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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Goodbye, Eddie Papa's

Like many of you, I was stunned seeing the news shared by Ed and Anette Westmoreland on social media a few weeks ago: Eddie Papa's American Hangout, a true staple of the Pleasanton cuisine scene, is closing.

As I would soon learn after connecting with Ed, the move is certainly bittersweet — but not all that big of a surprise, if you knew what's been going on in the background.

Opening 15 years ago along Hopyard Road in the Hacienda Business Park, Eddie Papa's really resonated with residents, business professionals and visitors alike for its mix of familiar and alternative takes on American fare, its ambiance and of course the complimentary sugary webs post-meal.

Our readers voted Eddie Papa's as their top choice in multiple categories in our Readers' Choice contest over the years, including so many consecutive wins for Best American Food that the restaurant earned a spot in our Hall of Fame.

"We want to express our deepest appreciation to each one of you for your unwavering support, genuine friendships, and the delicious memories we have created together," the owners said in their announcement on Facebook on the night of May 18.

"We just ask that whenever you see a beautiful sunset filled with fluffy pink clouds you think of us and reminisce about the joyous times we had together at Eddie Papa's! May your future be as sweet as the cotton candy we had the pleasure of serving you for the past 15 years," they added.

Ed was certainly contemplative when I reached out this week to ask more about the decision to sell the restaurant so close to his heart — after all, it's named for his grandfather Ed Aslanian, who was affectionately known as "Eddie Papa" and who would "feed us every visit to his home, with both food and wisdom."

As it turns out, the motivation for the career change in many ways lies within Ed's heart too. Literally.

Just over two years ago, Ed suffered sudden cardiac arrest after successful shoulder surgery.

"I woke up four days later in Stanford-ValleyCare," he told me. Ed spent three more weeks in the hospital, and had to wait six months before returning to work part-time and another six months before full-time.

The life-changing experience shifted the couple's mindset: "Anette and I decided during recovery that it was

time to leave the restaurant industry, listed EP for sale in 2022."

Ed got a new job in January working for restaurant wholesale supplier Cheetah Technologies in Pleasanton, and the couple recently accepted an offer for Eddie Papa's. The American Hangout will remain open for a few more weeks, likely until the end of June, pending final escrow details.

So just who or what will be coming into the familiar restaurant space?

"That's up for them to announce," Ed told me, declining to name the buyer publicly. "I can tell you it is another local family who already own a restaurant and have ties to other restaurants in their family. They plan an extensive renovation and I look forward to bringing my family there to dine."

I can only imagine the mixed emotions when the Westmorelands walk through those same doors in a few months or more with a new restaurant's name on the outside and food on the table.

Well, maybe not as hard as it will be during these final few months at Eddie Papa's.

I asked Ed to reflect on his favorite memory from these past 15 years in business. "Easy," he replied.

"The joy of families enjoying time together at Eddie Papa's, and the abundance of joy when the cotton candy hits the table. It never ever gets old. We will miss the traditions families created at EP, the countless life moments we got to witness," he said. "And my dedicated team ... so many 10- to 15-year employees ... my extended family."

Ed and Anette expounded on those sentiments in their public announcement:

"We have witnessed friendships blossom, families create lifelong memories, and moments of joy that will forever be etched in our hearts. Your laughter, conversations, and shared experiences have made Eddie Papa's American Hangout a special place that we will cherish forever."

"To our dedicated and talented staff, we extend our deepest gratitude for their commitment to delivering exceptional dining experiences and for always being uncommon in our ability to take care of our guests. Their passion for creating delicious and memorable experiences has been the backbone of our success. We are grateful for their unwavering dedication and the energy they have poured into every plate and every guest. Stay Uncommon!" Indeed. ■

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Clockwise from top left: A snapshot of the graduation ceremonies of Amador Valley, Village and Foothill high schools in Pleasanton. Photos by Christian Trujano. Cover design by Doug Young.

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Stephanie Hibbert
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Julia Colavita
Business development

I try to be myself as much as possible, and beyond that, I strive to be friendly and approachable so that whoever I meet will feel comfortable to engage with me.



Nitin Sain
Lawyer

I just go right up to people and start talking to them. I try to quickly find some common ground, whether it's sports, kids and/or sometimes even work. It's never very difficult.



Kim Conyers
Business development

My grandmother always told me when I was young to smile whenever I would meet new people. When I do that and ask a question showing curiosity about the person, that always seems to open the door to a good conversation.



Sam Satish
Lawyer

I smile a lot and try to establish eye contact. Then I just listen until it feels right to jump in. This almost always results in a great conversation and a mutually beneficial experience.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Don Lewis tributes

The Firehouse Arts Center is set to honor late Pleasanton resident, musician and synthesizer pioneer Don Lewis with two special events in June.

Next Thursday (June 15) at 7 p.m. will be the “Black Music Month Tribute to Don Lewis”, featuring performances and discussions with musicians such as Jeff Bordes and his band, Carlos Reyes, Candace Johnson, Joseph Hebert and Jennifer Silk. The event is part of the city of Pleasanton’s annual Summer Reading Program.

Then on June 28, the Firehouse will host a screening of the documentary film “Don Lewis and the Live Electronic Orchestra” followed by a panel discussion featuring John Chowning, Bryan Bell, Gary Leuenberger, Mark Vail and the documentary’s producer Ned Augustenborg.

Both events are free but registration is required. Go to firehousearts.org.

CityServe Luau Mixer

CityServe of the Tri-Valley is hosting an Open House Luau Mixer for community members and service partners next Wednesday (June 14) from 4-7 p.m. in its newly renovated office space at the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

“This vibrant gathering presents an exceptional opportunity for attendees to learn more about the diverse range of direct service programs offered by CityServe to support vulnerable local seniors and their families,” the nonprofit said. “The presence of community members at this event will significantly contribute to the organization’s mission of providing crucial support and care to those in need.

The event will include music by DJ Dave, food, drinks, raffles and the chance to “engage with our team and network compassionate changemakers while enjoying some Hawaiian flair,” according to City Serve. RSVPs are requested; call 925-222-2273 or email connect@cityservecares.org.

Human services needs

As part of updating the Tri-Valley Human Services Needs Assessment with the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, the city of Dublin is recruiting residents to be part of a focus group to help inform the process and policymakers about gaps in the current system.

“The needs assessment allows the Tri-Valley region to be strategic in assisting local service providers with human service needs,” Dublin officials said.

An in-person meeting of the group is set for 1-3 p.m. Sunday (June 11) at a location to be determined. Participants will receive a \$50 gift card for their time, officials said. To learn more, email organizers at eana@jsi.com. ■

Pleasanton council responds to concerns about Livermore Municipal Airport

Members agree that noise, lead-based fuel, public engagement not properly addressed in new policy

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council called on the city of Livermore to address noise concerns coming from the Livermore Municipal Airport, transition away from lead-based fuel and find ways to better enforce its voluntary night flying curfew during Tuesday’s council meeting.

While the city of Pleasanton does not have any direct authority over the neighboring airport, members of the dais expressed their support for taking some sort of action — which will most likely be in a letter of concern — in the hopes that Livermore officials can do

something to address the concerns that Pleasanton residents, and even some from Livermore, are telling them about.

“I think we as a city need to address — with Livermore — this issue, because it is a very big impact to the quality of life for many Pleasanton residents,” Councilmember Valerie Arkin said during the meeting.

The airport noise discussion was brought to the council after several Pleasanton residents spoke during the May 16 council meeting and expressed their anger over what they said were unbearably loud airport noise coming from the Livermore Airport

“I started jotting down the times and found that a plane went over on average every five minutes,” Pleasanton resident Sharon Piekarski told the council Tuesday night.

Piekarski, a longtime resident of Pleasanton, said that noise from the airport has gotten worse over the years since she first moved to Pleasanton and that the pandemic has only made it worse due to people using the facility to charter private jets.

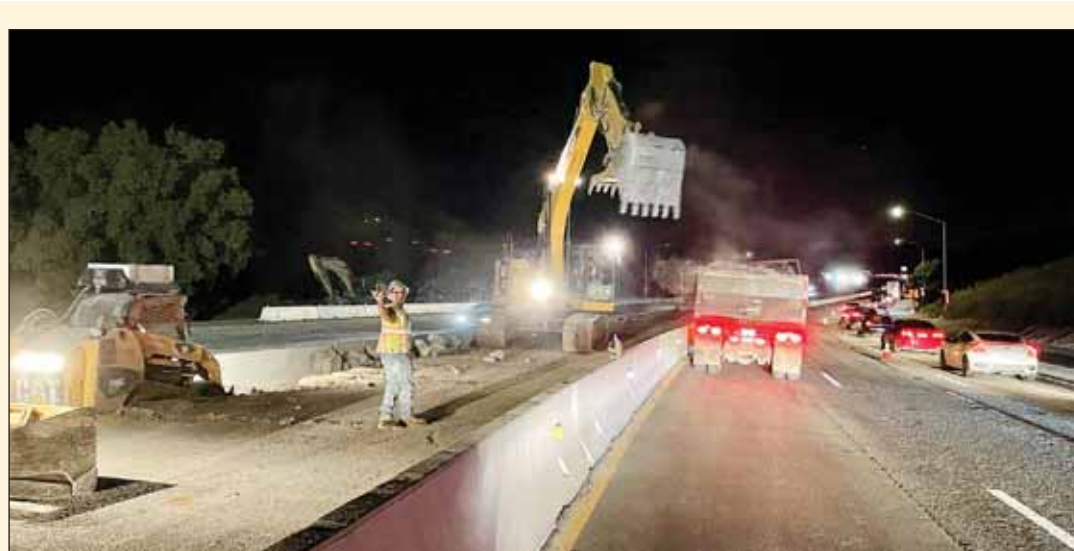
Constant comments like this and the ones from the May 16 meeting prompted the council to ask city staff to bring information regarding the status of the airport’s draft

leasing and development policy back to the dais during matters initiated by the council.

Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager, told the council that she and the rest of staff had barely received supplementary information that same day with the latest version of the leasing and development policy as well as a compilation of public comments and responses related to that policy.

“Last night, the Livermore Airport Commission met to consider the leasing and development policy. Eight people were in attendance and

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Construction crews will be conducting major work along Interstate 680 this weekend, closing all southbound lanes between Pleasanton and Sunol to do so. Shown: Past work in the area as part of the ongoing pavement rehabilitation project.

Southbound I-680 to fully close this weekend south of Pleasanton

Major detours in place; northbound lanes still open

By JEREMY WALSH

The extensive roadwork on Interstate 680 through Pleasanton just continues.

Caltrans is scheduled to close all southbound lanes from just south of the Sunol Boulevard/Castlewood Drive exit to Koopman Road in Sunol just past the Highway 84 interchange from 10 p.m. this Friday (June 9) through 4 a.m. Monday (June 12).

The northbound lanes will remain open, but traffic patterns throughout much of the Bay Area will be impacted all weekend long.

“During the closure, contractor will replace a portion of the existing deteriorated roadway with new pavement on southbound I-680,” Caltrans officials

said. “This work will repair deteriorating existing pavements and enhance motorist safety while reducing the number of nightly closures needed on the project.”

“Caltrans is aware that the closures will impact the motoring public and measures are being taken to minimize inconvenience. Caltrans thanks the motoring public in advance for your patience as we work to improve I-680,” they added.

The weekend closure is part of the ongoing major pavement rehabilitation project underway for months on both sides of the freeway between Pleasanton and Sunol. Earlier this year, Caltrans closed northbound I-680 for multiple weekends to accommodate lengthy work.

This project is coinciding with the express lane project adding a toll lane on I-680 southbound between Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon and Highway 84 in Sunol to close the current gap in the freeway’s express lane network — work that is resulting in highly visible construction and staging in the freeway medians throughout Pleasanton.

The southbound closure could be subject to a rain delay or other unanticipated developments, but as of press time Wednesday, Caltrans said the plans were still on as scheduled. There is a chance for some amount of rain on Sunday, according to the latest weather forecast.

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Concerts in the Park are back

Audio Illusion opens series in downtown Pleasanton

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

It’s time for Pleasanton residents to once again bust out those weekly lawn chairs and blankets as the popular Concerts in the Park music series is set to return this week and will run on most Fridays during the summer.

The series, organized annually by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, is known for bringing in hundreds and hundreds of residents to the Lions Wayside Park concert stage, which was stripped down to its concrete foundation last year after the wooden bandstand was demolished due to structural reasons.

“Concerts in the Park have been a cornerstone event in Pleasanton for over 40 years and are deeply rooted in our community. Family-friendly events like these create a gathering space for people to come together and enjoy this small-town atmosphere,” Gabrielle Welk, events director for the PDA, told the Weekly.

“While in downtown for concerts, we encourage everyone to experience all downtown has to offer by strolling our tree-lined streets, browsing our shops and grabbing dinner in one of our delicious restaurants or to-go to enjoy during the concert,” she said.

Bands will be taking the stage every Friday until August, excluding the first Friday of each month which coincides with the First Weekends

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Livermore greenlights another condo complex for Isabel area

Triad East to bring 172 for-sale units, private park to new residential community

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan has reached another milestone in its implementation with the Livermore City Council's recent approval of a condominium complex planned for the northeast corner of North Canyons Parkway and Triad Place.

At its May 22 regular meeting, the council held a hearing to consider a request for a vesting tentative tract map and site plan design review for the development known as Triad East, which would consist of 172 for-sale units made up of 58 three-story townhomes and 114 stacked one-story garden flats, with associated open space, landscaping and parking improvements, according to the city staff report. The development also includes an approximately 0.25-acre private park.

The project, proposed by Concord-based developer DeNova Homes, had already received unanimous approval from the Planning Commission before the council also voted unanimously to move the project forward.

After thanking the Planning Commission and other staff for their work on the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan, Councilmember Evan Branning expressed his excitement for it to come to fruition.

"This is going to be a really cool neighborhood. I'm very excited for this, it's in my district, it's practically in my backyard — just a

short bike ride for me to get there," Branning said.

He continued, "What we're looking at when this is all built out is going to be the affordable housing that we are looking for is going to be going in, a mixture of rental and for-sale units, there's going to be a really cool Main Street going in. There's going to be parks, community spaces and it's really going to give a vibrant neighborhood for the people who are living north of the freeway."

Last year, the council approved the Triad West project, which is the companion part to the Triad East development. Triad West will consist of 112 units at North Canyons Parkway and Triad Place, set to range from 1,000 to 1,800 square feet, with 22 reserved for households of median and moderate incomes and 12 accessible units.

During the May 22 meeting, concerns were raised by a few community members as well as councilmembers Ben Barrientos and Bob Carling about there being a lack of low and very low-income units in the Triad East project. The approved plan includes 20% affordable units to individuals and families with median- and moderate-income levels, and 24 accessible units.

In response to questions about the project not having low and very low-income units, city officials explained in their report that, "the project wholly conforms with the specific



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Digital rendering shows an external view of a portion of the recently approved Triad East condominiums.

plan and inclusionary ordinance affordable housing requirements by designating 20% of the project's units as affordable at the median and moderate-income range."

They added that while the specific plan only requires at least 20% of each project be affordable, it also establishes an aspirational goal of 25% affordability plan area-wide. To reach the overall affordable goal, the specific plan anticipates some future projects within the plan area to be 100% affordable.

One of the points that the council discussed amongst each other during the meeting is that the units in this project are for-sale and most of

the low- to very-low-income housing in the city comes from rental properties.

However, associate planner Jake Potter also reiterated that the council's role was to act in a quasi-judicial capacity to determine whether the project is consistent with the specific plan and therefore the council was not in a position to make changes to the number or type of units planned.

After some back and forth between the council and city staff, the council took its vote, approving the project as proposed. The council's vote also approved the staff's recommendation to find that the project

is exempt from further California Environmental Quality Act review.

The complete Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan proposes development of a transit-oriented residential community that includes approximately 4,095 new attached single-family and multi-family housing units — approximately 1,000 of which will be affordable housing units.

Additionally, the plan includes approximately 1.97 million square feet of net new office, business park, and commercial development (including a neighborhood commercial center), three new neighborhood parks, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and infrastructure improvements. ■

Livermore readies for rodeo this weekend

Kickoff parade set for 10 a.m. Saturday downtown

By CIERRA BAILEY

The annual Livermore Rodeo is back in action with a lineup of festivities leading up to the main events this weekend.

While the rodeo is officially set to take place Saturday and Sunday (June 10-11), activities such as a BBQ mixer, family night and cowgirl luncheon will take place throughout the week along with the downtown rodeo parade planned for Saturday at 10 a.m.

Hosted by the Livermore Rotary Club, the parade's theme each year is to honor the Livermore Valley's Western Heritage, support the Livermore Rodeo and provide a fun event for the community. Several groups participate in the parade each year including schools, businesses and residents.

Day one of the rodeo kicks off right after the parade. On both days, gates open at 11 a.m. and grand entry begins at 3 p.m. Grand entry is the start of the rodeo featuring Livermore Rodeo Stagecoaches, rodeo personnel, sponsor flags, the Livermore Rodeo Queens and visiting Queens,

as well as the previous years' Queen presenting the American flag.

Rodeo fans can expect to see traditional events return again this year including, tie down roping, local team roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing and bull riding, among others. Additionally, food and beverage, arts and crafts and shopping booths will be located throughout the stadium each day.

A new rodeo queen has also been crowned this year.

Maci Hachmann, 22, is a Livermore native who grew up in the rodeo industry and riding horses, according to her bio on the rodeo website. Hachmann takes over the role of Miss Livermore Rodeo from Isabella Macchioni who was the last queen crowned in 2019 before the coronavirus pandemic forced the rodeo into a two-year hiatus.

And in keeping with annual customs, Saturday is "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day" at the rodeo in support of breast cancer research, followed by "Patriot Day" on Sunday when rodeo-goers are encouraged to wear red, white or blue in support of

military service personnel.

Rodeo organizers and participants aren't the only ones gearing up for the weekend-long event, the

Livermore Police Department is also getting into the rodeo spirit by once again giving officers the option to wear an alternate patrol uniform for

the week consisting of a white straw cowboy hat, blue jeans and brown boots along with their proper identification and safety gear.

The rodeo takes place at the rodeo grounds located at 3000 Robertson Park Road. More information and tickets are available at livermoreroдео.com. ■



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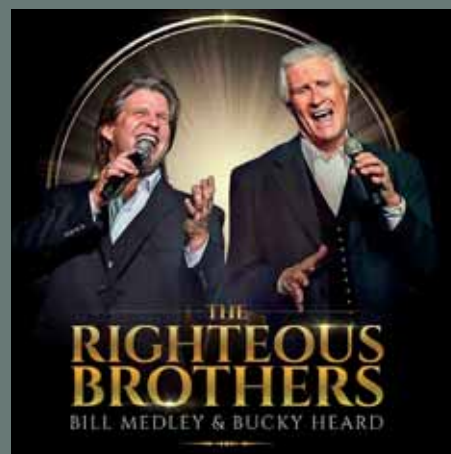
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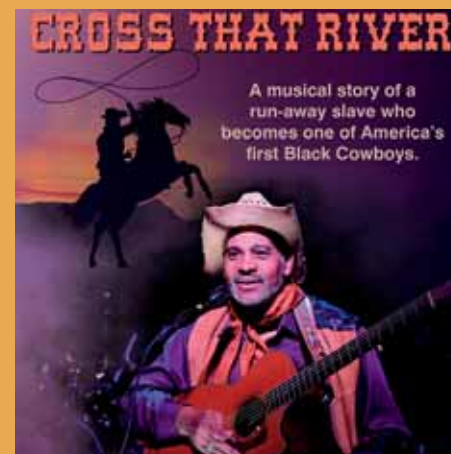
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Tri-Valley students reach finals of National Spelling Bee

Windemere Ranch's Subramanian reflects on fifth-place finish

By JEANITA LYMAN

San Ramon Valley students were among the more than 200 competitors at the Scripps National Spelling Bee last week, with all three sponsored by a local Rotary Club advancing to the final round of the prestigious and longstanding competition.

Shradha Rachamreddy, 13, Dhruv Subramanian, 12, and Vikrant Chintanaboina, 14, competed with eight other finalists in the fourth and final round of the spelling bee near Washington D.C. on June 1, with Rachamreddy coming in third place and Subramanian and Chintanaboina tying for fifth overall in the 231-contestant tournament.

Rachamreddy made it to the 13th of 15 rounds of finals, ultimately being stumped by the word "orle," right after her two local peers were stumped in the 12th round. Subramanian's final word was "crenel" and Chintanaboina's final word was "pataca".

All three students were sponsored by Rotary Club of the San Ramon Valley, and were winners of the Scripps Regional Bay Area that was hosted by local rotarians for the first time this March.

With his two local peers being enrolled in private independent study programs based in San Jose, Subramanian, who just finished seventh grade at Windemere Middle School, was the lone competitor representing the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Last week's trip across the country was Subramanian's first time competing in the national bee — now in its 95th year — following an interest in language going back as far as he can remember that drew him to competitive spelling starting in kindergarten.

"It was a disappointment, but at the same time I feel like I've also done really well for what my goal was originally," Subramanian said. "It's like a huge load has gone off my chest."

Coming in at fifth place in his first time at the national bee is the pinnacle of Subramanian's prolific spelling career so far, and he said he would be reflecting over the summer and coming school year on whether to seek a spot in the competition again.

"It feels like I did well, but at the same time I could have done better," Subramanian said. "I mean I

will still attend other spelling bees that are happening, both virtual and in person bees that were happening this year, and based on how I do I'll choose how to continue Scripps."

While the nationally televised spelling bee is the most well-known aspect of the Scripps competition, Subramanian said that for him and other students, it had also been an opportunity to spend time with like-minded people in an environment dedicated to their shared interests.

"All the spellers, we have this bond," Subramanian said. "We're all like-minded people; we're all friendly with each other; we have a very strong bond between each other as spellers."

However, the competition is still the central feature that students prepare for — oftentimes for most of their young lives such as in Subramanian's case — with a "friendly rivalry" in the atmosphere.

"The contenders from our region, as you could see all three of us had gone to the finals, which means our region is already an explosive region in terms of this competition," Subramanian said.



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San Ramon's Dhruv Subramanian tied for fifth place in the final round of the 95th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Despite years of practice and preparation for the biggest event in competitive spelling, Subramanian noted that some rule changes this year had thrown him for a loop.

"Definitely the word I missed, if I had paid just a tiny bit more attention to the pronouncer's lips, different cues the pronouncer had when pronouncing," Subramanian said. "They did change a few rules this year about asking. They changed a lot of rules in asking the questions, which I feel really made

this word in part a lot harder."

While Subramanian is reflecting on last week's competition and considering whether or not to compete again nationally in the future, his parents, Veena and Satheesh Subramanian, are celebrating the successes already under his belt as the family relaxes on a European vacation.

"For us as parents, I think we are very proud of what Dhruv was able to do at his first year at the nationals," Satheesh Subramanian said. ■



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four people spoke," Hopkins said. "The outcome of last night's meeting was that the airport commission voted to approve the leasing and development policy and forward the policy to the Livermore City Council for consideration at their June 26 meeting."

Hopkins also mentioned Livermore city staff were notified about the discussion item and agreed to listen in on what the Pleasanton dais and residents had to say about the now approved policy — which mostly revolved around the idea that the policy lacked in addressing the noise complaints.

"I was one of the eight people who

attended the Airport Commission hearing yesterday," Livermore resident Donna Cabanne said. "None of the 120-plus emails sent in by the public were given to the commissioners. The new development policy does not address noise at all, or set noise limits."

Arkin, who arguably was one of the loudest supporters for the airport to address these issues, said that given that she lives in the northeastern part of Pleasanton — which is closer to the airport — she feels strongly that the city should not only point out the noise concerns, but also concerns regarding the lead-based fuel that could potentially harm residents and PFAS chemicals that the airport might or might not be using.

PFAS chemicals were brought

up because while it is not known whether the airport currently uses these chemicals for things like fire retardants, members of the public were worried that the newly updated policy does not include anything on monitoring those chemicals.

"We should request monitoring of PFAS use and that should be a public document as well," Mayor Karla Brown said. "I am hopeful they don't use it at all but I don't know that and I don't want to guess."

Brown also touched on the need to draft up some sort of letter of concern not just for the PFAS and noise issues, but because the lead-based fuel flies directly over schools that could affect children.

"When I think of leaded fuel being used over Mohr, Fairlands and Hart,

it's concerning to me," Brown said, referring to schools in town. "Planes normally take off to the west. They're accelerating to the west and that's through our Pleasanton community and three schools; so that's concerning."

Arkin also said that there needs to be a bigger emphasis from Livermore to increase its public engagement process throughout these discussions after having heard from one resident that feels like the Airport Commission and Livermore council comes off as dismissive when he complains about the noise.

Even though federal law, "prohibits (Livermore) from restricting or regulating airport access to any kind, type or class of aircraft that can safely use the airport," according

to the Livermore website, both Pleasanton residents and the council hammered down on the point of enforcing curfews.

"I think recent information that we found out is that they aren't (Federal Aviation Administration) bound by just saying it's voluntary. They can enforce the curfews," Arkin said. "So that's, I think, one point we really need to drive home because of the effect of the noise on our residents, that those need to be enforced. And apparently Livermore has the ability to do so."

The Pleasanton council will also be seeking some way to see if they can get a representative from the city on the Airport Commission so that there is more collaboration between the two cities. ■

CONCERTS

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on Main program that runs on those dates.

Audio Illusion, a classic rock, pop and blues band, will be playing the first show this Friday (June 9). The

band, just like with all the shows, will take the stage at 7 p.m. and will perform until 8:30 p.m.

The PDA will also be holding raffles for prizes during the series.

Admission is free and residents can begin setting up their makeshift seats in either Lions Wayside or Delucchi

parks at 7 a.m. on concert day.

Welk reminded residents that as they enjoy their nights of music, dancing, food and drinks from downtown restaurants or brought from home, it's important to remember not to use rocks to hold down blankets because of potential

damage to lawn-mowing equipment. She also said that the use of plastic tarps, which can burn the grass, is also prohibited.

The rest of the concert lineup is Frankie Bones Project (folk rock) on June 16, Burton & Co. (R&B) on June 23, The Megatonnes (rock covers) on

June 30, Evan Thomas Band (blues) on July 14, Diablo Fugitives (rock covers) on July 21, The Cool Tones (big band jazz and R&B) on July 28, Rusty Rock n' Roll (classic rock covers) on Aug. 11, The Apes (contemporary rock) on Aug. 18 and Public Eye (rock) on Aug. 25. ■

FREEWAYS

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Caltrans has had portable signs throughout the area for days alerting people to the upcoming June 9-12 closure.

The major local detours will include the southbound I-680 connector from I-580 being closed, as well as the southbound onramps at Stoneridge Drive and Bernal Avenue (in addition to those within the full closure area) being off-limits.

Only the right-hand lane will remain open on southbound I-680 between I-580 and the Sunol Boulevard exit. All motorists will have to get off the freeway by Sunol Boulevard and travel on Pleasanton Sunol Road to Paloma Way to get back on southbound I-680.

But Caltrans is aiming to catch non-local drivers sooner, such as diverting those coming through the San Ramon Valley onto eastbound I-580 to Highway 84 to southbound I-680 or onto westbound I-580 to Highway 238 to southbound I-880. Those coming on westbound I-580 from Tracy and beyond will be directed to Highway 84 in order to

access I-680 south of the work area.

Even farther out, Caltrans will be posting detours for drivers as far north as Vacaville and Fairfield, and down through the Benicia-Martinez Bridge, Concord and Walnut Creek, to get southbound drivers out to I-880 instead of I-680.

More information can be found at dot.ca.gov or www.alamedactc.org.

Right after the weekend-long project, Caltrans will start closing the right-most lane of southbound I-680 at various times and locations between Alcosta Boulevard and Highway 84 for tree removal work from this week until late August. The first round of work is set for 11

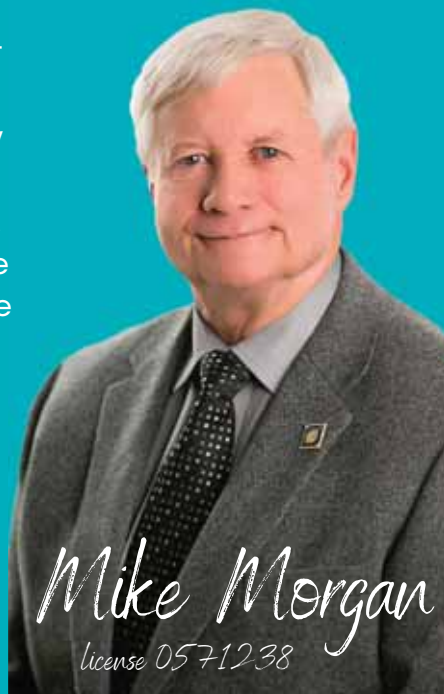
a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday (June 12) at yet-unconfirmed areas.

"The closures are necessary in order to provide sufficient space for workers to safely remove trees and vegetation in advance of the construction of the southbound Interstate 680 express lane and pavement rehabilitation project," Caltrans officials said.

"The tree impacts will be addressed through a future landscape project currently in development. The landscape project will include scope to restore trees where feasible and address the loss of other vegetation resulting from the project's impacts," they added. ■

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COURTESY NAMI TRI-VALLEY

'Chalk About Gun Violence'

Local residents gathered at Meadows Park in Pleasanton on Saturday to raise awareness about gun violence and the need for sensible gun regulations as part of Wear Orange Weekend. Included in the public showing was "Chalk About Gun Violence", where attendees wrote messages of support in chalk on sidewalks at the park, coordinated by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. "Let's Chalk about Gun Violence was a well-attended event awash in shared determination and orange shirts. The theme is action," Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa, a longtime NAMI Tri-Valley advocate, told the Weekly. "In the wake of this national crisis of gun violence, many Tri-Valley community members came together to affirm the need for action for commonsense gun laws. Moms Demand Action are tireless warriors often seen at the farmers market or on the Capitol Steps with their advocacy. NAMI Tri-Valley was proud to join their efforts." Similar events took place in Livermore and Dublin over the weekend.

POLICE BULLETIN

LPD arrests 7 teens accused in stabbing of boy at soccer field

Livermore police have arrested seven juveniles suspected of being connected to a stabbing last month at a soccer field that sent a 14-year-old boy to a hospital in critical condition.

Livermore police responded on May 13 to a report of a fight involving several people at the soccer fields at Livermore Downs Park, at 2110 Paseo Laguna Seco.

Officers arrived to find a 14-year-old victim from Livermore with a stab wound. He was rushed to the hospital in critical condition, though police said Tuesday he has since been released.

Investigators said the victim was assaulted by seven suspects, boys ranging in age from 15 to 17 years old.

All of the suspects have ties to Livermore and police said the fight was likely gang-related. All seven suspects were arrested between May 22 and May 31, police said.

The boys could face charges ranging from attempted murder to assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury. All seven were still being held at Alameda County Juvenile Hall, police said Tuesday.

Police said the case has been turned over to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. Anyone with information about the case can call the Livermore Police Department's anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790.

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News

In other news

- An Alameda County Superior Court judge escaped injury when he was robbed at gunpoint last week in Oakland, according to the county sheriff's office.

Three male suspects wearing masks robbed Judge Kevin Murphy around 8:50 a.m. June 1 of his Rolex watch, car keys and wallet, among other belongings, at the Alco Park parking garage along 13th Street near Madison Street, sheriff's spokesperson Lt. Tya Modeste said.

Oakland police and sheriff's deputies are investigating. No one was in custody as of yet, Modeste said.

Anyone who can help is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 510-667-7721.

—Bay City News Service

- Livermore police have arrested a man who allegedly assaulted and tried to rob two women May 21 at the Arroyo Shopping Center, despite wearing an ankle-monitoring device from a previous conviction.

Around 5 p.m. May 21, police responded to numerous reports of an

altercation in the parking lot of the Arroyo Shopping Center, in the 4300 block of First Street.

Colby Berry, 21, allegedly assaulted a woman with a weapon and attempted to grab her purse. The woman fought back after Berry allegedly "violently attacked her for more than 30 seconds," police said, on social media.

Berry then allegedly attacked a second woman and stole her purse at gunpoint. Both victims were in their 20s, one from Livermore and one from Discovery Bay.

Berry allegedly then drove away. Investigators discovered it was Berry, a Fremont resident on parole for a shooting at an inhabited dwelling in 2021 and who is currently wearing an ankle monitor.

The ankle monitor determined Berry was at the scene of the Livermore robberies, police said. With help from Berry's parole officer, Livermore police arrested Berry last week at the parole office in Oakland.

A search warrant for Berry's home turned up a Glock handgun believed to have been used in the robberies. Police took Berry to Santa Rita Jail, where he faces several charges, including two counts of felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, attempted robbery, robbery, and assault with a deadly weapon. ■

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News

David Halseth

October 12, 1950 – April 19, 2023



David Halseth, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at the age of 72 on April 19, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer. He grew up on an apricot farm in Patterson, California with brother Don, and sisters, Laurie and Marcia where he often rode his horse, Biscuit, before school. A visit to Laguna Seca Raceway as a youngster created a passion in Dave for all things automotive. At San Diego State University where

he studied Mechanical Engineering he participated in the 1970 Clean Air Car Race, The Baja 500, and served as the president of the student chapter of ASME. He met his wife (married 48 years), Nancy, in college. After graduation they moved to Modesto, where he worked at TriValley Growers. His next job at MJB Coffee took them to Pleasanton where he lived for 43 years raising two children, Heather and Andy. Though Dave spent the second half of his career designing medical equipment, he never lost his love of racing crewing for two Formula Atlantic teams. An active member of Danville Congregational Church, Dave served as Moderator for two terms, and on many commissions always showing genuine concern and support of others. He was known for his kindness, the twinkle in his eye and his dance style. Dave is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Heather (Kellen), and Andy (Jessica), and grandchildren; Aria and Zane, whom he adored. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. A memorial service will be held at Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danville on Saturday, June 17th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Danville Church or Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 3

Drug violation

■ 12:50 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Theft

■ 10:21 a.m., 4300 block of Columbine Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 8:27 p.m., 4900 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

Fraud

■ 2:37 p.m. on the 2700 block of Calle Alegre

Assault/battery

■ 9:53 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 10:08 p.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

June 2

Warrant arrest

■ 1:18 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 2:26 p.m. on the 5300 block of Springdale Avenue

■ 8:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Assault/battery

■ 2:31 p.m. on the 5000 block of Case Avenue

■ 6:05 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Burglary

■ 6:24 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

Vandalism

■ 9:30 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 1

Warrant arrest

■ 2:57 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

Vandalism

■ 1:22 p.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Payne Road

DUI

■ 6:10 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

Theft

■ 6:51 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:26 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

■ 7:54 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

May 31

Drug violation

■ 7:13 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 7:34 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 9 a.m., 5100 block of Damiano Court; auto theft

■ 12:28 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft

■ 1:52 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:19 p.m. on the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 7:07 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 7:15 p.m. on the 2800 block of Whitney Drive

May 30

Theft

■ 8:10 a.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way

■ 2:23 p.m., 2600 block of Willowren Way; bicycle theft

Vandalism

■ 9:33 a.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 10:44 a.m. at Vine Street and Carnation Court

■ 12:58 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 7:28 p.m. on the 1400 block of Vineyard Avenue

Fraud

■ 10:38 a.m. on the 100 block of Sylvia Circle

Burglary

■ 11:01 a.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

■ 2:41 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

DUI

■ 1:29 p.m. at Dublin Canyon and Foothill roads

May 29

Warrant arrest

■ 8:26 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Graffiti offense

■ 1:11 p.m. at Carnation Court and Vine Street

Theft

■ 3:29 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:52 p.m. on the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

■ 9:27 p.m. on Foothill Road; theft from auto

Burglary

■ 3:50 p.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

May 28

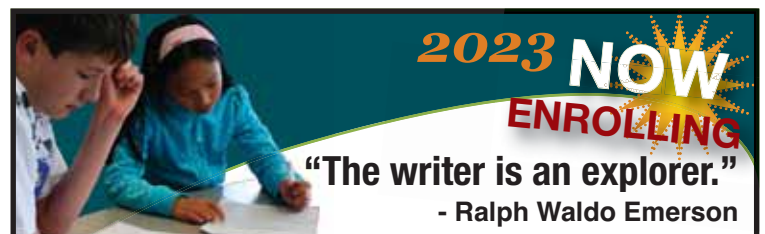
Theft

■ 11:35 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

■ 12:13 p.m. on the 3100 block of Devereux Court

■ 1:57 p.m., 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; theft from auto

■ 10:04 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road



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The first row of Amador Valley High School's centennial graduating class sit back down after receiving their high school diploma during the school's graduation ceremony at the football field on June 2.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

AMADOR VALLEY CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL GRADUATING CLASS;
FOOTHILL, VILLAGE ALSO HONOR SENIORS AT CEREMONIES

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Heartfelt speeches, farewell embraces and proud parents' tears were just a few of the highlights from each of the three Pleasanton Unified School District graduation ceremonies for the senior class of 2023 last Friday.

The June 2 graduation ceremonies kicked off at the Firehouse Arts Center with Village High School, where 32 seniors celebrated their time at the school where many said their life changed for the better.

From dealing with mental health

issues to experiencing the stress of low grades, many of the students who delivered speeches talked about how their time at Village altered their negative perception of high school into a positive experience and gave them everything they needed to succeed in the future.

Following the Village ceremony was the Foothill High School graduation where over 500 seniors gathered at the football stadium in the back of the school, along with hundreds of parents, family

and friends who cheered on as the seniors walked the stage.

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull reflected on his time with the 2023 graduating class and how he has known many of them since fifth grade when he was still working at Donlon Elementary School.

He then proceeded to lead the entire class in a mock-roller coaster activity where everyone were flailing their arms around as if they were in a roller coaster as a symbolic representation of how crazy their last four years at the school

have been given the pandemic and having to transition in and out of remote learning.

That spirit of resilience was also the main talking point during Amador Valley High School's 100th annual graduation ceremony, where nearly 700 seniors were able to call themselves the centennial graduating class of Amador Valley.

Similar to Bull, Amador Valley principal Jonathan Fey — who celebrated his first graduation as principal after getting the job last

summer — also used the roller coaster analogy to describe how intense the last four years have been for this class.

But he, just as many of the student speakers during the ceremony, told the group that it has been their ability to adapt and to keep getting up after all of these metaphorical punches that has made the class of 2023 such a resilient group.

The Pleasanton Weekly congratulates the class of 2023 on their success and wishes good fortune to all of them. ■



Foothill High School seniors eagerly sit through musical performances and heartfelt speeches during their graduation ceremony on their football field as they get ready to walk the stage and receive their diploma.

FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Ke'mari Adanandus
Arav Adhikari
Sanjay Adhikesaven
Rishima Agnihotri
Yousef Ahmed
Antonio Alvarado Chacon
Mayher Anand
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Kylie Coburn
Lauryn Coleman
Brendan Comerford
Brady Connolly
John Connolly
Aidan Cooney
Benedict-Andrei Cornejo
Jordan Cortes
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Foothill vice principal Malcolm Norrington hugs a student as they cross the stage and receive their diploma.

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Matthew Do
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Carter Donlon
Holden Dreyfus
Aidan Duncan
William Duncan
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Arsha Ehsani
Brooke Elson
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Sophia Enright
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Foothill seniors show off their creative graduation cap designs as they patiently wait their turn to walk the stage.



The 2023 graduating class took a moment to stand and thank their parents, family and friends in attendance for all of their support during their time at Foothill.

FOOTHILL

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Rajveer Singh
Vyas Sinha
Anthony Skoczylas
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Hudson Terpstra
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Justin Thornton
Ella Thurlow
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Anvi Vasa
Juan Vega
Naren Velnambi
Adishes Venkatesh Sanklapur
Siddharth Verma

Rohith Vinnakota
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Karan Virk
Pradanya Viswanathan
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Kyle Wang
Yi-Hsiang Wang
Zachary Watson
Anthony Weir
Sophie Wendell
Jake White
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Elizabeth Williams
Tehya Williamson
Daniel Wilt
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Colin Wong
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Mengdi Xia
Claire Xu
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Sai Anish Yakkanti
Ryan Yamamoto
Ann Yang
Carson Yang
Krishna Yarlagadda
Ian Yee
Katherine Yeh
Jae-Man Yim
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Paige Analisa Banman
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Shawn Singh Bawa
Daniel Michael Beckley
Kyle Robert Bedell
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Emma Carmella Buttafoco



Amador Valley senior Tony Wang, who was chosen as the school's 2023 salutatorian, touches on several aspects as to why he believes the 2023 senior class is special and why the adversity they faced throughout the last four years has made them more resilient and able to adapt to any situation.

Elizabeth Weilin Cai
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Ziyue Cao
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Nadya Carreira
Edwin Carreon
Julia Nicole Carter
Karan Carumbaya
Juliano Dante Casentini
Colton Carl Cash
Victoria Analise Castaneda
Jacob Cazella
Preetam Chamkura
Jessie Hei Yi Chan
Issac Chan
Emily Chang
Ashwin John Charles
Miles Joseph Chatham
Colin Gerald Chatham
Lillian Marie Chau
Christopher Michael Cheeves
Austin Chen
Melissa Mei-Wen Chen
Dennis Chen
Andrew William Chen
Tyler Getty Cheng
Ashish Chenna
Nathan Ernest Cheonis
Aniruddha Chiplunkar
Joseph Timothy Chiu
Yun Seang Cho
Yeejin Choi
Razin Mateen Choudhury
Joanna Yiling Chu
Aditya Chudasama
Austin You Bin Chung
Sebastian Civetta
Kathryn Elizabeth Clark
Nathan Clinton
Noah Cole

Giacomo Colella
Albertine Beatrix Combs
Nathan Wellington Comiskey
Noah Alexander Contois
Fionn Conway-Ponzanelli
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Jacob Walter Covert
Yating Dai
Wenchuan Dai
Grace Fifles Damaser
Sophia Fifles Damaser
Nathan Ross Danen
Archie Keith Darlaston
Rishika Das
Oliver de la Torre
Jackson Bryan Deaver
Marcus Angelo Delucia
Ayushi Deokule
Aayush Siddhit Desai
Arya Atul Deshpande
Neil Deshpande
Jackson DeVoe
Robert Riley Dewar
Mathew William Dickman
Cannon Richard DiFraia
Tyler Joseph Donaldson
Evan Paul Donnelly
Olivia Rose D'Onofrio
Stella Pearl Coulter Dormer
Zachary Nazar Doroshenko
Caden Jackson Drain
Alexis Sharon Drucker
Aryaveer Dua
Lillian Easter
Aviana Grace Easterday
Sahith Reddy Eudala
Dean William Eggers
Lauren Kate Emmett

Wilder Alexander Erazo
Taylor Faitel
Natalie Ting Chia Fan
Brianna Grace Faria
Anna Feitelberg
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Coranada Teresa Fernandez
Ava Christina Micel Fernandez
Giovanni Nikolas Fidone
Alina Banda Fike
Elizabeth Ann Fineberg
Eden Virginia Fisher
Matthew Fitzpatrick

Madelaine Flascck
Olivia Gabriella Fragomeli
Maggie Marie French
Zachary Alexander Frenz
Adam Cruz Frerich
Annika Leigh Frey
Hannah Tokiko Fukada
Emma Christina Fuller
Yindja Wembo Fungula
Alena Florencia Gagnon
Sonia Rose Gallo
Stephen William Gao
Timothy Gao
Ava Lorraine Gao-Johnson

Aryo Garakani
Evan James Garber
Garrison Thomas Garcia
Jaymie Marie Gardner
Arushi Garg
Medha Garikipati
Scott Corbin Garman
Patrick Gau
Jonas Gellman
Mehrsa Gholikhamesh
Ritika Ghosh
Rachel Marie Glenn
Kyan Makani Gomes
Mateo Amaru Gomez-Spencer
April Gong
Adriana Monique Gonzales
Naveen Saran
Gopalakrishnan
Haley Rose Gottlieb
Elliot Michael Green
Evan Delmar Grell
Charli Victoria Gren
Aaron Howard Greth
Javier Gros Suanzes
Nicholas Thomas Guerrero
Reyna Nichole Gunn
Albert Guo
Elizabeth Joyce Haan
Mekhi Amory Halstead
Jimin Han
Kyle Kyoul Han
Imani Hancox
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Ruby Cate Harkness
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Jack Nathan Harold
Savana Harper
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Rachel Marie Hofstede
Jaime Holling
Andrew John Holmes
Jill Marie Holtzclaw
Tyler William Homes
Henry Yang Hong
Alina Hoopes
Jack Kenneth Hopkins
Danica Howard
Keira Haruko Howard
Chao Wei Hsu
Ting-Yun Hsueh
Jonathan Hu
Michael Kang Hu
Michael Hu
Nathan Hu
Jesse Lihua Huang
Angela Huang
Eaton Stephen Huang
Ella Grace Huddleston
Philip Hueck
Avery Melvin Huneke
Aedan Huntziker
Jacqueline Daniela Hurtado
Justin Habin Hwang Im
Jimena Islas
Tracy Aileen Ivey
Mateo Leano Jackson

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Amador Valley seniors and teachers walk down the track and field as they make their way to their seats during the opening ceremony of Amador's 100th graduation.

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Katherine Rachel Jackson
 Kavya Sagar Jadhav
 Nikita Sujay Jadhav
 Aryan Jain
 Kylie Marie Javier
 Akshay Javvaji
 Gurtej Jawanda
 Brian Jeon
 Sophia Kate Jetton
 Sharon Jiang
 Jason Baoshu Jiang
 Sebastian Jimenez
 River Makiah Johnson
 Andrew Robert Johnson
 Dylan Jones
 Savio Joseph
 Emma Ka
 Jacob Cary Kadari
 Sean Kamran Kadhodayan
 Asish Kalapala
 Priscilla Soomin Kang
 Yash Kansal
 Aditi Karthik
 Achint Kaur
 Lily Elizabeth Keegan
 Emma Elizabeth Kelly
 Katherine Anne Kelly
 Suvir Kheny
 Hyeonkeun Kim
 Taehee Kim
 Thomas Joon Kim
 Simone Marion Kirk
 Catherine Claire Kirschner
 Tyler Robert Klenske
 Ross Kisoji Kobayashi
 Jack Ryan Kolling
 Abigail Faye Kops
 Prithika Koyyada
 Jacob Scott Kramer
 Tanner Vincent Krebs
 Mitchell Everett Kreider
 Connor Kreizenbeck
 Jessica Whitley Krier
 Audrey An-Yu Ku
 Tyler Jack Kubo
 Anvi Kudaraya
 Ashley Kuekem
 Kaeden Fredrik
 Kustermann
 Dylan Ran Kwong
 Logan Michael Lachica
 Alyssa Kate Ladrillono
 Jaclyn Vera Laha
 Ryder Joseph Lahrs
 Isabella Mary Lam
 Tiffany Mary Lam
 Sareena Elizabeth
 Lambiasi-Olberg
 Louisa Heiyun Landhuis
 Aryaditya Lankipalle
 Sabrina Alessia Lazzarato

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 Jia Lee
 Mya Ru-Yi Lee
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 Chase Jordon Lee
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 JunLin Li
 Wu Li
 Haoran Li
 Steven Li
 Oscar Li
 Emily Li
 Handson Li
 Christina Simei Li
 William Isaac Light
 Saylor Isabella Limkakeng
 Nathan Yantin Lin
 Florence Rui Lin
 Tysen Zulkarnain Liu
 Victoria Liu
 Amanda Christine Liu
 Vivian Brenda Liu
 Isabelle Lo
 Jacob Vincent Loeffler
 Sherry Long
 Owen James Loos
 Nicholas Walter Lopez
 Jesenia Monserrath Lopez
 Casas
 Lizzie Loundagin
 Samantha Rose Lowder
 Anabel Sofia Lowe
 Grace Isabella Lozano
 Leah Catherine Lozano
 Evan Richard Lucero
 Daniel Kimberly Luna
 Katelyn Wu Ma
 Madalyn Louise Mackay
 Aditi Madan
 Samuel Mah
 Salaj Mahajan
 Diya Mahapatra
 Lila Mahrat
 Ryken Zhi-Yong Mak
 Adrian Troy Malaguti
 Siddharth Pandharinath
 Mane
 Teresa Mary Manger
 Sammie Mae Manos
 Anthony Joseph Marchand
 Sophia Nicole Marcoux
 Emma Grace Martens
 Grayson Logan Martin
 Martin Martinez Ribera
 Yazmin Martinez-Portilla
 Aneesh Mattigunta
 Chayse Mattos
 Brighton Yuriy Matus
 Madison Joyce May
 Samantha Morgan May
 Cristian Luther Mayo
 Ella Anne McCoy



Amador Valley seniors pose for photos taken by their family and friends.

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 Jack Angel
 Torres-McDowell
 Evelyn Elizabeth
 McLaughlin
 Stephanie Elise McManus
 Andrew Thomas
 McMasters
 Declan Jack McPherson
 Milana Elaine Mees
 Ronit Mehta
 Jackson Chase Mello
 Luke Michael Melvin
 Juan Christopher Mendoza
 Thomas Charles Mercer
 Nikolaos Michalatos
 McKenzie Brooke Millar
 Alena Ann Miranda
 Mikail Faisal Mirza
 Parth Mishra
 Raghav Misra
 Saagnik Mitra
 Shreya Modak
 Emily Marciea Montler
 Samuel Osmond Montoya
 Lauren Georgia Moore
 Terrence Moore
 Mercedes Elaine Morales
 Paige Jesun Morgan
 Jackson William
 Morgenstern
 Em Michelle Morris
 Chayse Morrow
 Ryan Moses
 Nika Motaghedi
 Carrie Kai-Rui Mu
 Ishya Mulkamala
 Darshan Girish Mundewadi

Vikram Murali
 Celeste Hope Murphy
 Matthew Nader
 Faheem Naik
 Gayathri Nair
 Lakshmi Nair
 Selina Nakari
 Keerthi Nalabotu
 Katherine Whitacre Nally
 Nitya Srikari Narahari
 Harini Vasantha Narayanan
 Brady Rhys Nassar
 Anton Navales
 Tabasum Rahman Nawabi
 Raahim Taha Nawaz
 Yasmine Nayabkhal
 Sid Sundeeep Nayak
 Kush Nayak
 Andrew Naylor
 Marcus Anthony Neoh
 Madison Michelle Neves
 Kira Mytra Nguyen
 Tho Anh Nguyen
 Kaden Tien Nguyen
 Y-Duyen Hoang Nguyen
 Devin Christopher Nieto
 Saksham Nirvan
 Bryce Christian Nohava
 Zachary Carl Norton
 Darya Novokhatskaya
 Laura Grace Nussbaum
 James J.R. Obert
 Savannah Olvera
 Skylar Chiyan On
 Zoey Galliano O'Neill
 Ashlynn Faith O'Nesky
 Jason Jun Jie Ooi
 Lauren Lee O'Rourke

Emma Nicole Overton
 Ryan Alika Owens
 Nelvin Pablo-Ramirez
 Soren James Pagtakhan
 Lance Joshua Pajarillo
 Richa Panda
 Chirag Pandey
 Simran Pandey
 Joshua Eliezer Paniagua
 Sathvik Parasa
 Bryan Jiman Park
 Daniel Hyun-Joon Park
 Vishva Parmar
 Prakriti Patnaik
 Aditi Mahantesh
 Pattanshetti
 Brett Lucas Patzer
 Namitha Hamsa Peruvemba
 David Matthew Phillips
 Michael Joshua Phillips
 Giulia Pinna
 Jordan Alexandra Pirylys
 Siddhant Ashok Pithadiya
 Mirika Mangala Pohray
 Renna Anushka Popli
 Shreyans Samir Porwal
 Mihir Prakash
 Janani Prasad
 Olivia Genevieve Prevost
 Kaitlyn Josephine Price
 Sydney Lee Pruss
 Ramya Santhoshi
 Pulakhandam
 Angela Sihan Qian
 Myra Qin
 Maximus Paul Quarneri
 Asma Quraishi
 Josef Robert Rager

Shloka Raghavan
 Aryan Raikar
 Mira Rajagopalan
 Anushka Rajasekhar
 Regina Rajbanshi
 Sameer Ramakrishna
 Tejasvini Ramesh
 Julius Ramos
 Soumyasri Rangan
 Krisha Uttamkumar Rathod
 Eva Kundan Raul
 Luna Eva Rebello
 Paige Lorrin Reynolds
 Daniel Ethan Richards
 Dillon David Riley
 Aiden Sunghyun Rim
 Dylan John Rios
 Jackson Charles Risher
 Samantha Marie Riter
 Raegan Erin Rogers
 James Adam Rothstein
 Jamie Marie Rubin
 Camila Ruelas
 Dante Gabriel Ruiz-Villegas
 Ashleigh Deane Rush
 Rylen Raj Sabhlok
 Andrew Sadler
 Onkardeep Singh Sahota
 Inder Singh Saini
 Amir Arsalan Salehifar
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 Esha Sambyal
 Jiya Kaur Sandhu
 Cecilia Luz Sandoval
 Pratham Sarkar
 Niyati Saxena
 Arnav Saxena
 Jordyn Marie Scanlon
 Brandon Thomas Scherer
 Luke Arun Scheuffele
 Ryan Raymond Schick
 Ellie Schwartz
 Lucas Schwartzin-Calvert
 Stuart Alexander Scranton
 Sydney Mary Seipel
 Sydney Elizabeth Self
 Maya Sendler
 Anna Leigh Shackelford
 Haard Bhavinkumar Shah
 Aashi Shah
 Maanav Arpan Shah
 Kush Shah
 Reza Umar Shah
 Rithwik Umesh Shah
 Carley Shamblen
 Pallavi Shankar
 Mahika Sharma
 Reed Shaw
 Alexis Marilyn Shaw
 Griffin Michael Shea
 Dhwanii Shetty
 Richard Shi
 Ishayu Sourabh Shikhare
 Arian Shooshtari
 Tiffany Shue
 Shiloh Chi Siegling
 Carson Apolinario Sigua
 Zachary Robert Silva
 Kaylee Rachel Simpson
 Bhavik Singhal
 Joline Lily Siu
 Neha Sivaraman
 Sofia Reese Skinner
 Sean Smayra
 Nolan Smith
 Daniella Smith
 Alec William Ross Smith
 Elise Marie Solomon
 Elena Kalia Soltero
 Ciara Emma Stapleton
 Kadence Steuben
 Helena Danae Stewart
 Lauren Danara Strain
 Pranav Subbaraman
 Krithika Subramaniam
 Devika Subramaniam
 Abhay Sudheesh
 Vaishali Sukumar
 Sahana Madhumita Sundar
 Khilan Surapaneni
 Shloke Suri
 Seyed Sina Taheri Tari
 Dylan Thomas Talbot
 Lucy Grace Taylor
 Ingrid Mayte Tenorio
 Miguel
 Antonio George Terziysky
 Kassady Teslich-Miller
 Noah Steele Thames
 Spencer August Thiel
 Jackson David Thomas

Aviana Thompson-Ryan
 Erik Alexander Thomsen
 Feng Tian
 Eliza Marie Toy
 Aubrey Mae Tran
 Harry Tsai
 Anatoly Tsigelnik
 Emily Hui-Ming Tu
 Miles Jackson Tucker
 Amrutha Tummala
 Hayden Michael Tupper
 Ali Burhan Ulusu
 Saniya Vaidya
 Joshua Anthony Stephen
 Valenzuela
 Sara Ming-An Vannoni
 Amey Vashishtha
 Eroth Vazquez-Sandoval
 Ramprasad Venkatesaprabu
 Kanuj Verma
 Krish Verma
 Dahlia Adriana Versteeg
 Siena Anne Vicente
 Rohan Vijayvikram
 Maya Villar
 Alexis Genevieve Volking
 Katja Von Sichert
 Zoe Marie von
 Transehe-Rosenec
 Olivia Nicole Vukman
 Brooke Ann Walker
 Megan Lorette Wallace
 Dylan Scott Walthour
 Xina Wang
 Marina Bin Wang
 Gavin Wang
 Yihan Wang
 Samuel Tomita Wang
 Kevin Wang
 Tony Zhonglun Wang
 Craig Wang
 Brody William Warner
 Andrew Mark Weckwerth
 Barron Vaughn Wesenberg
 Braden Whitworth
 Maure Frances Wiley
 Francesca Rae Willardson
 Dillon James Williams
 Stephanie Marie Wong
 Allyson Bridget Wong
 Evan Wong
 Jackson Scott Woodall
 Jason Wu
 Morris Wu
 Andrew Sun Xiao
 Julian Anxu Xiao
 Xiang Yu Alex Xiao
 Anica Jingyi Xie
 Wilson Xie
 Janet Xing
 Hetian Xu
 Jalen Tyler Xu
 Steven Ming Xu
 Catherine Xun
 Andrew Yan
 Bhavya Yanamandra
 Sarah Yang
 Yi Yang
 Yuan Hua Yang
 Yuan Le Yang
 Emily Yao
 Meenakshi Yarlagadda
 Shengrong Ye
 Sean William Yeap
 Varun Venkata Yedavilli
 Anson Junle Yee
 Wei-Ting Yen
 Shawn Yeom
 HeeJee Yoon
 Erika Yu
 Cynthia Xinfei Yu
 Justin Sintao Yu
 Emerson Jianyi Yu
 Joshua Si Liang Yu
 Ryan Alexander Yu
 Melody Yuan
 Liam Cameron Yung
 Amber Zeng
 Camila Zertuche
 William Weisong Zhai
 Wenxiao Zhang
 Sarah Ruijia Zhang
 Linghe Zhang
 Jiaying Zheng
 Luoting Zhong
 Mark Zhou
 Allen Ma Zhou
 Kevin Zhu
 Alexey Zimin
 Jamilla Imperio Zuniga

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 Aaron Aydelott
 Zymon Baron
 Max Bice
 Dillon Cooler
 Tyler Dawe
 Alanna Dominici
 Kieran Green-Hendrix
 Aileen Ivey
 Kylan Johnson
 Nicholas Johnson
 Dylan Jones
 Julian Jimenez
 Margo Linette
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 Cait Maxey
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 Yasmine Nayabkhal
 Ansel Pezoa
 Le'Andre Perrin
 Bella Ramirez
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 Angela Rodriguez-Lara
 Jayden Sanchez
 Ingrid Soto
 Ashley Strong
 Melanie Toledo
 Ram Venkatesaprabu
 Ryan Villanueva
 Carter Vincent
 Miguel Zamora-Ramirez



Village High School's graduation ceremony at the Firehouse Arts Center, while small in nature, was filled with emotional speeches and powerful words of wisdom as students and staff reflected on their time building bonds with each other.

Korean artist's U.S. debut exhibit on display at Firehouse

'Life's Continuous Journey' highlights literature, philosophy and cultural history

By NICOLE GONZALES

A new solo exhibition in Pleasanton showcases abstract and intricate artwork by Korean artist SeongMi Seol. "Life's Continuous Journey" is Seol's first major exhibit debut in the United States.

Attendees will be able to view 11 large-scale pieces that draw on Seol's personal artistry and signature style. Held in the Firehouse Arts Center's lobby, the display opened last week and will run through July 15.

Originally from South Korea, Seol is now based in San Ramon. Her work is said to show references to philosophy, literature and Korean history.

In a statement, Seol described her artwork in the exhibition as "inherently expressive".

"Color is allowed to escape from my paintings, affecting the mood of normal living spaces," Seol said. "Art provides relief from the mundane, as does nature, removing the social and external boundaries that stifle human freedom and interconnectedness."

Notably, feathers and hands are common recurring objects in Seol's paintings.

"In my paintings the feathers symbolically



express the underlying desires of human beings including obsession, possessions, hope and an ideal world in which we can transcend these pursuits and have a better future," Seol said.

"The hands (then) become an object that



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Artwork on display by SeongMi Seol include "New Beginning" (left) and "Coexist" (above).

can implicitly express a person's inner self by showing the traces of a person's life as it is. My hands are often painted in detail to realistically explain and accurately describe the subject's life and inner self," she continued.

With over 25 years of painting experience, Seol has been the recipient of various awards for her traditional East Asian painting skills.

"One's life experiences and heavy burdens

are emphasized and expressed realistically to create this effect in the details," Seol said of her work.

Firehouse exhibit curator Sydney Tang spoke to the Weekly about the artwork, its meaning and why residents should attend.

"The exhibit includes several of the artist's earlier works from 2012, as well as her most recent works experimenting with concepts of abstraction and perspective. Together, these provide visitors with the opportunity to experience the metamorphosis of Seol's style over the span of a decade," Tang said.

"By visiting this exhibit, community members can enjoy the full breadth of the San Ramon-based artist's extensive oeuvre," Tang added.

Tang explained that the recurring hand motifs in the artwork are modeled after Seol's father.

"This presentation carries deeply personal yet universal qualities of optimism and affirmation to one's self," Tang said.

"Life's Continuous Journey" is free to attend at the city-owned theater venue in downtown Pleasanton. For more information on the solo exhibition, visit www.firehousearts.org. ■

CYT Tri-Valley brings 'Matilda' to stage in Livermore

Musical features 60 student cast members, live orchestra

By NICOLE GONZALES

Tri-Valley performing arts group Christian Youth Theater will put their talents on display this month for a musical production of the classic Roald Dahl story, "Matilda". Theater members have described the show as inspiring, imaginative and powerful.

Six performances of "Matilda: The Musical" are planned at

Livermore's Bankhead Theater from next Thursday through Sunday. Afternoon shows at 2 p.m. are June 16, 17 and 18, while evening shows for 7 p.m. are June 15, 16 and 17.

The story follows a young girl named Matilda who discovers she holds special psychokinetic powers and is able to move objects with her mind.

In school and her family life, Matilda experiences hardships such

as bullying and unloving parents. She quickly learns the importance of speaking up and using her powers for good.

While "Matilda" was written as a children's story, theater members have said the show will entertain adults as well.

Kristin Baer Werder, CYT Tri-Valley artistic director and "Matilda" director, spoke to the Weekly about the upcoming shows.



CYT TRI-VALLEY

Coming to the Bankhead Theater this June in musical form is Roald Dahl's iconic children's story, "Matilda", courtesy of CYT Tri-Valley.

"We're all very excited to show audiences what we've been working on and rehearsing. Our cast, crew and production staff have put in their all to make this show happen," she said. "Most of all I'm excited for the students to see their work and goals come into fruition. Seeing how much they grow and learn throughout the process is really special."

By the numbers, the cast features 60 actors from across the Tri-Valley and a 12-member student orchestra.

Given the powerful message behind "Matilda", Werder hopes the story will resonate with audience members.

"I hope the audience takes to heart the inspiring message behind the show — it's about finding your power and deciding to use that for good," Werder said. "Matilda as a character goes through a lot and at such a young age. In the musical we see her really come into herself and it's a great example for the kids."

"For those most familiar with the book or movie adaptations, this will surely entertain you too," she added.

"(Matilda) is such a classic show. Who doesn't love this story?"

CYT Tri-Valley has operated in the region for over four decades. The group first opened in 1980 with goals of producing high-quality shows that featured an abundance of technical and theatrical skill.

Students in the theater troupe range in age from 4 to 18. Although the theater incorporates Christian values and beliefs into their framework, they say they welcome all backgrounds and prioritize inclusivity.

Along with seasonal productions in the fall, winter and spring, the group offers summer camp programs as well to keep students engaged in the arts.

In the recent past, the theater company has put on shows such as "Five Children and It" and "The Battle of the Boat".

For tickets or more information about the Bankhead Theater, visit livermorearts.org. To find out more about CYT Tri-Valley and their past productions, go to www.cyttrivalley.org. ■

Debbie Gibson in concert at Bankhead

Singer Debbie Gibson, who rose to stardom as a teen in the '80s with hits like "Foolish Beat" and "Lost in Your Eyes" and has maintained a long career in music and as an actress, is performing at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore next month. "A true entertainer with timeless talent and charisma", according to Livermore Valley Arts representatives, Gibson has sold more than 16 million albums and starred in more than a dozen stage musicals, including Broadway's "Les Misérables" and the West End's "Grease". Debbie Gibson: The Body Remembers Encore Tour is set to come to the Bankhead at 7:30 p.m. July 13. The show is almost sold out; learn more at livermorearts.org.



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By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill alum Simons named Big West Co-Field Player of the Year

Junior shines on both sides for CSU Northridge

East Bay Athletic League alumni had quite the season in Big West conference baseball this year.

Leading the way was Cal State Northridge's Jakob Simons, a 2018 Foothill graduate, who was named the Co-Field Player of the Year along with UC Irvine's Caden Kendle.

Simons, a junior outfielder for the Matadors, had a career season with CSUN, improving his batting average 129 points from the prior season.

Simons finished first in the conference in OPS (1.115) while he ranked second in slugging percentage (.665), third in home runs (14), fourth in batting average (.356), on-base percentage (.450) and runs scored (51), fifth in stolen bases (11), and seventh in hits (67) and RBI (48).

Simons also shined on the defensive side, posting a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with two assists in center field.

Back in Pleasanton for a couple weeks before he heads off to summer ball in North Dakota, Simons took some time to discuss the season.

And it was last summer when everything turned for Simons.

"I figured some stuff out last summer," Simons said of his game. "Once I figured it out, I spent the rest of the summer refining it."

Simons took the new part of his offensive game through the fall season and continued to refine his game. Then a minor injury threatened to sideline Simons.

"When the season was starting, I had a broken pinkie," he said. "I wasn't sure I was going to be able to

start, but then I got the start."

He reached base in 44 of 48 games and hit safely 37 times, with a team high 23 multiple hit games and 14 multiple RBI games.

Those numbers paved the way for the successful run.

"My consistency was something I was the proudest of," Simons said. "You're not going to stay hot the whole season. When you have your failures, you learn from them. You analyze it and figure what do I need to do differently, and you make it better. I'm not worried about results — you can only worry about what you can control."

Now Simons heads into summer with a solid game, just one year after entering summer looking for answers. Is the approach any different this time?

"I feel like during the summer we have the freedom to work on something," he said. "The coaches let you play more during the summer. It's more relaxed, a more chill environment."

And that will get him ready for his final year at CSUN, that is if he is still in college.

"During the year I was getting some attention from some professional teams," Simons said. "I have someone that is working with me and helping me, but we will have to wait and see. I am looking forward to going back to CSUN."

Matt Ager, another former Foothill star who now pitches for UC Santa Barbara, joined the Big West first team after a big season for the Gauchos.

Ager was the Friday night starter and the ace for Santa Barbara this year.

One of the nation's top strike-throwers, the sophomore made himself a candidate for Big West Pitcher of the Year, racking up 115 strikeouts, the 10th most in Division I, in 92-1/3 innings of work this season.

Ager pitched every weekend for the Gauchos, going 5-4 in 15 starts with a 3.12 ERA. Eleven of those

outings were quality starts — at least six innings pitched while allowing three or fewer runs — including eight of his first 10.

He threw three scoreless outings this season and was named Big West Pitcher of the Week after two of them, stunning seven-inning outings at Oregon and Cal State Fullerton.

Finally, UC San Diego won the Big West title — the first in any sport for the Tritons as they are in just their

third year in the conference.

Nick Costello (Dublin), Ryan Rissas (California) and Donovan Chriss (De La Salle) are all members of the UCSD team.

Due to an NCAA rule, the Tritons were denied a berth in the NCAA Tournament. The NCAA has a mandated four-year reclassification for schools moving from D-II to D-I, as there are different academic requirements between the two divisions. ■

Public Notices

A-1 ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597523

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

1.) A-1 ENTERPRISES, located at 3110 BUSCH ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY. MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 399, PLEASANTON, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEMS, LLC
3110 BUSCH ROAD
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
CALIFORNIA

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

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PAMPHERED NAILS AND SPA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597610

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

1.) Pampered Nails and Spa, located at 6900 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

LANH NGUYEN
1118 Eureka Lane #6
Concord, CA 94520

Registrant has not yet commenced transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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BREEZE DENTAL GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 598177

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

1.) Breeze dental group, located at 4430 Willow Rd, Suite E, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

SARA ANJUM DDS INC
4430 Willow Rd, Suite E
Pleasanton, CA 94588
CALIFORNIA

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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TRANFORMEZ HARDWOOD FLOORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597122

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

1.) Transformez Hardwood Floors, located at 19263 Hathaway Avenue, Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

FRANCISCO J GOMEZ
19263 Hathaway Avenue
Hayward, CA 94541

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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TK ART
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597887

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

1.) TK ART, located at 3867 Florian St. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

TAEYEON KIM
3867 Florian St.
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/14/2023

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M D PROCESSING, LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 597643

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

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

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

MD PROCESSING, LLC
1736 BEACHWOOD WAY
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
CALIFORNIA

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 23CV033725
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sonja Kay Brown filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SONJA KAY BROWN to SONJA KAY KISSMAN-BROWN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 06/20/2023, 09:30 am, Civil, Dept 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak St, Oakland, CA, 94612.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following

newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 05/19/2023
Charles A. Smiley
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 26, Jun 2, 9 and 16, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ALICE MARIE DESROSIERES
Case No.: RP23142063

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALICE MARIE DESROSIERES.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL ALEXANDER DESROSIERES in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL ALEXANDER DESROSIERES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 26 2023 at 9:45am in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner in Pro Per: Michael Alexander Desrosiers
100 Kirkcrest Court
Alamo, CA 94507
925-984-1841
(PLW Jun 9, 16 and 23, 2023)

Place a legal notice at PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/



COURTESY SIMONS

Pleasanton native Jakob Simons made a huge jump on both sides of the ball this season, propelling him to the Big West Co-Field Player of the Year award.

Pleasanton politics — Toxic just like the water

Who can forget the water contamination crisis in Flint, Michigan a few years ago? After Flint was forced to change its drinking water supply from Lake Huron to the Flint River, a research team headed by professor Marc Edwards from Virginia Tech discovered Flint's residents were being poisoned by lead in the water. Government agency misconduct and bungling can't get much worse, can it?



Yes, it can. Pleasanton (Balch dissenting) just authorized PFAS-contaminated water from city wells 5 and 6 to be turned on this summer. When children traditionally have lemonade and Kool-Aid stands this summer, the drinks and ice will have some extra ingredients

— bioaccumulative PFAS compounds — provided courtesy of Mayor Brown and councilmembers Arkin, Testa and Nibert.

Unlike cash-strapped Flint, whose economy has been devastated by the collapse of the automobile industry, Pleasanton is a bit different. Last month, the City Council consent agenda showed it spent almost \$27 million (\$26,934,251 to be exact) during the previous month.

Also, another \$250,000 was approved to outfit not one, not two, but three city office conference rooms with technology to facilitate "satellite locations for public meetings". And where are these new far-flung satellite locations in relation to the existing City Council Chambers? They are just steps away next door at 157 Main St.

On the one hand, the City Council majority acts like the upper crust "Gilligan's Island" characters Thurston Howell III and his wife.

Owning a diamond mine, oil well, coconut plantation and downtown Denver, they had more money than imaginable.

With a Century House HGTV-style makeover and a third skate park in the works, in a seemingly endless pursuit to turn Pleasanton into one giant amusement park, the four sure do act like the Howells, who could easily afford to fund such extravagances, which of course, these two projects certainly are.

And the absurd extra public meetings rooms? Well, are those more conference rooms for "special meetings" to haul Councilmember Balch into City Hall to stage some sort of intervention, reprimand him like a subordinate, scold him into silence and adopt their sunny "Everything's Coming Up Roses" persona like they did two weeks ago?

I want Pleasanton's leaders to act like and be individuals, not be strong-armed into joining a herd. And now when we have a major water toxin crisis, we need strong leaders like him to let the public know not just the good, but the good, the bad and the ugly.

And what happened two weeks

ago was indeed ugly. I am not just angry, but livid that four elected officials would dare attempt to suppress the First Amendment rights of Vice Mayor Balch. I'm outraged the mayor, who seems to have forgotten Pleasanton is a democracy, even called the meeting.

Zone 7 just delivered PFAS-filtering Ion Exchange (IX) pressure vessels to Stoneridge Drive, deferring three other capital projects to do so. And if North Carolina towns like Wilmington can remove PFAS from their water supply, why won't Pleasanton? I want the unfiltered truth, and these days, like clean and safe water, it's in short supply.

Common decency also seems to be in short supply. Attempting to silence Jack Balch was not only irresponsible, but it was also simply inexcusable. And I want to hear what he has to say. ■

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LETTERS

Great sister city coverage

On behalf of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, we thank editorial director Jeremy Walsh and the Pleasanton Weekly for your support in recognizing our Tulancingo visitors and our sister city association in celebration of our 40th anniversary.

We really appreciate the front page and center section showcasing our sister city association. Your article sharing the present visit and its mission statement was very well presented. The many pictures,

showing present and past memories, gave a good representation of our 40-year history. We thank Chuck Deckert for all the beautiful pictures.

Our community is fortunate to have the Weekly providing us with local news.

—Jorge Victoria, PTSCA president

—Juan Jose Parra, visit chairman

Give 'seniors' more credit

I was more than mildly offended by Mr. Dave Stark's recent piece in the Weekly, "Preparing to buy or sell a home in 2023". Mr. Stark seems to imply that "seniors" are uniquely challenged when buying

or selling a home and would likely be overwhelmed and befuddled by the process. Lots of paperwork, inspections, scary camera drones, and the internet — Oh My!

Though Mr. Stark does not define the "senior" demographic of which he speaks, I am willing to assume that, at 72, I fit his definition of a senior. I can say that neither myself nor any of my contemporaries nor my 85-years-young mother-in-law would be overwhelmed at the thought of a residential real estate transaction today. It might be a pain in the butt, but not overwhelming.

Unfortunately Mr. Stark seems more interested in peddling FUD (fear, uncertainty and doubt) than pointing out that any buyer or seller should receive any and all the support they need from their Realtor. Ostensibly that is what the sales commissions are paying for.

—Harry Edwards

Livermore Rodeo needs animal welfare policy

Back in 1986, after a series of rodeo animal injuries and deaths at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District adopted a progressive animal welfare policy, one reviewed annually.

The annual Livermore Rodeo, managed by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, has no such policy. This needs to change,

for the benefit of the animals and rodeo alike.

At the very least, such a policy should require an onsite veterinarian, and ban cruel non-sanctioned events such as "mutton busting" and "wild cow milking" (recently outlawed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors).

—Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals

Abysmal council majority

Mayor Karla Brown is "bad juju" leading the four-vote council majority — "The skate park decision has been made and should not be reconsidered."

That said, while the Brown cloud of calamities are engulfing the city of Pleasanton.

Police union pay rate dispute. PFAS chemicals in our drinking water. Pleasanton pension debt. Street, trail maintenance, city staff understaffed.

The city of Pleasanton does not insure any of its structures. Doesn't matter, we'll put millions in an old farmhouse anyway.

A handful of people may use a third skate park occasionally. Doesn't matter, we'll spend millions of dollars anyway.

Pleasanton's 80,000 residents consume contaminated water. Doesn't matter, Mayor Brown and her majority vote have made their decision.

—Michael Austin, via Town Square

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Entertainment

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

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

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Vocalist Alexandra Devine, Wayne Fettig on keyboard, Tim Devine on sax, Jim Kassis on drums and Matt Finders on bass. Seating is limited. Reservations by email to info@pleasantonjazzsociety.com. 5:30-7 p.m., June 10. 533 Main St.

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

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

MATILDA THE MUSICAL CYT Tri-Valley presents this inspiring story of a special little girl with an extraordinary imagination. June 15-18. Tickets \$26.25. Visit livermorearts.org.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT THE BANKHEAD PLAZA Juneteenth commemorates the liberation of the last slaves in Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation abolished slavery in the Confederate States in 1863. This free event will be observed with a local celebration, including music, art, drumming, singing, dancing and musical performances. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 17.

MIDNIGHT FLYER: A TRIBUTE TO THE EAGLES Audiences and critics alike love the Midnight Flyer band's energy and spot-on recreation of The Eagles music. 8 p.m., June 17. Tickets \$20-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

PREVIEW OF MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Livermore Civic Center Library invites the community to attend a free preview of SPARC's interactive performance of a shortened version of Much Ado About Nothing. 7-8 p.m., June 20.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD "Silent Sky", the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt, explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific and heart-bound discoveries, with music and math bursting forth onstage. June 22-25; June 29-July 2, July 7-9. Darcie Kent Vineyards. Visit sparcstheater.org.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Multiple award-winning fiber artist and AVQ member Linda Schmidt will speak at the first in-person meeting in 3 years. Her lecture is entitled "Short Attention Span Quilting and Trunk

Show". 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 10. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB-POTLUCK AND GENERAL MEETING Bring a dish to share where speaker Jennifer De Graaff presents her program "Planting Considerations in the Understory of Existing Trees." 1:30-4 p.m., June 10. Creekside Barn on the Crosswinds Church property. Visit lavgc.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Stephen P. Morse will discuss "The 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index & The 1950 Census: One Year Later". 7-8:30 p.m., June 12. Visit l-ags.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH ALICE PAUL In this living-history portrayal, actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., portrays suffragist Alice Paul, one of the most dynamic leaders in the fight to win votes for women. 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., June 13. Visit museumonmain.org.

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION CHAT Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and Eman Tai Ahmad, Muslim Community Center, will speak about the significance of their calendars and highlight some important observances. 7-8 p.m., June 14. Muslim Community Center East Bay, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Kate Farrell, author, storyteller and librarian, presents "Storytelling: An Interactive Workshop for Authors" where she will show how to enliven talks and create a shared experience with listeners when converting stories from written pages to spoken words. Register by June 15 at trivalleywriters.org. Las Positas College, 2 p.m., June 17.

Festivals & Fairs

LIVERMORE RODEO The Livermore Rodeo is packed with action

and events including a Queen and Princess Competition, BBQ Mixer, Family Night and Cowgirl Luncheon. June 10-11. Robert Livermore Park. Visit livermorerodeo.com.

2023 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR Themed "Summer Vibes" and filled with summertime favorites including carnival rides and games, classic fair food and drinks, vendor booths, arts and culinary exhibitions, livestock displays and more. June 16 to July 9. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Exhibits

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

MUSEUM ON MAIN EXHIBIT The exhibit "On the Job: The Changing World of Work in the Valley and Beyond" will bring to light the who, what, where, why and how of Pleasanton and the Valley at work, and how that experience fits into the nation's history. Now through July 8. For more information visit museumonmain.org.

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

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers' Market

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Hi! I'm Peppa

I'm a cat who knows what she likes (and what she doesn't). My top three favorite things, in order, are: 1. Sunbathing on my window perch; 2. Eating wet food and treats; and 3. Playing with wand toys. I like to observe my surroundings, and this includes checking out any new humans in my space. I prefer to set the pace for our interactions, and I wouldn't call myself a lap cat. I appreciate a good balance of love and space. Visit eastbayspca.org.

is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. W. Angela St. Visit pcfma.org/pleasanton.

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

Veterans

VETERANS EVENT Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to provide veteran benefits review,

enroll veterans for care with the VA Palo Alto Health System, answer questions about VA services and provide medical care for enrolled veterans. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 19.

VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL OUTREACH The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System's mobile medical outreach van will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library parking lot to provide examinations, consultations and referrals to veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 22.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Civic Arts Special Meeting
 Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Recommend City Council approve a multi-year agreement with Preservation Arts for public art conservation and public art maintenance for a minimum of three years and up to five years for an amount not to exceed \$310,000

Economic Vitality Meeting
 Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.
 The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Rd.

- Receive the Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan and provide a recommendation to the City Council for adoption

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Talking Real Estate with Doug Buenz | Compass

Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update June 2023 (Data from May) – Inventory Remains Tight

The Pleasanton real estate market surged again in May, driven by extremely low inventory and surprisingly strong demand. We continue to see homes selling quickly, often with multiple offers, especially in the lower price range. There simply is not enough inventory to meet demand at the moment.

A huge factor in the lack of inventory is the fact that many homeowners are sitting on existing loans that are about half what the current mortgage rates, which is a disincentive for many of these owners to move. In a more normal market, there would be sellers who want to sell their current home and move into another home locally, looking for a home that more suits their needs. However,

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 27-May 4 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

Pleasanton

4121 Amberwood Circle S. Richards to D. & C. Arora for \$805,000

4440 Comanche Way Wolff Trust to R. & H. Gaur for \$720,000

3122 Conti Court J. White to Kim Trust for \$4,700,000

6043 Corte Montanas S. Dunn to S. & V. Peddiredy for \$1,165,000

2702 Corte San Blas Carlson 1995 Family Trust to B. & N. Doppalapudi for \$1,717,000

3743 Fairlands Drive J. Doppler to Foreverhome LLC for \$1,300,000

5 Grey Eagle Court Allen Family Trust to Archbold Family Trust for \$4,250,000

3548 West Las Positas Boulevard M. & A. Mohseni to Aravind Trust for \$1,830,500

6728 Payne Road K. & T. Bruynell to S. & V. Kumar for \$1,510,000

7871 Peppertree Road J. Erickson to Reliance Realty Partners LLC for \$1,010,000

1627 Safreno Street Safreno Living Trust to S. Le for \$2,025,000

1666 Tanglewood Court Katherine Trust to K. & M. Peterson for \$1,490,000

3456 Touriga Drive D. & J. Price to G. Browning for \$1,675,000

4100 Veneto Court C. & Y. Hsieh to R. Donnahoo for \$870,000

2315 Westbridge Lane Diaz Trust to R. & M. Khalil for \$4,250,000

Livermore

124 Anna Maria Street A. & J. Solis to J. & L. Yamshon for \$1,180,000

1976 Birchwood Common Rodriguez Family Trust to D. & P. Parameswaran for \$1,160,000

6852 Brookview Court J. & S. Whyte to N. & D. Renton for \$1,912,500

1737 Corte Sueno C. & S. Frost to L. & A. Tucker for \$1,050,000

794 Cottonwood Court Schasker Living Trust to R. & G. Defazio for \$1,575,000

4150 Florida Court R. Facer to B. & Y. Wang for \$975,000

3150 Hansen Road C. Barnett to K. & K. Bhanushali for \$2,400,000

453 Jillana Avenue Biro-Manley Trust to S. & N. Jha for \$1,135,000

803 Katrina Street Livermore Vly R/E Inc to M. & R. Modi for \$1,365,000

1293 Lillian Street R. & M. Tirone to B. & J. Miller for \$1,250,000

348 Marie Common T. & C. Grider to A. Zeigle for \$750,000

1879 Meadow Glen Drive R. Bozinoski to Jacobs 2020 Trust for \$1,410,000

35 Medina Street Jelenic 2002 Trust to K. & K. Reguero for \$1,365,000

3885 Mills Way S. & H. Kapri to A. & N. Sharma for \$1,155,000

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A message from our Livermore Vine editor, Cierra Bailey

I'm Cierra Bailey, and I'm an editor for Embarcadero Media, the small local news organization that includes the Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Vine and DanvilleSanRamon.

My interest in pursuing journalism began as a high school student in Livermore and was inspired by the fact that I was inquisitive and loved to write. It wasn't until years later when I started my first internship with the Pleasanton Weekly that I truly recognized the importance of local journalism.

One of the first stories I ever wrote for the Weekly was about Relay for Life, a 24-hour cancer fundraising walk that was taking place in Pleasanton. Speaking to local cancer survivors who shared the details of their battles against the disease and their commitment to supporting others going through similar journeys sparked a light in me that let me know this is what I'm supposed to be doing. My calling is to uplift the voices of those who are making significant impacts in communities that are often overlooked.

In the years since, I've had the privilege of covering a number of compelling stories for our news organization as a reporter and as the founding editor of LivermoreVine.com.

More recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing Brock Uhl, who at the time was 17 years old and was changing the culture of the Tri-Valley by organizing and hosting drag shows at local venues throughout the region.

I didn't realize at first the impact the article had by shining a spotlight on drag culture and underscoring the importance of inclusion and acceptance in the Tri-Valley. However, when Uhl reached out to me after the article was published and asked to meet in person so that he could thank me face-to-face, I was reminded yet again why local community journalism matters. Our stories have the power to make people feel seen and it has been an honor to do so in the community that has been home to me for most of my life.

Because of these experiences and so many more over the course of my career, I strongly believe that community is at the heart of local journalism which is why we need your help to sustain it. Your support means we can continue this journey together. Consider helping us fulfill our mission by becoming a member today.



Cierra Bailey
EDITOR

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NEW LISTING

5786 SHADOW RIDGE CT, PLEASANTON

6 BD | 5 BA | 4,455 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE | .39 ACRE LOT

Stunning & highly upgraded "Hillstar" model in desirable "Bridle Creek" neighborhood. Generous premium lot located at back of court. No expense has been spared for this luxurious home with resort style grounds! This home includes five bedrooms (downstairs spacious guest room en-suite), downstairs office (possible 6th bedroom), spacious upstairs primary bedroom en-suite (heated floors), large bonus/theatre room and five beautifully remodeled bathrooms. The gorgeous gourmet kitchen has Calcutta marble countertops, custom tile backsplash, custom cabinetry, premium SS Wolf appliances, butler's pantry area, 130 bottle Subzero wine fridge and a spacious walk-in pantry. Wide plank engineered wood floors, newer electrical upgrades & fixtures, new exterior paint & newer interior paint. Includes a three-car side load garage. Relax or entertain in your private backyard oasis with a california room that provides indoor/outdoor living space, a waterfall, PebbleTec solar heated pool & spa, outdoor kitchen and sports court. Enjoy adjacent walking trail, nearby park and main street for shopping & dining. Just five minutes to Castlewood Country Club, commuter friendly south Pleasanton location. Attendance area for award winning schools!

LISTED FOR \$3,495,000

JENSEN



**NEW LISTING
OPEN FRI. 11AM-1PM & 5-7PM,
SAT. & SUN. 1-4PM**

4166 SCHOOL STREET, PLEASANTON

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,300 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

Highly upgraded single level north facing detached home that is move-in ready and just a short stroll to historic Downtown Pleasanton! Pottery Barn cute throughout, this home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 upgraded bathrooms, approximately 1300 sqft. with an additional sunroom/flex space and a private backyard oasis. The remodeled kitchen has quartz countertops, subway tile backsplash, newer cabinetry and SS appliances. Several other upgrades include refinished hardwood floors throughout, water softener, newer HVAC (2019), additional bonus room in garage, Nest thermostat, dual paned windows/sliders, new exterior stucco/brick, new interior paint, new fence and so much more. The private backyard offers a newer built sparkling in-ground, gas-heated pool with stamped concrete perfect for relaxing or entertaining! Located in the heart of Pleasanton with convenient access to award winning schools, dining, shopping and nearby downtown amenities! This home is sure to please and will not last!

LISTED FOR \$1,399,000

CARRIAGE ESTATES



PENDING

**609 BLOSSOM COURT,
PLEASANTON**

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

LISTED FOR \$4,495,000

MUIRWOOD MEADOWS



JUST CLOSED

**7331 ELMWOOD CIRCLE,
PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 3 BA
1,813 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

JUST SOLD FOR \$1,630,000

OAK HILL



SOLD

**7702 OAK CREEK COURT,
PLEASANTON**

5 BD | 3 BA
2,523 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

SOLD FOR \$2,100,000

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\$4,040,000 - REPRESENTED SELLERS & BUYERS



RUBY HILL RECORD SALE

4132 PARMA COURT, RUBY HILL
\$4,825,000



SOLD \$255K OVER ASKING!

885 BRICCO COURT, RUBY HILL
\$3,250,000



SOLD \$622K OVER ASKING!

8003 ROCKFORD PLACE, PLEASANTON
\$4,150,000



SOLD MULTIPLE OFFERS!

4471 LINDA WAY, PLEASANTON
\$1,750,000 - REPRESENTED SELLERS & BUYERS



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3591 Crespi Court, Pleasanton

5 BR | 4.5 BA | 4,158 SF | 1.1 Acres

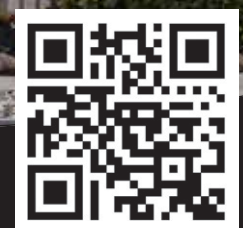
The home's private views are one of a kind. | Pricing upon request



**2280 Merlot Lane,
Livermore**

4 BR | 3.5 BA
3,940 SF

**Sold for
\$2,150,000**



PENDING



1776 Harvest Rd., Pleasanton

4 BR | 1,675 SF | Presented at \$1,600,000

COMING SOON



Pleasanton Townhouse

2 BR | 1 BA | 903 SF

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