But I would love to

be a political science professor,” she said.

The historic finishes by the Amador and Foothill teams this year was a culmination of thousands of hours of preparation by the students, teacher coaches (Foothill led by Jeremy Detamore and Graham McBride and Amador led by Sklar), as well as parent and competitive civics alumni, according to district officials.

“It was a true honor to coach this team,” Detamore said. “Despite all the challenges of the last two years, they more than met the challenge of We the People and took Foothill to the second best showing in our history. I could not be more proud of their efforts and their accomplishments.”

According to Bohner, Amador’s preparation for the competition required dedication because the teammates spent anywhere from 24 to 30 hours per week outside school hours training to compete.

“Monday through Friday, we would call for three hours and we would practice,” Bohner said. “And then on the weekends, we would spend six hours on Saturday and

four hours on Sunday meeting, going to the library, reading books together and discussing quotes and stuff like that.”

According to the Amador seniors, the secret to their success is the close bond, understanding and teamwork among team members that helped them move ahead in the competition.

“We were all really close and I think that we were able to learn a lot about each other like strengths

and weaknesses,” Bohner said. “It really helped each other with that. So that by the time we competed, there weren’t really any weaknesses that we didn’t know about, so (when the time came) we could really handle that.”

Li agreed that a good friendship made it easier for them to bring home the title after over a quarter century.

“I think because our team was so well bonded, and we were really

friends and companions with each other. That’s why we were able to take home the national title,” said Li.

After months of preparation and hard work, the students said they are in awe of their victory.

“It is an indescribable feeling,” Bohner said. “We spent seven months, you know, almost 30 hours a week doing this ... To win and be the national champions, it’s indescribable.” ■

MASKS

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they actively wear masks aboard BART trains and plan to continue doing so, Raburn suggested BART’s requirement would undermine the authority of public health officials while Allen argued BART police officers simply have more pressing issues to deal with throughout the system.

Allen also said she felt the board did not have enough data and information on the efficacy of the different types of masks to consider whether a requirement would keep riders safe en masse.

Allen and Raburn both advocated for BART to continue strongly recommending the use of a mask in lieu of requiring it.

“The fact is, today, most passengers are masked,” Raburn said. “Enforcement without a health department mandate is problematic.”

Allen and Saltzman also suggested BART police should change the kinds of masks they give to riders. According to Alvarez, officers have been giving cloth masks to riders, which have been less effective than

surgical masks and high-quality masks like N95-grade respirators at preventing the spread of recent COVID variants.

While BART police have given out cloth masks, Alvarez said, station agents continue to provide surgical masks to riders who request them.

Board Director Janice Li argued that the mask requirement aligns with the first sentence of BART’s customer code of conduct, which states the agency’s policy “to help ensure the safety, security, comfort and convenience of all those who use its services.”

Li also argued that the prior federal and state mask requirements have not negatively affected the agency’s ridership and that the use of masks is a modest way of trying to keep others from getting sick.

“If the science bears out that we were wrong and mask mandates on public transit show no data-based evidence affecting COVID transmission rates,” she said, “it means the worst-case scenario is that we continue a very simple masking requirement for a couple more months.” ■

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BEYOND PENNY LANE

Livermore native's path to Paul McCartney tribute show

By MELISSA MCKENZIE

When Livermore native Mark Abbott was in fifth grade, his father slammed his fists on the dinner table and demanded his two sons choose an instrument to begin playing. That was the first step in what would become Abbott's path to a professional music career and upcoming show at the Bankhead Theater next week.

"My dad sensed that his kids were drawn to music and probably thought we were afraid to ask for a guitar or drums," Abbott said. "And so he set this stage for making it OK, and that's how I got started."

As a student at Rincon Avenue Elementary School, Abbott began taking drum lessons at Al's Valley Music on First Street. He continued learning the instrument while attending Junction Avenue Middle School, but it wasn't until he was a sophomore at Livermore High School that he decided he would make music his career.

In the early 1980s Abbott was present at a J. Geils Band concert at what was then the San Francisco Civic Center when his brother, who was four years his senior, fell ill and was unable to attend.

During the pre-concert sound



MICHAEL J. MANGANO

Multimedia elements are as much a part of the show experience as the music at Stroll Down Penny Lane, which comes to the Bankhead Theater on May 13.

checks, Abbott, who wasn't a fan of J. Geils' poppier sound, determined he had no interest in the opening band either, but before that band took stage, Abbott overheard the patrons behind him discussing the opener, calling them a "new wave band from Ireland."

Within the first moments of U2 taking the stage Abbott, who exclusively listened to hard rock, said his entire world had changed. He was mesmerized by what he

was hearing.

Abbott said the crowd called U2 back for multiple encores before Bono proclaimed they didn't have any additional songs to play, and in the final minutes of their performance Abbott said his future career was solidified.

"(Bono) brings this girl up on stage and they sit on the drummer and Bono leads the whole place in 'Give Peace a Chance' ... to be in that room at that moment

was incredible," Abbott said.

"And, on the ride home in the car, my older brother's friend Mike said, 'something in addition to music rolled off that stage,'" he recalled. "At the time, he didn't have the words for it, and I didn't have the words for it. But basically, we had had a spiritual experience and it was at that moment that I knew this was what I wanted to do. I wanted to be part of something that made people feel that way."

Throughout the years, Abbott has performed as both a live and studio musician, taking gigs as they've presented themselves and achieving moderate success with the band Box Set in the 1990s. For the past half decade, Abbott has been part of Stroll Down Penny Lane, a Paul McCartney musical tribute group.

The brainchild of lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist Joe Anastasi, Stroll Down Penny Lane is a multimedia show combining the works of McCartney with video accompaniment.

The show itself follows McCartney from his earliest influences through The Beatles and Wings and to his current solo career. While most of the music performed is recognizable to the average McCartney fan, Abbott said

there are at least two deep cuts performed throughout the show that only avid fans will recognize.

Being part of Stroll Down Penny Lane and performing in Livermore brings Abbott, now a resident of San Francisco, full circle, as the first album he ever purchased with his own money was Paul McCartney and Wings' Venus and Mars at Livermore's now-defunct Galaxy Records.

The show, Abbott said, is also the first of the group's post-COVID-19 shutdown performances and serves as a homecoming for Abbott, who said he expects a number of friends and family to attend. He also hopes anyone who loves McCartney's music will buy a seat.

"It's less expensive than a ticket to Paul McCartney," Abbott said with a laugh. "It will deepen your appreciation for Paul McCartney. Something will be realized to you that you didn't know before, didn't notice before or you didn't realize and you might learn something. You'll get a deeper appreciation of the music because of what we do with the films."

Stroll Down Penny Lane performs at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore next Friday (May 13) at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at livermorearts.org. ■



RILEY ORIGINALS

Livermore native Mark Abbott is the drummer in Stroll Down Penny Lane.

Sunol Rep returns with familiar melodrama

Reprising 'The Treasure of Shiver River' onstage this month

BY MELISSA MCKENZIE

The Sunol Repertory Theatre is back onstage for two weekends in May, reprising the melodrama it prepared to perform before the Bay Area first shut down two years ago.

In March 2020, SRT planned a performance of "The Treasure of Shiver River," but soon after a dress rehearsal early that month, the production was canceled when the COVID-19 pandemic brought the arts industry to a halt.

"We had our rehearsals in January and February and a dress rehearsal in March and we have the Pleasanton Senior Center bring a group here," said the play's director, Klay Kunkel. "We got through dress rehearsal and we did our opening night on March 6, I think it was, and we got shut down."

Now, over two years since SRT last performed "The Treasure of Shiver River," the troupe is at it again with nearly the exact same cast as was originally planned and ready to open for a two-weekend run on May 14.

Because melodramas are a bit of a staple for SRT, the show, Kunkel said, is best when the audience is fully invested and fully through vocal cues throughout the performance.

"We almost demand to have audience participation," Kunkel said. "They get to boo and hiss the villain and ooh and aah the hero and heroine. We've done other comedies the past couple of years, and this returns us to the melodrama ... and people really wanted to have that back."

In "The Treasure of Shiver River," scoundrel Rod Enreel (Bob Canning) is looking for hidden treasure on Col. Ticonderoga Sanders' (Conover Smith) Shiver River Ranch and plans to take over the land if Sanders can't sell his cattle and come up with money for the mortgage. Meanwhile Marshal Marshall Law (Kunkel) is planning to propose to Sanders' daughter, Heidi Claire (Meredith Sarboraria), but can't without his grandmother's ring, which was lost to Lotta

Luck (Robin Spindler), the now-reformed gambler and proprietor of the Shiver Valley Hotel.

Hilarity ensues as the villains and heroes go back and forth in a battle of good versus evil.

"It's just one of these family events," Kunkel said. "You can bring your dog; you can maybe have a glass of wine if you'd like, and just enjoy. It's a lighthearted, good versus evil hoot ... It's really a community affair and we want people to visit Sunol and come see us."

SRT performs one play each year at the Sunol Glen School, but as a trial, this performance is taking place outdoors at the Sunol Depot Garden, 1 Killkare Road. Kunkel said if the performance is a hit, SRT will consider adding a second play to its upcoming season. This would allow the performance group to keep the spring performance as a melodrama, which Kunkel said patrons love, while allowing SVT to produce a comedy in the fall.

Shows are Saturdays, May 14



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Klay Kunkel (kneeling) is Marshal Marshall Law in Sunol Rep's performance of "The Treasure of Shiver River."

and 21, at 5 p.m. and Sundays, May 15 and 22, at 3 p.m. Tickets, \$15, are available at <http://sunol.net/srt/>.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs. Refreshments will be available at each show through local organizations including Sunol 4-H, Sunol Business Guild, Little Brown Church of Sunol and Sunol Community Emergency Response Team. As

with all SRT performances, proceeds from the show will be donated to the arts program at Sunol Glen School.

SVT is additionally looking for a handful of new actors to keep the theater alive for the next 39-1/2 years. Those interested can reach out to SRT online or speak to any of the actors after viewing a performance of "The Treasure of Shiver River." ■

LPC Literary Arts Festival

Event features panels, workshops and poetry slam

BY MELISSA MCKENZIE

Experience a full day of free writing workshops and panels when Las Positas College's Literary Arts Festival returns this Saturday.

The festival, being held for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic shut down in person gatherings, features internationally-known authors, an Afghan-American memoirist, U.S. Army veteran poet and Hollywood screenwriter in addition to music, food trucks, wine tasting and kids' story times.

Workshops include sessions on screenwriting, memoir, poetry slam writing and graphic novels, while panels include a discussion on food and wine writing, talk with the authors of "Rise: A Pop History of Asian America from the Nineties to Now," publication ceremony for "Havik," the LPC Journal of Arts and Literature and dialogue with the LPC Poetry Slam.

"This event is truly special as it allows Las Positas College to showcase the incredible programs we have here while bringing world-class authors and speakers to our festival," said LPC English professor Martin Nash, one of the founders of the LPC Literary Arts Festival. "This is just the beginning of what we believe will become a successful literary festival for years to come."

Tamim Ansary, an Afghan-American writer of fiction, memoir and



dangers of a war in Afghanistan. His work has been awarded the 2010 Northern California Book Award, been selected for San Francisco's One City One Book read and broadcast on NPR.

Additionally, Ansary spent over 20 years facilitating the SF Writers Workshop and he edited and published a group of essays by young Afghans, "Snapshots: The Afghan American Life."

Other speakers include Brian Turner, an Iraq War veteran, award-winning poet and author of "Here, Bullet," "Phantom Noise" and "My Life as a Foreign Country," best-selling novelist and memoirist Reyna Grande who will be discussing her new book, "A Ballad of Love and Glory" and "Liar, Liar," "The Little Rascals" and "Heartbreakers" screenwriter Paul Guay.

The festival closes with LPC's 19th annual poetry slam hosted by poets Bri and Tri, giving poets the opportunity to read their original works for prizes totaling \$200.

The Las Positas College Mertes Center for the Arts is at 3000 Campus Hill Drive Building 4000 in Livermore. The event is free and open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday (May 7); reservations are required. For the special presentation schedule, COVID-19 rules and other information, visit laspositascollege.edu. ■



Tamim Ansary



Reyna Grande



Paul Guay



Brian Turner

history serves as the event's keynote speaker. Ansary is the author of a viral post-9/11 email condemning the Taliban and warning of the

Saunter into the season

Pleasanton Summer Wine Stroll on Saturday



PDA

Pleasanton Summer Wine Stroll is back on Saturday.

BY MELISSA MCKENZIE

Sip, savor and stroll this Saturday at the Pleasanton Summer Wine Stroll, an annual event bringing together local restaurants, wineries and musicians.

"This is such a great event for both event goers and the businesses who are participating as a pouring location," Pleasanton Downtown Association events manager Gabrielle Welk said. "People attending the event are able to enjoy a wide variety of different wines so there will be something for everyone's pallet."

Welk said she loves the event, which gives any downtown Pleasanton business the opportunity to participate and see the anticipated 800 wine lovers stroll through their location. In all, she said 20 businesses throughout downtown will transform into pouring stations and tasting rooms for the event.

"All the wineries that will be poured are local, and our community loves supporting local," Welk said. "This is a great opportunity for people to gather with friends and family again while strolling at their own pace to different locations. Event guests will be introduced to locations who are new here on Main Street."

The Summer Wine Stroll occurs between 5-8 p.m. Saturday (May 7). This year, Main Street will be closed to cars and open only for pedestrian traffic for the event.

Tickets, \$50, are available at www.pleasantondowntown.net or at the event for \$60. Ticket holders begin their stroll at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., and receive a commemorative wine glass, event map, tasting at each of the participating businesses and bites, where available. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Arrests made in shooting death of teen girl in Livermore

A 17-year-old boy from Livermore was arrested in Hayward last week on suspicion of murder in connection with the shooting death of a teen girl found near Las Positas College last month, Livermore police announced.

Police continue to investigate the circumstances of the girl's death on April 15 and no motive has been revealed yet, but investigators did confirm that the suspect and victim knew each other. Neither the suspect nor the victim have been identified publicly to date.

A Livermore woman related to the teen boy was also taken into custody last week, arrested on suspicion of being an accessory after the fact in a homicide, according to police.

"To say the Livermore Police Department has worked tirelessly on this investigation would be an understatement," Police Chief Jeremy Young said of the probe into the city's first homicide of 2022. "Livermore Police worked as a team to ensure every step was taken to solve this case and bring justice to the victim's

family. We also want to thank our partners in law enforcement for their assistance."

The investigation began on the night of April 15 when Livermore police responded to the area of Collier Canyon Road and Meritage Common, just north of Interstate 580 and across the street from the community college, after a caller reported seeing a girl unconscious and visibly injured inside a vehicle, police said.

The girl, a 15-year-old from Richmond, was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after police and paramedics arrived just after 8 p.m. Police said they are withholding her name from being released because the investigation is still ongoing.

Detectives would soon hone in on a prime suspect, and he was arrested without incident at the Super 8 Motel on Foothill Boulevard in Hayward around 6 p.m. April 26, according to authorities. Hayward police assisted Livermore investigators in making the arrest.

"The suspect and the victim of the murder knew each other," police said in announcing the arrests April 28. "The circumstances surrounding her death as well as a motive are also still under investigation."

The teen suspect was booked into Alameda County Juvenile Hall on suspicion of murder, and the case

has been turned over to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, Livermore police said. They did not release the arrestee's name because he is under 18 years old.

Police did reveal that a family member of the suspect stands accused of helping the boy avoid arrest in the case.

Tomika Cremer, 44, of Livermore was arrested without incident during a traffic stop on North Canyons Parkway at Collier Canyon Road at about 7 p.m. April 27, police said.

"Cremer is related to the suspect. She was arrested for being an accessory after the fact. During the investigation, it was determined Cremer helped the suspect avoid arrest knowing he was wanted for murder," police said.

The investigation into the homicide is ongoing. Police said anyone with information about the case can contact the Livermore Police Department anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• The Pleasanton Police Department recently put out a call encouraging all residents and businesses with video security systems to register their cameras with the department in order to help deter criminals and better solve crimes.

Knowing where surveillance cameras are located around the city can be an important tool in investigations, and the resulting video can aid in convictions caught in relevant footage, according to police.

"This is a valuable tool for our community to use," Sgt. Robert

Shuffield said, "and will significantly benefit our investigative efforts. Time and again, thanks to our community's assistance, surveillance video has provided our detectives with clues they need to crack the case."

The surveillance camera registry is voluntary, and city police said signing up will only result in your information being shared with law enforcement personnel and does not allow the department direct access nor use of the private security system.

"If a crime occurs in your neighborhood, your surveillance video could be the vital piece of evidence in an investigation," police said. "If your system is registered with us, Pleasanton Police Department detectives may ask you to share relevant surveillance video from a particular date and time."

To learn more about the program, or to sign up, visit the "Crime Prevention" page at pleasantonpd.org.

—Jeremy Walsh

• Nearly 100 pounds of illicit fentanyl is off the streets thanks to sheriff's detectives and the Alameda County Narcotics Task Force, sheriff's officials said on April 23.

The 92.5 pounds or 42,000 grams were recovered recently from locations in Oakland and Hayward.

Sheriff's officials said the drug was headed for Bay Area streets.

According to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, illicitly manufactured fentanyl is sold illegally for its heroin-like effects and is often combined with heroin and/or cocaine to increase euphoria.

Users often don't know fentanyl has been combined with the other drug or drugs.

According to the CDC, most of the recent cases of harm, overdose and death due to fentanyl are linked to the illicit kind of the drug.

—Bay City News Service

• The Livermore Police Department said it was able to help a woman recover money she sent via UPS to a man in Arizona who identified himself as Jason Chew.

The woman, who said she was a victim of an Internet scam, had sent \$9,500 overnight on April 15 via UPS to Arizona. Livermore Police officers worked with UPS and figured out the money was going to a CVS store in Phoenix.

The officer asked a CVS manager to hold on to the package and then coordinated with Phoenix police to catch the suspect, who arrived with a fake I.D. to collect the package.

The man, identified as 25-year-old Zhenghui Wang, was arrested on multiple charges.

Police did not elaborate on what the particular scam was about. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 29

Burglary

■ 7:21 a.m. on the 700 block of Main Street

Theft

■ 2:29 p.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:15 p.m. on the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive

April 28

Graffiti

■ 6:17 a.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

Theft

■ 7:12 a.m. on the 3900 block of Redwood Court

■ 9:31 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

■ 2:09 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

■ 2:28 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft

■ 4:16 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 9:08 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

April 27

Vandalism

■ 7:30 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 7:58 a.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

■ 10:01 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Domestic battery

■ 11:13 a.m. on Andrews Drive

April 26

Theft

■ 7:40 a.m., 8100 block of Ensenada Drive; auto theft

■ 5:42 p.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 9:51 a.m. on the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

■ 1:16 p.m. on the 4500 block of Shawnee Way

Weapons violation

■ 12:45 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 1:56 p.m. on Joanne Circle

April 25

Vandalism

■ 7:25 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

■ 12:43 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Fraud

■ 10:37 a.m. on the 600 block of Rowell Lane

Robbery

■ 1:08 p.m. on the 3200 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 1:38 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 1:58 p.m. on the 5600 block of Belleza Drive

■ 4:43 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 5:53 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

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LETTERS

Chamber PAC endorses candidates in primary

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Business and Community Political Action Committee is pleased to announce its endorsements for the June 7 primary election.

Decisions were based on completed questionnaires received from the candidates running for the following positions: Assembly District 16 and 20, Alameda County Office of Education (Superintendent and Board Area 7), Alameda County Sheriff and Zone 7 Board of Directors.

Questions were based on Pleasanton 2025: A Community Vision, the chamber's local public policy platform with goals for the economy, jobs, education, infrastructure, public safety, health, housing, arts, leadership, culture and recreation that can be found on our website.

The endorsements are Assembly District 16: Rebecca Bauer-Kahan; Assembly District 20: Shawn Kumagai; Alameda County Superintendent of Schools: Alysse Castro; Alameda County Board of Education Area 7: Cheryl Cook-Kallio; Alameda County Sheriff: Gregory Ahern; Zone 7: Dr. Sarah Palmer, Dennis Gambis and Olivia Sanwong.

We support these candidates due to their qualifications and experience in representing Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley so it will remain the Bay Area's best place to live, work and raise a family. All were also supportive of the Pleasanton Chamber's goals as outlined in Pleasanton 2025: A Community Vision.

The BACPAC wants to extend its thanks to all the candidates for their commitment to running for public office and for taking the time to participate in our questionnaire process.

—John Sensiba, BACPAC chair

Re-elect Monroe for county superintendent

I am writing to share my full support for L.K. Monroe for County Superintendent.

I was fortunate to work alongside her for many years as a School Board Trustee in Dublin and relied on her support on many occasions. Superintendent Monroe has successfully served Alameda County as its Superintendent of Schools for the past eight years and proven to be a staunch advocate for the funding that our schools need, now more than ever.

Superintendent Monroe convened the East Bay Coalition for Public Education, a unique group of school board members, union leaders, district superintendents, parents and students who joined together to go to Sacramento to advocate for increased funding for our schools before the COVID pandemic.

Her ability to bring this group

together for this common cause showed her leadership and the respect that she has at all levels in our educational communities.

During the COVID crisis, Monroe served as the statewide president for the organization of the 58 county superintendents, the first woman of color to hold that office. She continued her advocacy for the resources that schools desperately needed during the pandemic, including testing, vaccines and the funding to ensure that students had the technologies and materials they needed to learn in both remote and classroom settings.

L.K. Monroe has proven she can get it done. We need her experience and leadership. Please re-elect L.K. Monroe for County Superintendent of Schools.

—Amy Miller, former DUSD board president

Congress must continue its commitment to Alzheimer's research

Like all of you, I'm thankful that COVID is calming down and we can hug and visit friends and family again. I've been living with Alzheimer's for seven years, so every day is a gift for me.

I am so grateful for the time I get to spend with my friends and family. I'm also thankful that I'm still able to write, read, knit, drive, cook, make reservations and share my journey through my blog.

Though you wouldn't know it to look at me, Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disease that damages and eventually destroys brain cells, leading to a loss of memory and other cognitive skills. Eventually, Alzheimer's is fatal.

Recent funding increases for Alzheimer's research have led to significant scientific progress toward understanding what causes the disease, as well as developing interventions that may prevent and treat it.

I was very hopeful about Aduhelm, the Alzheimer's drug approved by the FDA last summer, and I was devastated when Medicare refused to cover it. But I don't have time to wallow! I'm going to keep using my voice to urge Congress to fulfill its bipartisan commitment made in the 2011 National Alzheimer's Project Act, to develop a disease-altering treatment by 2025.

Please join me in asking Congressman Swalwell and Senators Feinstein and Padilla to continue the commitment by supporting a \$226 million increase for Alzheimer's research as requested by the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2023. Learn more about the bipartisan, grassroots movement to end Alzheimer's disease at www.alzimpact.org.

—Pam Montana, via Town Square

Do Nothing Dems

We have a crisis at our southern border with thousands of illegal aliens entering the country every day.

And because of this open border policy by the Biden administration, fentanyl is being smuggled into the U.S. in record numbers. The fentanyl overdose epidemic is another crisis that is being ignored by the Biden administration.

We have an inflation problem that is getting worse, not better. Gas and food prices are at an all-time high. What are the Democratic leaders doing about these crises? Nothing!

The Do Nothing Dems continue to focus on their personal agenda to ruin our country and they turn a blind eye to the real issues of the day. Come November, do the right thing and vote them out of office.

—David Ott

Special Olympics are back; track needs volunteers

Special Olympics need volunteers for the Pleasanton Track Meet. For the 18th year, Amador Valley High School Athletic Boosters is host for the Special Olympics East Bay Regional Track Meet, next Saturday (May 14).

This is a volunteer activity that will change your life and attitude! Volunteers: Must be high school age or older, adults welcome, children under high school must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Team Escorts are needed for all day volunteering. Help the coaches and teams during the day, cheer and support them in their events. (All track-and-field volunteers are filled.)

To register, visit www.AV-Special-Olympics.org; for questions, email me at kenmano@comcast.net.

—Ken Mano, via Town Square

Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. May 29. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this fall, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to letters@pleasantonweekly.com.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill edges Amador for EBAL boys' tennis title

Also: Highlights in hockey, volleyball, golf

The Amador Valley boys' tennis team had cruised through the East Bay Athletic League unbeaten and in first place.

That was until the final match of the regular season on April 28, when they ran into crosstown rival Foothill.

In the first meeting of the year, the Dons took out the Falcons with both teams unbeaten by a tight 5-4 win.

This time the Falcons turned the table, knocking off the Dons 6-3.

Five of the nine matches were decided in the third set in the match that ultimately gave Foothill the EBAL championship.

Aniketh Poruri, Christopher Lee, Matthew Chen and Nick Tagalog all took their singles matches for the Falcons. In doubles, the teams of Ankur Hangal/Komal Pamujula and Annas Joyo/Ahan Trivedi won their matches.

Amador hockey

The Dons won both of their games

last week.

First up, the Dons beat Monte Vista 10-7. Neil Johnson led the scoring with 4 goals, while Ryder Lahrs had 2 goals and 2 assists. Rae Kerton had 3 assists.

Next up the Dons beat Granada by a score of 9-1. Johnson had 3 goals and 2 assists, while Lahrs and Brett Patzer each recorded a goal and a pair of assists.

Preston Elliott and Will Coultrip also contributed a goal and assist. Alexander Vaughn played well in the net with 15 saves.

Boys' volleyball

The Dons had all three of their matches go five sets, coming out of the week 2-1.

They first traveled to Dublin and stormed back from an 0-2 hole to win the last three sets and the match.

The Dons were paced by Jackson Mello (7 service points), Max Riter (12 service points, 14 digs),

Luke Melvin (14 kills, 17 digs), Nate Clinton (23 kills, 12 digs) and Colin Bowers (44 assists).

Next up was a chance to avenge their only league loss against Granada, but the Mats prevailed again in the five-set thriller. Leading Amador was Tyler Homes (17 kills), Clinton (16 kills, 24 digs), Bowers (55 assists, 4 blocks) and Melvin (21 kills, 10 service points).

In the final match of the week, the Dons edged Foothill, in yet another five-set thriller. The Dons were led by their four seniors Logan Bayani, Dylan Boswell, Ethan Gray and Sean Vahey.

In addition to its seniors, Amador got good play from Aiden Husejnovic

(4 blocks), Clinton (26 kills, 2 aces) and Homes (18 kills).

Leading the way for Foothill in the rival match were Landen Meonske (45 assists, 16 digs), Tyler Keala (19 kills, 6 digs) and Zach Seraj (14 kills, 6 digs).

In their other game of the week, the Falcons defeated Dublin. Highlights came from Keala (14 kills, 9 digs, 3 aces), Seraj (13 kills, 9 digs) and Noah Mitzenmacher (13 digs, 5 aces).

Foothill baseball

The Falcons won a pair of games to take control of the EBAL Valley Division.

The week started with a 9-0 win over Granada. Nate Novitske had a pair of hits and drove in 2 runs for the Falcons. Tyler Tarpley also had a pair of hits.

Jackson Flora went 5 innings, allowing only 2 hits and struck out 6.

Foothill ended the week with a 6-2 win over Dublin. Tarpley again

had 2 hits and drove in a pair of runs. Nick Walsh had 2 hits and scored twice. Jack Basseer added a home run.

Tyler Gebb went 6 innings on the mound, giving up 4 hits and striking out 3.

Foothill golf

The Falcons finished off the last week of regular season golf in style.

On April 25, they won the Transbay Tournament at Rossmoor by four shots. Chanhee Ryu shot the low round of the tournament with an 8-under-par, 64.

One day later, Foothill gave De la Salle their first loss of the year 187-192. Brandon Yen had the low round with a 36. Finally, they knocked off San Ramon Valley 194-210, with Sean Kwok shooting a 37. ■

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



LINNEA COULTRIP

Will Coultrip scores a goal for Amador Valley while being supported by teammate Preston Elliott.

Report recommends Oakland A's get use of Howard Terminal for new stadium

Could represent reversal after committee urged to keep site for maritime use

A key Bay Area commission may reverse a setback dealt to the Oakland A's plans to build a new waterfront ballpark.

Staff for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission said in a report released Monday that the land where the A's propose to build the ballpark is not needed by the Port of Oakland.

That announcement could reverse a setback in March when the commission's Seaport Planning Advisory Committee recommended the land be maintained for maritime use.

The report released Monday is a preliminary recommendation on the land known as Charles P. Howard Terminal. The commission is expected to decide June 30 whether to accept the recommendation.

Monday's "report is great news for Oakland and our region," Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf said in a statement. "The best use of a dormant Howard Terminal is to convert it

into a thriving waterfront ballpark neighborhood."

Port of Oakland officials also agreed with the recommendation.

"This is an important step that will allow the Port of Oakland, City of Oakland and the A's to continue making progress on the proposed project's economic and community benefits potential to transform the Oakland waterfront," port officials said in a statement Tuesday.

"The Port Commissioners will be able to move forward with planning efforts at the Howard property and the integration of Jack London Square into the project," port officials added.

An affirmative vote by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission next month would be a key step toward a new A's ballpark in Oakland.

Such a vote would remove 56 acres from Port land and "would not detract from the region's capability to

meet the projected growth in cargo," the report says and is a key argument for relinquishing the land to the Oakland A's.

Based on a variety of input, the Oakland A's have "demonstrated that the cargo forecast can be met with existing terminals," the report says.

The referenced terminals include not just the ones at the Port of Oakland but around the region including, among others, Benicia and Redwood City.

But dock workers maintain that the Port needs Howard Terminal to thrive.

"It is a nexus between the port cargo area, ILWU (International Longshore and Warehouse Union) training area, and ship turn-around," Trent Willis, past president of the ILWU Local 10, said in a statement. "It is critical to keeping trucks off of the streets of West Oakland and is next to a fully functioning industrial railroad."

Monday's preliminary recommendation is a step toward a new A's ballpark, but the team has more hurdles to jump.

The team is facing two lawsuits, one by the Union Pacific Railroad Company and another by the East Oakland Stadium Alliance, a coalition

of marine, port and transportation interests.

Both lawsuits are challenging the certification of the ballpark's environmental impact report, another important part of process to approve the project. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN



COURTESY CITY OF OAKLAND

Rendering shows conceptual design for proposed Oakland A's new stadium at Howard Terminal.

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

BANKHEAD PRESENTS CRYSTAL GAYLE Crystal Gayle, a favorite of country and popular music, has released over twenty number one hits. 8 p.m., May 6. Visit livermorearts.org.

KENTUCKY DERBY AT PLEASANTON OTB Watch and wager at Pleasanton off-track betting. 7 a.m.-11 p.m., May 6 and 7. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

MARIACHI REYNA DE LOS ANGELES The Bankhead presents Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, America's first all-female mariachi ensemble, bringing sensitivity, beauty, warmth and vivacious spirit to the historic art of mariachi. 8 p.m., May 7. Tickets \$20-\$68. Visit livermorearts.org.

DAMN YANKEES AT THE FIREHOUSE Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents Damn Yankees, where Faust meets professional baseball in the Broadway sendup of love and the American pastime. Now to May 15. Tickets \$24-\$41. Visit firehousearts.org.

JOHNNY PEERS & THE MUTTVILLE COMIX A hilarious comedy act like no other, Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix have jumped their way into audience's hearts in appearances from Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus, to The Late Show with David Letterman. 3 p.m., May 8. Bankhead Theater. Visit livermorearts.org.

STROLL DOWN PENNY LANE Bankhead Presents Stroll Down Penny Lane: The Music of Paul McCartney. The music of the most iconic songwriter of our age, Paul McCartney, is presented in a compelling live performance with beautiful accompanying films. 8 p.m., May 13. Tickets \$28-\$58. Visit livermorearts.org.

SILICON VALLEY HORSE SHOW The premier West Coast show for American Saddlebreds, Morgans and Hackney ponies. Every day is filled with great competition and top horses. Admission free. May 13-15. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE The Valley Concert Chorale presents American Landscape and a Bit of Humor. 7:30 p.m., May 14. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

THE LEGENDS OF BOLLYWOOD AT THE BANKHEAD The Legends Of Bollywood is an Indian Dance Company providing authentic Bollywood and Indian Folk style dance. 6 p.m., May 14. Tickets \$40-\$60. Visit livermorearts.org.

FOLK MUSIC DUO AT LIBRARY The Livermore Public Library invites the community to attend an afternoon of guitar and song with musicians Mark and Cindy Lemaire. 2 p.m., May 14. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

POWERHOUSE COMIC CON Powerhouse Comic Con returns

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

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to the East Bay for another year of pop culture fun featuring celebrity guests, artists, toy and comic book vendors. Admission: \$11 online or \$20 at the door (12 & under free with a paid adult). 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 14. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

SUNOL REPERTORY THEATRE The Sunol Repertory Theatre is back and presents "The Treasure of Shriver River". Bring a blanket and chairs to this outdoor event. May 14-15 and May 21-22. Tickets \$15. Visit sunol.net/srt. Sunol Depot Gardens, 1 Kilkare Road.

EAST BAY JAZZ AT THE BANKHEAD 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. Adults \$25/student \$10. 3 p.m., May 15. Bankhead Theater. Visit livermorearts.org.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY The Pleasanton Library is giving away free comic books in honor of Free Comic Book Day. Comics are limited to one issue per individual. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., May 7. Pleasanton Library.

Talks

SPRING BIRDWATCH Join this easy two mile walk through Sycamore Grove Park and look for birds or other wildlife along the way. Some binoculars will be provided. 10 a.m., May 7. RSVP to veggert@larpd.org or call 925-960-2400.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY "Sailing to America: Passenger Lists Before 1900" is the topic of this month's meeting, with Sharon D. Monson, a professional genealogist and public speaker. 7-8:30 p.m., May 9. Visit l-ags.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH JULIA CHILD The cooking legend who was passionate about French culinary techniques and traditions and brought her love of French cooking to America with her book, Mastering the Art of French Cooking, and her television show, The French Chef. May 10, at the Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

ALAN HU FOUNDATION In this free Webinar, Dr. Robert M. Bilder presents "Positive Neuropsychology: A Dimensional Approach to Well-Being", explaining how current theories suggest there are not clear lines separating different psychiatric conditions or boundaries between health and illness. Register by May 9. Visit alanhufoundation.org/events. 6:30-7:30, May 10.

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION CHAT The topic via Zoom this month is "How does your community welcome children/youth into the faith? What rite of passage ceremonies are traditional in your culture?" 5-6 p.m., May 11. Visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89068839705success>.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GARDEN CLUB The Zoom presentation this month is "How to Attract Wild Birds to your Garden" by Lisa Myer, owner of the Los Gatos Birdwatcher, a South Bay retail store which educates people how to observe and responsibly feed birds in their backyards. 7 p.m., May 12. Visit lavgc.org.

HOPE HOSPICE WEBINAR In this free webinar "Facing End-of-Life Issues-Hospice and Palliative Care", clinical staff will share general information about what to expect in the final days of life. 10-11:30 a.m., May 12. Visit hopehospice.com.

RAE DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS AMORY LOVINS Amory Lovins, a physicist and world-renowned innovator and practitioner in energy efficiency and clean supply, will discuss the global energy revolution that's already transforming the world as we know it. 7:30 p.m., May 12. Tickets \$40. Bankhead Theater. Visit livermorearts.org.

STANFORD HEALTH CARE-VALLEYCARE PRESENTATION Join the local chambers of commerce and Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare for an educational presentation on strokes and neurosciences. 1 p.m., May 12. Visit pleasanton.org.

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Valley Real Estate Network
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Real Estate Alliance of Livermore
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Alameda Chapter of Bay East
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Shannon Girls' Properties
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File No.: 588107
The following person(s) doing business as: Shannon Girls' Properties, 1047 Serpentine Lane, Suite 600, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lisa M. Camello, Trustee of the Shannon-Camello 2021 Trust, 3311 Hudson Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Sandra Van Wagoner, Trustee of the Sandra Van Wagoner Revocable Trust, 4422 Edgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by Lisa M. Camello; Sandra Van Wagoner, a Joint Venture. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Lisa M. Camello, Trustee of the Shannon-Camello 2021 Trust, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 8, 2022 (Pleasanton Weekly, April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2022.)

Moondogs
File No. 565490;565491
The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name. The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): Moondogs, 126 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586, County of Alameda, November 18, 2019, UNDER FILE NO. 565490;565491. REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Corey Eaton, 126 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586; Corin Cartagena Grillo, 126 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY Corey Eaton; Corin Cartagena Grillo, a General Partnership. Registrant: Corey Eaton, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on April 20, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2022.)

John Madden Foundation
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 588353
The following person doing business as: John Madden Foundation, 5955 Coronado Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Madden Charities Inc., 5955 Coronado Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by Madden Charities Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein March 10, 2022. Signature of Registrant: Virginia Madden, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 19, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2022.)

Main St. Home Inspections
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File No.: 588322
The following person doing business as: Main St. Home Inspections, 830 Main St., Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: PYT Corporation Group, 830 Main Street, Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by PYT Corporation, a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Peter Theodorou, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 18, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022.)

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Paper & Stitch”, David Owen Hastings will begin his talk with a review of his stitched paper artwork and show examples of where he gets his inspiration and what his process is like. 1:30 p.m., May 14. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

Family

FIRST WEEKEND ON MAIN STREET Every first weekend of the month enjoy street closures for roaming in historical downtown Pleasanton featuring events and outdoor dining. May 6-8.

BILINGUAL MAGIC SHOW The Livermore Public Library will host The Magic of Germar, a bilingual children’s magic show in English and Spanish. 11:00 a.m., May 14. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST The Pleasanton Public Library is promoting a new Library Card Design Contest and is open to Pleasanton residents of all ages. The contest runs until May 15. For details visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

URBAN CYCLING 101 WORKSHOP: DAY 2 Bike East Bay will cover on-road, on-your-bike practice sessions, working in small groups with certified instructors. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 15. Register here: bikeeastbay.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=1995.

CLASSIC FILM MUSICALS AT THE BANKHEAD Camelot (1967) is the next classic film musical at the Bankhead, starring Richard Harris and Vanessa Redgrave. Winner of three Academy Awards. 7 p.m., May 19. Tickets \$5. Visit livermorearts.org.

Seniors

PARTY ON THE PATIO FOR GRANDPARENTS Bring the grandchildren to the Pleasanton Senior Center for an afternoon of creating fun memories. Ice cream, ping pong, corn hole, arts and crafts table and more. 3:30-5 p.m., May 12. Register at 925-931-5365.

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Festivals & Exhibits

SPRING ART SHOW AT THE BOTHWELL The Spring Art Show is the biggest show of the Livermore Art Association. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 7-8. 2466 8th St. Visit livermoreartassociation.org.

DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON WINE STROLL Various downtown locations will become tasting rooms for Pleasanton’s Annual Wine Stroll. 5-8 p.m., May 7. Tickets \$50. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

LIVERMORE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL After a two-year hiatus the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival is back. 1-5 p.m., May 7 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave. Visit one.bidpal.net/livermorebeerfest/welcome.

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN STREET FEST The 2022 Downtown Street Fest features artists, makers and creators. Live music, kids zone, beer and wine tasting. Visit livermoredowntown.com. May 14-15.

HARRINGTON GALLERY: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EXHIBIT The Harrington gallery in partnership with the East Bay Holocaust Education Center presents an audio/visual exhibit depicting the tragedy of the European Jewish people from 1939-1945. Eyewitness testimonies and paintings will inform as you travel through the exhibit. Through May 28. Visit firehousearts.org/gallery. Firehouse Arts Center.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL RETURNS TO LAS POSITAS COLLEGE “Remembering Our Fallen” has 34 Tribute Towers that hold banners with photos of Fallen Americans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq post-9/11. May 11-16. 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

Government

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., May 11. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. Meetings of the Board are hybrid, in person and zoom. The next meeting is 6 p.m., May 12. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 9. For more information visit cityoflivermore.net.

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El Nido senior housing facility clears hurdle in council vote

Specific plan amendment to change property's land-use from park to residential in San Ramon

By JEANITA LYMAN

The San Ramon City Council voted unanimously last week in favor of an ordinance approving amendments to the Westside Specific Plan that were requested by the property owner and applicant for a proposed senior housing project at Westside Drive and San Ramon Valley Boulevard.

"We need to take care of our seniors," Vice Mayor Sridhar Verose said at the hearing on April 26.

"They are the ones who built all of this beautiful San Ramon for us," he added. "If we today say 'no we cannot help you, no you cannot live here, that's not our responsibility' — as a citizen, as a resident of San Ramon it is our fundamental duty to see how we can provide that facility for our seniors to live in the community they built, the community they love, the community they gave to us."

Although last week's vote wasn't on the 84-unit senior care facility sought by applicant Sohail Siddiqi, the passage of the ordinance meant overcoming a significant hurdle for Siddiqi's plans.

Under the original WSP, the property at the corner of Westside Drive and San Ramon Valley Boulevard was zoned for park land-use rather than housing. Following the council's vote in favor of amendments to the WSP that included this, discussions of the project itself can return to the Planning Commission and future council hearings.

While the current iteration of the proposed project, which sees the historic Harlan House incorporated into the facility rather than demolished or relocated, has been viewed favorably by councilmembers seeking to address a range of housing needs in the city, residents in the neighboring area have expressed concerns about the project over the past several months of public hearings.

Last week's meeting proved to be no exception, with a number of public comments opposing the amendment that would give way to the project, and residents holding signs with slogans such as "No to El Nido" in the audience at the council's in-person meeting.

"It's kind of obvious every time I call in that councilmembers are all for (the project) because it sounds like that every time we speak," Dora Daniel said in a public comment on the ordinance. "We tell you guys what our concerns are, why we're not happy with it ... Look at it from our point of view. We are the ones living there, you guys are not living there. You have to understand how we are looking at it."

Although residents have expressed a range of concerns with the overall project and development surrounding issues such as parking, traffic, noise, safety and infrastructure, the vote on the WSP amendment that would shift the land use zone of the property from "park" to "residential" garnered outcry in particular from residents who said they would prefer an actual park on the property.

However, city officials have sought to clarify that while the original WSP zoned the area for "park" use, there had never been robust plans to establish an actual park there by the city under the General Plan or others.

"That site is not part of our long-term parks master plan ... I don't think it's intended to be a city park," Councilmember Mark Armstrong said.

Councilmember Sabina Zafar emphasized that logistically, and for the sake of the greater community, a facility such as that proposed by Siddiqi would be better suited for meeting the needs of all residents.

"It is important for you to understand

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CITY OF SAN RAMON

Rendering of the proposed El Nido Senior Housing Facility at Westside Drive and San Ramon Valley Boulevard.

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4 Beds | 3 Baths | 2,560 SF Living

LIST PRICE \$2,259,000
Pending

Represented Buyer



2992 LAGISS DRIVE, LIVERMORE
5 Beds | 4.5 Baths | 4,119 SF Living

SOLD FOR: \$2,550,000

Represented Seller



1616 COURTNEY AVENUE, PLEASANTON
4 Beds | 2.5 Baths | 3,211 SF Custom

Sold for \$2,455,000 WITH 9 OFFERS



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that the city needs to provide all housing and places for people to live throughout the city," Zafar said.

"As you're all aware, California is going through a major housing crisis," she added. "Homelessness is an issue in California. Home affordability is becoming a challenge. And those of us in San Ramon are fortunate that our house prices are going up but that also means our community is becoming harder and harder for people to live in now."

Zafar added that while there were reasons to move forward with the proposed facility that are more important than property value, the historical preservation of the Harlan House, and its incorporation into the facility, would likely have the opposite effect.

"Preserving the El Nido house is an important preservation goal for the city and the history of this community, and this would actually add more value to

the neighborhood rather than less value," Zafar said.

Following the council's unanimous vote, discussions and next steps for the El Nido project itself are scheduled for the Planning Commission's meeting this week, with results pending as of press time.

Despite supporting the proposed project and voting in favor of the amendments clearing the way for it to go through its next stages, the Council emphasized that they were listening to the concerns of residents, and wanted to keep hearing and addressing them throughout the process. Nonetheless, they noted that they were looking towards the overall needs of the city in their support of the project thus far.

"All in all everybody makes some sacrifice at some level to make this city a better city," Councilmember Scott Perkins said. "Whether you live next to a fire station, an elementary school, a high school, or you live nearby an assisted living facility with 84 residents who don't drive." ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

LOS ALTOS

1620 Crestview Drive \$2,998,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 2BD/2BA
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MENLO PARK

451 Oak Grove Avenue #1 (C) \$1,248,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 2BD/2BA
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1970 Menalto Avenue \$1,788,000
Sat 1:30-4:30 3BD/2BA
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PLEASANTON

4092 Moselle Court \$1,688,800
Sat 1:00-4:00 4BD/3BA
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PORTOLA VALLEY

177 Bolivar Lane \$8,988,000
Sat 1:30-4:30 7BD/6.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

WOODSIDE

1 Entrance Way \$2,988,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 4BD/3BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).

Agents: Submit open homes at PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 7-11 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

2384 Willet Way F. La to N. & A. Parameshwarappa for \$2,420,000

Pleasanton

8062 Arroyo Drive #1 Maier Trust to W. & T. Sing for \$600,000

146 Birch Creek Terrace H. Zhang to R. & M. Pandya for \$1,350,000

2782 Calle Alegre Okurowski Living Trust to N. & S. Gopalan for \$3,161,000

7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #F Dahl Family Trust to S. & S. Kanna for \$505,000

1019 Deer Creek Court Y. Tsao to H. & D. Carlton for \$2,360,000

3593 Gulfstream Street Osterman Family Trust to A. & L. Nadaf for \$2,137,000

6346 Hansen Drive T. Liu to W. & L. Wang for \$1,900,000

6766 Menlo Court S. Lin to L. & V. Mukkavilli for \$1,650,000

3290 Novara Way Y. Chen to Daruwala Trust for \$4,900,000

7891 Perry Lane C. & B. Martinez to J. & P. Cho for \$2,480,000

1288 Pineto Place Qualified Trust to M. & S. Andhare for \$5,000,000

129 Ray Street C. & T. Icard to P. & B. Luo for \$815,000

2550 Sanderling Drive Ramos Living Trust to L. & N. Wayne for \$2,100,000

2747 Solandra Court D. Strother to B. & J. Pang for \$1,518,000

7206 Stonedale Drive D. White to U. & P. Durairaj for \$1,780,000

1846 Tanglewood Way Traini Living Trust to S. & S. Chawla for \$2,050,000

3018 Tonopah Circle J. & M. Blackmon to J. & M. Cardona for \$800,000

Livermore

1161 Ava Street J. Willson to S. & E. Mossi for \$1,650,000

725 Avalon Way A. & S. Moore to J. & J. Hosey for \$1,425,000

319 Basswood Common #5 S. & T. Anderson to A. & S. Rao for \$960,000

319 Basswood Common #7 M. & R. Degand to S. & S. Mohapatra for \$1,111,000

1839 Corte Cava Topline Property Solutions LLC to O. & A. Bakhayev for \$1,103,000

859 Cortland Way L. Rocha to D. & J. Tanner for \$1,155,000

964 Cromwell Street Singh Family Trust to S. & Y. Lee for \$1,150,000

385 Elizabeth Court #C M. & R. Deleon to A. & A. Erickson for \$750,000

137 Ganesha Common Kumar Trust to C. Santin for \$965,000

203 Hagemann Drive L. Jenison to M. & C. Gomez for \$990,000

152 Heligan Lane #13 V. Garcia to M. Nolasco for \$800,000

1849 Helsinki Way D. Sadeli to R. & N. Shah for \$1,680,500

1221 Hibiscus Way Wehmann Family Trust to T. & H. Singh for \$1,200,000

Source: California REsource

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

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Celebrating All Moms

A huge shout out to all the people in our lives that mother us!

Mother's Day is very special for us as an all female team because we are surrounded by such incredible Mothers, Mother Figures, and Future Mothers! We are so lucky to have an amazing Mother-Daughter Trio spearhead our daily operations at Venema Homes. All of the children of our Team Members have helped us over the years in one way or another, they have been an important part of our success!

Take some time this weekend to do something special for all of the Moms in your life.

Moms are integral parts of businesses, corporations, communities, faith groups... You name it, Moms do it all. Today we celebrate all moms, grandmothers, fur baby moms, people who mother us. THANK YOU MOMS!




COMING SOON
Listed at \$3,795,000

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NEW

789 Bonita Avenue, Pleasanton
4bd/2.5ba, 2,194+/- sq.ft, 7,242+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,849,000



NEW

5812 Corte Mente, Pleasanton
5bd/2.5ba, 2,853+/-sq.ft, 13,150+/-sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$2,569,000



NEW

1344 Orloff Drive, Pleasanton
3bd/2ba, 1,473+/- sq.ft, 8,366+/-sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,629,000



PENDING

4514 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton
4bd/2ba, 2,172+/- sq.ft, 7,350+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,749,000



PENDING

4630 Laramie Gate Circle
4bd/3ba, 2,020+/- sq.ft, 7,560+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,799,000



PENDING

2231 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton
4bd/2ba, 1,690+/- sq.ft, 9,871+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$1,799,000



PENDING WITH 5 OFFERS

2656 Corte Vida, Pleasanton
4bd/2.5ba, 2,651+/- sq.ft, 11,629+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$2,299,000



PENDING

1530 Rose Lane, Pleasanton
5bd/2.5ba, 3,800+/- sq.ft, 12,077+/- sq.ft lot
LISTED AT \$2,899,000



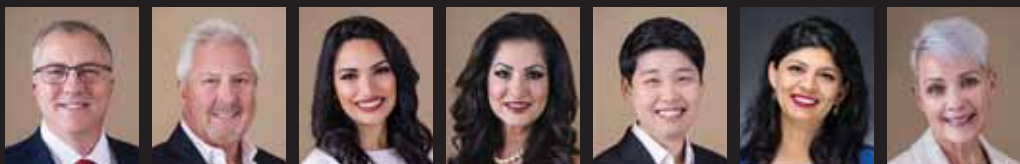
SOLD \$141K OVER ASKING

4563 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton
4bd/3.5ba, 2,688+/- sq.ft, 6,772+/- sq.ft lot
SOLD FOR \$2,400,000



Tim helped us purchase our new home in an extremely challenging market. His extensive and long experience in the area helped us identify the house we wanted and his patience and responsiveness made it a smooth buying process. Tim's courteous and expert negotiation skills helped get us to win-win contract terms with the sellers. Tim partnered closely with our loan officer to provide all information in a timely manner to ensure the closing process moved along per schedule. He was also very knowledgeable about renovation possibilities and potential costs and patiently provided input and references to contractors. Overall we are happy with the experience we had with Tim and would happily choose him again in the future.

- Ramesh Jaladi, Pleasanton



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