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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Taking us along

One of my favorite recurring features in the Weekly is our popular Take Us Along series, where readers bring our print newspaper with them on vacation and snap a photograph at locations near and far — and then send the picture to us with caption information for future publication.



I'm often in awe of the beautiful, historical or personal settings our readers choose, not to mention the creativity and detail of their anecdotes and the dedication to bring our paper along on trip after trip, with some young adults now continuing the family tradition for a second generation.

don't keep formal records, haha.

Wanting to shine a special spotlight on the program in my column, I decided to reach out to our founding editors for their recollections a couple weeks ago. Jeb Bing and Dolores Fox Ciardelli, who are now enjoying retirement, each answered quickly and reiterated the same origin story.

In that same year, we ran a Take Us Along featuring actor/comedian Mike Myers with our paper in Hawaii on the cover of our fifth anniversary edition. I haven't been able to track down the whole story behind it, but I've been assured it's a legit photo.

Very fortuitous timing by me, as it turns out.

We do get celebrities and public figures featured on occasion. We were at Opening Day in Yankee Stadium earlier this year as San Francisco Giants shortstop and Pleasanton's own Brandon Crawford was in the Bronx with his family while taking on the New York Yankees.

It was 23 years ago, midway through our first year in operation, that then-Pleasanton police chief Tim Neal decided to bring the Pleasanton Weekly with him on vacation to New York City and his wife snapped a picture of him leafing through the paper in front of the Statue of Liberty. They gave Jeb a copy of their photo, and he published it ... in the July 19, 2000 edition.

I've turned in my share of Take Us Alongs over the years, including my own at MLB Opening Week in Japan in 2019 when the Oakland A's took on the Seattle Mariners in the Tokyo Dome.

"After Tim's picture ran, other readers began sending in their shots and the feature was born!" Dolores recalled.

Another thing I love is when people who are featured on our front page bring that newspaper on their trip. Recently, Nichelle Baviera submitted a Take Us Along (shown above) from a visit earlier this year with her pen pal Diana Harris in Sedona, Ariz. The paper she used? The March 2, 2018 edition featuring Dolores' cover story about their enduring friendship: "The power of pen pals: After four decades of corresponding, two women finally meet".

And boy did grow. We've now run thousands of Take Us Alongs (as it would eventually be named) over the years: some as solo photo items, some grouped together on an entire page and occasionally on our cover.

Capturing memories with family and friends, or just by oneself, is why the Take Us Along is so popular in Pleasanton.

We still have boxes filled with printed photos people would bring to our office or send us in the mail. For years, we maintained a bulletin board in the office with the reader submissions. Now, thankfully for my organizational needs, all of the photos and captions are sent to me via email — and I finally have a healthy queue stocked up again after the travel dip during the pandemic.

I also appreciate that it's a way so many readers show their support for our paper and our connection in their community; while implicit support is great, explicit support for our local journalism business — and our print newspaper — is that much more impactful in these increasingly tough times for our industry.

Thanks to our readers, the Weekly has visited all seven continents and nearly 100 countries. In 2005, we reported that the paper had been to every U.S. state except for Mississippi and North Dakota; I sure hope we crossed those final two off the list at some point, though we

So if you're going on vacation and bringing the Weekly along, don't hesitate to send me your Take Us Along afterward. I can't wait for our readers to see it. ■

About the Cover

"Night Watchers" by Christine McCall is part of the "Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Narrative" exhibit now open at the Bankhead Theater. Image courtesy Livermore Valley Arts. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Have you had (or are you planning to have) any big adventures this summer?



Rick Hamilton

Renewable energy project developer

My honey and I will be heading in a few weeks to Harbin Hot Springs, up near Napa, to bob around in very hot water and go wine tasting. I'm really looking forward to it because I'm desperately in love with my partner and enjoy every moment I spend with her.



Teri Mae Rutledge

Lawyer

I actually don't have plans to go anywhere this summer because I just started a new job. However, I got to hang out yesterday with the most precious 3-month-old baby, and that was better than any summer adventure I could possibly take.



Danielle Harris

Preschool student

I'm going to Disneyland with my family. I'm so excited! I've been waiting my whole life to go on this trip and it's finally happening. I'm going to meet Minnie and Mickey, and swirl around in circles on the teacups ride.



Tamara Rosado

Legal assistant

I'm heading up to Lake Tahoe because during the 15 years I've been living in the Bay Area, I've never been there. I'm really looking forward to hiking in the fresh air and relaxing by the lake.



Saralee Olsen

Sales and marketing

I'm traveling down the coast and then inland to Death Valley because I really enjoy the intense heat there. It's only in extreme heat that I can ever achieve a sense of being warm. So I'm really looking forward to the triple-digit temperatures and not being cold all the time. From there we'll be heading up to Grass Valley for some wine-tasting events. So it's really like two adventures in one.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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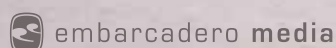
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100 years of Amador

Alumni, students and the community at-large are ready to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Amador Valley High School, with the organizing committee hard at work planning the festivities set for Sept. 14-16.

The celebration will begin with a wine-and-cheese reception on Sept. 14 at the Museum on Main, which will be displaying an exhibit highlighting Amador over the years.

A downtown parade will follow on the afternoon of Sept. 15, featuring the 350-member Amador marching band and other floats and entrants, with Pleasanton natives Juliette Goodrich and Brad Kinney performing announcer duties. The procession will wrap up in time for people to enjoy the Pigskin Kickoff before the Amador football game.

On Sept. 15, the Amador Friends of Music will sponsor the Centennial Pancake Breakfast on the high school quad. For a full schedule of events or to purchase tickets where necessary as well as custom hats and T-shirts, visit www.Amador100.com.

SLVAP review

The Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has released the draft report on its South Livermore Valley Area Plan Special Study for public comment and review.

"The report has been commissioned to provide objective information and data that may better inform deliberations and potential future policy decisions pertaining to the South Livermore Valley area through the support of agricultural preservation policies and the extension of municipal services," LAFCO officials said.

Comments must be submitted by Aug. 11 to be considered in the development of the final report, officials said. LAFCO is on track to consider final adoption at either its September or November meeting. To view the report and submit comments online, go to www.alamedaafco.org.

VP Cook-Kallio

Trustee Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who represents the Tri-Valley, has been appointed as the vice president of the Alameda County Board of Education for the 2023-24 academic year.

The former Pleasanton City Council member is serving her first term on the county board, after being elected in June 2022.

The board also voted on July 11 to name Trustee Janevette Cole, who represents Hayward and Union City, to serve as board president for the year. "I'm really grateful for the honor of serving with you all and working with staff," Cole said. "Thank you for honoring me."

To learn more, visit aco.org/board. ■

Pleasanton council advances process to increase water service rates

Series of proposed hikes, starting at 30% this fall, to be decided in September

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday green-lit the first step in the process to raise water service rates, starting at a proposed 30% increase effective in November — a move city officials say is necessary to rebuild the city's nearly depleted water enterprise fund.

While saying it was a tough decision for them, a 4-1 council majority voted to initiate the public notification process needed before finalizing a potential rate increase, which would mark the first time the city overhauled its water rates since 2011.

If approved at the Sept. 19 council meeting, the water rates would go up by 30% beginning Nov. 1, followed by another 20% increase beginning Jan. 1, 2025 and a 12%

increase the following year.

Single-family residential customers would see an average increase of about \$33 every other month during the first year, depending on their bimonthly water consumption, according to the staff presentation.

"The water enterprise fund is not financially sustainable," said Tamara Baptista, interim director of Operations and Water Utilities. "The water rates tonight will make it in a better, stable condition."

The package advanced by the council also proposed three years of sewer rate increases of about \$1.50 every other month starting also on Nov. 1 until June 30, 2024 and then again on July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025. The sewer increase, which is based on consumer price index measurements, is not as substantial as the

water rate increase because the city has not completed a sewer master management — once that has been completed, the city will undergo a full sewer rate study just like it did with water.

The next step in the process will be to send ratepayers a notice of the rate increases in advance of the September public meeting. Ratepayers should expect to see a notice in their mail early August regarding the rate increases in advance of the final public meeting on Sept. 19 where the council would consider finalizing the rate increases, according to city officials.

Councilmembers heard from five public speakers, all opposed to the new water rate proposal, during their special meeting held at the city's Operations Services Center

instead of the council chambers on Tuesday night.

The option to raise the water rates is not something that is new to the city, as it had previously planned to raise them back in 2019. At the time, city officials were planning to conduct a water rate study but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they had to put a pause on the study.

According to staff, the city has implemented inflation cost increases during the last 12 years, but due to the pandemic, they have not increased the rates at all during the last three years in order to be mindful of the burden it might have put on ratepayers at the time.

"This city — and I was part of it — made a mistake by not

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The remains of Leroy Slenker, a World War II soldier who died as a prisoner of war, are escorted from Pleasanton by a group of motorcyclists as they begin their long drive to bury the remains at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon.

World War II soldier identified 80 years after his death

Remains transported from Pleasanton mortuary to military cemetery after DNA showed descendants lived in town

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The remains of a long-identified American soldier and prisoner of war, who died after being captured by the Japanese military in the Philippines during World War II, were escorted from Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton to his final resting place in Dixon last week after scientists were able to positively identify him 80 years after his death.

When Japanese forces began

invading the Philippine Islands in December 1941, U.S. Army Pvt. Leroy M. Slenker, 28, of El Segundo in Los Angeles County was one of the U.S. soldiers who was sent off to fight alongside Filipino service members.

But after several months of intense fighting in Bataan — a small province on the Philippine island of Luzon — and at Corregidor Island, the Japanese army forced the Allied troops to surrender. That's when Slenker, along with

12,000 U.S. troops and 66,000 Filipino troops, were taken in as prisoners of war.

Those 78,000 prisoners of war were then subjected to the infamous 65-mile Bataan Death March, according to a July 5 press release from the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS), a media outlet that is part of the U.S. Department of Defense.

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Recall effort aims to remove county DA

Price likens ouster campaign to Jan. 6 insurrection

By KEITH BURBANK / BCN

An effort underway to recall Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price maintains she has been too lenient on criminals.

Price, who campaigned on criminal justice reform, was elected last November after incumbent Nancy O'Malley decided not to seek reelection.

She has been under attack following choices her office has made in cases such as Delonzo Logwood, and for statements about the fatal highway shooting of Fremont toddler Jasper Wu. Logwood was accused of killing three people, but he will serve 12 years in prison for one count of voluntary manslaughter.

Price described the recall effort as coming from a Republican-backed group with local leaders who are trying to unseat her "because they refuse to accept the results of a legitimate, democratic election to remove the status quo."

Price likened the effort to the insurrection of the U.S. Capitol

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Axis kicks off renovations on new Livermore health clinic

Ceremony commemorates forthcoming expansion of services in Tri-Valley

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Axis Community Health, a nonprofit medical provider offering affordable health care services for uninsured and low-income residents in the Tri-Valley, will soon open up another clinic on the edge of downtown Livermore.

A ceremony was held last week to celebrate the start of renovations at the building located at 1686 Second St., which was previously occupied by Legacy Real Estate & Associates.

With other locations in Pleasanton, Dublin and another site on Pacific Avenue in Livermore, the new clinic would mark a major milestone for Axis to provide additional resources to the community.

With all existing Axis sites operating at full capacity — including the Pleasanton clinic opened in 2016 — the demand for accessible health care in the Tri-Valley region continues to grow, Axis officials said. The waiting list for the Dublin dental clinic alone exceeds 1,200 people. The new site will address the increased need by significantly expanding services and capacity.

“We are incredibly excited to begin renovations on our new clinic site in Livermore,” Liz Perez-Howe, CEO of Axis Community Health, said in a statement. “This expansion

represents our commitment to meeting the growing healthcare needs of Tri-Valley residents. We are grateful for the community’s continued support and look forward to providing high-quality care to even more individuals.”

Slated to open next summer, the new “health care hub” is projected to accommodate 20,000 total visits per year for approximately 5,600 patients. It will feature six dental operatories, six examination rooms and dedicated offices for behavioral health services.

The ceremony on July 13 featured remarks from Perez-Howe along with Axis Board Chair James Paxson, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez and Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, who each expressed excitement for the new clinic and praised Axis’ contributions to sustaining health in the Tri-Valley.

“We knew that Livermore was a place that was important to invest in and an important place for us to expand services,” Paxson said of the new site location. “I like ribbon-cuttings because they celebrate accomplishment but I think in some ways; I like groundbreakings even more because you have the opportunity to celebrate hope, prospect and possibility.”

Last year, Axis provided more than 108,000 health care visits across its sites to over 14,000 patients, with 5,000 of those patients being Livermore residents.

“This is an exceptional moment as we work together to bring affordable health care, mental health and dental health to the entire Tri-Valley,” Brown said, highlighting the collaborative effort to provide services to the region. “We’re proud of this clinic that just a few years ago was opened in Dublin and now it’s at capacity and now we need to expand.”

Hernandez also underscored collaboration in her remarks. “I always like to say that we don’t only fight here in the region but we go to Sacramento and we go to Washington D.C. and I do believe that we do a great job on trying to be able to fight for what we need here in the Tri-Valley,” she said.

The event also formally kicked off the capital campaign for the facility to raise additional funds needed to complete the project. The total cost of the project is \$8 million. With \$5.7 million in cash/equity and financing allowed for the acquisition of the building and \$1 million provided by government funding, the campaign’s goal is to raise another \$1.3 million over the next two years to complete construction, furnish the space and



CIERRA BAILEY

The mayors of Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton pose with Axis officials at the new clinic site.

acquire essential medical equipment, according to Axis officials.

Last month, the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley contributed \$26,300 to support the new clinic. The organization used \$25,000 that had been awarded to them — along with nine other Bay Area clubs — by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert as part of his commitment to help local communities recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan Act provided funds to support those most impacted by the economic downturn related to the pandemic. Haubert directed Rotary clubs to

use the funds to support those who are unhoused, or youth, or part of an underserved community.

“The Livermore Valley Rotary Club determined that Axis Community Health serves those most in need in our community and truly fulfills the intent of ARPA,” former club president Kevin McCallum said in a statement announcing the contribution.

The Rotary Club also added funds to Haubert’s grant so that the donation could fund the start-up supplies of three of the dental offices planned for the new Livermore clinic.

To learn more about Axis and its services, visit axishealth.org. ■

SOLDIER

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“The men, already desperately weakened by hunger and disease, suffered unspeakably during the March,” according to an overview of the march from the National Museum of the United States Air Force. “Regardless of their condition, POWs who could not continue or keep up with the pace were summarily executed. Even stopping to relieve oneself could bring death, so many chose to continue walking while relieving themselves.”

After marching up the east coast of Bataan, the prisoners were dropped off at a Japanese prisoner of war camp near the city of Cabanatuan where more than 2,500 prisoners died, according to the July 5 DVIDS press release.

According to historical records, Slenker died on Nov. 15, 1942 and was buried at the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 721 along with other prisoners.

After the war ended, the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) exhumed Slenker’s remains along with the others buried at the Cabanatuan cemetery and relocated them to a temporary U.S. military mausoleum near Manila.

Then in 1947, AGRS personnel attempted to identify the remains, and according to the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency,

six sets of remains from Common Grave 721 were identified, but the rest — including Slenker — were not. Those unidentified remains were then buried at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

But in June 2018, those remains associated with Common Grave 721 were dug up and sent to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis, according to a March 28 press release from the agency.

It was there that scientists from the agency used anthropological and dental analysis to identify Slenker’s remains. According to the March 28 press release, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System also used mitochondrial DNA to help identify his remains.

After having been officially identified on Feb. 3, Slenker’s remains were then transported to Graham-Hitch Mortuary where members of the Pleasanton Military Families joined U.S. Army veterans and other members of the community for a memorial service on July 12.

Bob Sanchez, a veteran who helped on the design committee for the Veterans Memorial at the top of Pioneer Cemetery, told the Weekly that the reason Slenker’s remains were brought to Pleasanton was because it’s where his last remaining descendants lived.

As someone who came from a

military background with his father, all three of his uncles and other members of his family having served or are currently serving, Sanchez said that it’s important to remember fallen soldiers and to give them a proper burial.

For him, that closure is not only a sign of respect for soldiers, it’s also a way to show respect toward their family in that now Slenker’s family knows where his remains are and they can now visit him any time they want.

“For some people, that’s extremely important,” Sanchez said. “They feel a loss if they never know what happened to their loved one.”

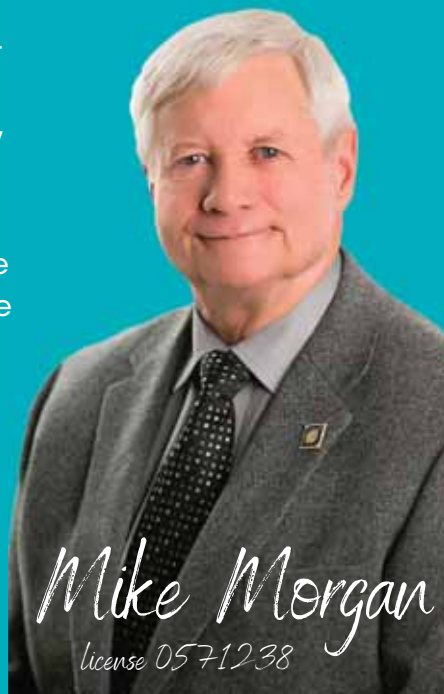
That’s why Sanchez felt it was important to share the news of Slenker’s service with Denise Harper, president of the Pleasanton Military Families organization, who shared the news with the community.

Harper, along with about 20 other community members, showed up on July 12 with American flags in hand and paid their respects as Slenker’s remains were put in a hearse to be transported to his final resting place at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon in Solano County.

“The utmost respectful closure for our fallen military hero who died while serving our country is to be able to come home to their family with full military honors and their name read out loud,” Harper said. ■

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DeSaulnier talks Bay Area transportation issues in San Ramon

Bay Area traffic, public transit lead conversation topics

BY JEANITA LYMAN

U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) was in San Ramon last week for an in-person discussion on transit, traffic and the future of commuting in the present era in the growing city that became part of his district in redrawn boundaries following the most recent census.

While the longtime congressman has long been a part of planning and policy making in Bay Area transit — including time on the Contra Costa Transit Authority early in his career, prior to focusing on transit related issues at the state level as chair of California Senate's Housing and Transportation Committee and currently at the national level on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure — the town hall on July 11 was among his first public efforts to address transit challenges particular to the San Ramon Valley.

"They moved us out of the 80 corridor and then all of East County and down into Dublin — you see we've got most of Dublin and we've got all of San Ramon," DeSaulnier said at the start of the night's discussion, while describing the recently redrawn map for his congressional district 10 that was finalized early last year. "Prior to that I went to the Danville border, so I didn't have Dublin or San Ramon."

With the district now consisting of two transit hubs on opposite ends of the San Ramon Valley portion of the I-680 corridor — Walnut Creek and Dublin — DeSaulnier navigated

a range of topics relevant to San Ramon Valley commuters now within one congressional district.

"I thought it would be appropriate having the first in-person — now being seven months in representing this area — in San Ramon to talk about something about transportation," DeSaulnier said.

One question from the audience was about the plausibility of securing federal funding for a BART monorail through the San Ramon Valley with stops in Alamo, Danville and San Ramon, which DeSaulnier said had been part of the original vision in the rail agency's earlier days prior to facing pushback locally.

"When you look at the original proposal for BART before it was built, part of it was connecting the Walnut Creek BART Station down the Iron Horse corridor to Dublin," DeSaulnier said. "To be perfectly honest, the community down here didn't want it, and now it's a lovely trail."

He added that there are plans to bring something like the monorail connecting the two major BART stations in place, but that funding has continued to be a challenge.

"The alternative to that was putting it as you've described it down 680, down the median for most of it, so there are plans to do that, but again, it's the funding," DeSaulnier said.

San Ramon resident Mike Conklin asked what DeSaulnier and others in Congress would be doing to incentivize the use of

home offices and the continued opportunity for remote work, which had already been popular at some Bay Area companies prior to massive increase in remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"My feeling is we can't simply continue to widen freeways to support jobs-housing balance, which continues to defeat the opportunity to reduce carbon emissions," Conklin said. "I think the opportunity that COVID showed us is that we can work efficiently and effectively from home offices."

"The real question is why do we have to constantly put our bodies and brains in a metal bucket with wheels to do good, productive work," Conklin added. "Is anyone in Congress talking about this?"

DeSaulnier said that he for one was passionate about the topic of remote work and reducing commute times via his role in Congress, and was excited about the possibilities raised by the ubiquity of remote work during the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic and its continued popularity.

"It's all around the country and around the world, but right here in the Bay Area is probably the prime model of people saying, 'I'm not doing that commute again,'" DeSaulnier said.

He added that the increase in time at home was particularly important for families, with parents being able to spend more time with their children when not on the road for lengthy commutes five days per week.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Rep. Mark DeSaulnier hosted a town hall at the San Ramon Community Center on July 11.

"This is about quality of life for future generations," DeSaulnier said.

While the COVID-19 pandemic led to a broad restructuring of workplace and office practices in some instances that enable more flexibility and reduce commute times, it came following a peak in "megacommuters" who traveled more than 90 minutes each way for work — the number of which more than doubled nationally, from 3% of commuters in 2009 to 6.6% of commuters in 2018.

In addition to impacting the quality of life for individuals and families, DeSaulnier pointed to issues with carbon emissions and traffic that he said make pre-pandemic commute and work practices unsustainable in the present day.

"You can tell we're having huge problems — the people who were telling us, the scientists 25, 30 years ago, about carbon emissions and fossil fuel burning was going to be a problem," DeSaulnier said. "The concern now is the modeling as aggressive as it is in California we might have underestimated."

While public transit has been heralded as a way of reducing carbon emissions and fossil fuel use, plus

reducing traffic and enabling commutes in urban areas, DeSaulnier pointed to challenges at the local, state and federal levels to transit funding and infrastructure in the wake of reduced ridership spurred by the earlier days of the pandemic.

"We know that particularly for BART, if it's reliable, clean, people will take it," DeSaulnier said. "But not in this environment right now."

"It's not been amongst the higher performing heavy rail systems in the United States or the world," he added.

Specifically at the state level, California's transit systems are facing a fiscal cliff as agencies struggle with reduced ridership and revenue, with \$1.1 billion recently set aside in the state budget to support transit agencies.

DeSaulnier said discussions would continue following last week's town hall, with his office continuing to seek questions and comments on transit from constituents and making plans for further talks on the topic in the near future.

The full video of last week's town hall is available at <https://fb.watch/ISQIWN7XZm/>. ■

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Pamela Price

on Jan. 6, 2021, following President Donald Trump's loss in the 2020 election.

"The people handily elected her to implement criminal justice reform and make our system fair and balanced, rooting out racial, gender and economic disparities," said a statement about Price emailed from an election campaign spokesperson.

Brenda Grisham, who lost her son in Oakland violence in 2010, is part of the effort to recall Price. She would not comment for the story Monday.

She confirmed that official papers have been filed with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office. Grisham declined to speak for another week until a

news conference occurs.

Grisham in the past has publicly said Price needs to be recalled for being too soft on crime.

"This is life and death," Grisham said in an interview early this year.

A Change.org petition to recall Price has garnered more than 23,000 signatures since Feb. 12.

A statement then said, "Within the first month of office she has suspended a half-dozen experienced prosecutors, she sought a 15 year rather than life sentence for a killer, she refuses to prosecute the perpetrators of sideshows, and she is using taxpayers funds to upgrade the TVs in jails in Alameda County."

"She is clearly soft on crime and not what the taxpayers in Alameda County need," according to the petition.

"Going gentle on the hardest of crimes and criminals is cruel to the law-abiding citizens," D. Wilson said Monday in the comment section of the petition.

Price said the group behind the recall hired a Southern California

law firm to file the paperwork to unseat her.

The paperwork was not available early Monday afternoon from the registrar of voters following repeated attempts to secure it.

The filing will allow people behind the recall to raise money for the effort, Price said.



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Stanford opens new ophthalmology center in Livermore

Byers Eye Institute looks to bring 'world class' services to the East Bay

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley's Livermore campus last week celebrated the official opening of its new Byers Eye Institute, the East Bay counterpart to its facility of the same name in Palo Alto.

Named for its lead donors, Brook and Shawn Byers, the facility is dedicated to combating blindness and preserving sight. The Byers Eye Institute comprises multiple care centers, including an advanced diagnostic imaging center, an eye laser center, comprehensive ophthalmology and optometry services, ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic specialists.

To celebrate the new Livermore location, Stanford hosted a tour on July 13 attended by community leaders including Mayor John Marchand, City Manager Marianna Marysheva and Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Interim CEO Sherri Souza as well as Brook and Shawn Byers and officials within the Stanford Health Care system.

"Legitimately, this is world class ophthalmology care. There is

nowhere on the planet that will be able to give the same kind of ophthalmology care unless you drive across the bridge to Palo Alto," said Rick Shumway, president and CEO at Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, during the event.

The clinic is located at 1133 E. Stanley Blvd., where it occupies 3,000 square feet between the first and second floors in suites 117 and 209. Each suite contains a reception area and exam rooms featuring state of the art equipment.

"We've got the highest end equipment, diagnostics and therapeutics. We're going to be providing, initially, oculoplastics which is eyelid and orbit, including complex orbital cancer care," said Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg, professor and chair of ophthalmology at the Byers Eye Institute at Stanford University.

"We're going to be providing high-end glaucoma care and the surgeries associated with that and high-end cornea care and the surgeries associated with that. Also, we'll very quickly then build in ocular inflammatory diseases called uveitis, we'll

build in adult strabismus when the eye muscles don't line up right and eventually we'll really roll out everything," he added.

The suites that are now home to the Byers Eye Institute in Livermore were previously primary care offices but had been vacant for some time before being transformed into the ophthalmology center, according to Stanford officials.

The new clinic had already started seeing patients as of last week. The three physicians starting out as main anchors in Livermore include Wen-Shin Lee, Clara Men and Bethlehem Mekonnen.

"The interesting thing about this particular clinic is that it represents the best that Stanford has to offer; it connects it directly to our community. But what's unique here is that this is an extension of the Byers Eye Institute in Palo Alto," Shumway told the Weekly.

"If you're a patient here and you're seeing the faculty physicians here, what ends up happening is it's this huge ecosystem and so you can move back and forth very seamlessly,



CIERRA BAILEY

A look inside of an exam room at the new Byers Eye Institute in Livermore.

they're very collaborative, it's one practice. So it's as if you were in Palo Alto," he added. "It's really the kind of service that is uniquely Stanford, and it's the kind of service that we continue to try and build and grow here in our community so that people can access it here."

Goldberg echoed similar sentiments, noting that increasing accessibility and collaboration are the two

key pillars of the new facility.

"I would emphasize two points — one is access to high-quality, subspecialty care, and the second is collaboration with community providers: eye care providers, primary care providers, endocrine doctors who see diabetic patients and all the community providers to help provide support for the patients who need it," he said. ■

Open Heart Kitchen launching new food bank

Nonprofit hopes to expand outreach and meal services

BY NICOLE GONZALES

Tri-Valley nonprofit Open Heart Kitchen has announced the launch of a new program aimed at addressing food insecurity and hunger in the region.

Known as the Open Heart Food Bank, the operation will run out of a 19,000-square-foot facility in Livermore to distribute food and

offer meal services to those in need. The food bank initiative is a continuation of OHK's COVID-19 response and its goal of serving 3 million meals between 2020 and 2022.

OHK currently serves 1,500 households through two regular pop-up food distribution sites in Dublin and Pleasanton. With the new facility on Marathon Drive, OHK staff have said

they will now be able to increase their operations, providing even more resources to vulnerable communities.

"We are expanding our capacity to provide more people with access to fresh produce and groceries, in addition to prepared hot meals," Executive Director John Bost said in the announcement.

"Together with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, we estimate that the new Open Heart Food Bank will reach 15,000 individuals in the Tri-Valley region. Not only will we be able to accept more deliveries, we can now distribute food like the Alameda County Food Bank but on a smaller, more efficient, accessible and localized scale," Bost added.

The organization runs a hot meal program, senior meal program and a street outreach program. According to OHK, most of the families they serve discovered OHK after the pandemic severely impacted their financial status.

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, OHK anticipates it will serve up to 100,000 senior meal program participants and 1,600 low-income recipients in the area. According to staff, the kitchen's hot meals program has seen a 6% increase in demand since last year alone.

"With this new facility, Open Heart Kitchen can eventually scale to redistributing upwards of 1 million pounds of fresh produce and groceries per year to our local community," Bost said. "The Open Heart Food

Bank will provide a means to meet the region's needs more comprehensively and will be operational at a critical time when we can pull people back from the hunger cliff."

In May 2022, the organization was selected as the Alameda County Community Food Bank Tri-Valley redistribution partner, meaning OHK would have access to additional funding and resources.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank has committed \$500,000 in funds to launch the Open Heart Food Bank.

"The cost of building out the Open Heart Food Bank is \$3 million, so we will require the support of Open Heart Kitchen's donors and community partners to invest in the organization's growth and the launch of the Open Heart Food Bank," Bost said.

Erick Lovdahl, OHK board

member and vice president of operations for the Alameda County Community Food Bank, also spoke about the food bank initiative in the announcement.

"It was clear that Open Heart Kitchen was the organization with the capacity to serve as the redistribution organization partner for the Tri-Valley. The growth of Open Heart Kitchen in the last few years proves that there is a need for a localized food system," Lovdahl said. "Streamlining the delivery routes to the Tri-Valley and then distributing that food to local food pantries will significantly increase efficiency in our member network."

Founded in 1995, OHK began as a grassroots effort to assist community members struggling with hunger. To learn more about the organization, visit openheartkitchen.org. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center—5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Receive an overview of the Citywide Strategic Plan Project
- West Las Positas Multimodal Reconstruction Project Concept Plan

Committee on Energy and the Environment

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room Operations Service Center—3333 Busch Road.

- Overview of the Citywide Strategic Plan Project

To explore more about Pleasanton,
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OHK

Open Heart Kitchen works to serve families battling food insecurity and hunger in the Tri-Valley.

Meadowlark Dairy named a top-10 ice cream shop in U.S. for 2023

Yelp list recognizes long-running Pleasanton family business

By NICOLE GONZALES

The popular food review service Yelp has recently named its Top 100 ice cream shops in the nation for 2023 — and downtown Pleasanton's Meadowlark Dairy secured a spot in the list's top 10.

Ranking No. 8 out of 100 and the only Tri-Valley shop on the list, Meadowlark is known across the country as a nostalgic and quality ice cream shop. Noting Meadowlark's affordable prices and vegan options, reviews on the Yelp site have deemed the store a local family favorite.

"Order a cone or cup on the fast and very efficient drive-thru or walk-up line, which is shaded by colorful umbrellas hanging from string lights," said the Yelp list. "They'll have you at first lick."

Selling ice cream, specialized merchandise and a variety of other frozen desserts, Meadowlark has had its roots in Pleasanton for over 100 years.

Founded by Walter Briggs Sr. in 1919, Meadowlark was known to be the first certified dairy in California. Briggs operated Meadow Dairy farm

on 153 acres of land, now present-day Alviso Adobe Community Park.

Briggs successfully ran the business for decades before it was acquired by the Takens family who still run the shop in downtown Pleasanton today. Following World War II, Jannes and Janna Takens immigrated to the United States from Holland and located themselves in Berkeley.

Once the two had settled in Pleasanton, they worked on the then-Meadowlark Dairy farm for several years. The Takens signed a 10-year lease for the farm and eventually bought it following Briggs' death.

After buying the property, the Takens moved their dairy cows to Tracy in 1968 and set up a milk processing plant at 57 W. Neal St., the present day location of the ice cream shop. Since the Neal Street location opened in July 1969, it has operated as a drive-thru.

During the 1980s, Jannes and Janna's son Bruce Takens took over the business along with his wife Patti. According to Meadowlark, Bruce and Patti introduced the classic ice

cream cones still served today.

Now, the operation is run by their son, Jesse Takens and his wife Kelsey.

According to Yelp, the Top 100 list was curated based on the number of reviews and their rating level. As of July 2023, Meadowlark has a 4.5-star rating and over 2,000 reviews on its Yelp page, with the majority of reviews being 5-star ratings.

Fans of the shop on Yelp highlighted the flavor selection and quality of Meadowlark's ice cream.

The daily menu written in chalk displays five to six 'frosty' flavors for customers to choose from. Some flavors are available to be swirled or stacked to create other unique combinations.

The ice cream shop also features two flavors of slushies, classic root beer and Meadowlark Berry. Shoppers can indulge in a signature "diablo" which is a scoop of ice cream added to a slushie.

The top spot on the list was claimed by Coneflower Creamery in Omaha, Neb. The shop, which identifies as a "restaurant that only sells ice cream" also made Yelp's 2022 edition of the same list. ■

California Democrats resisted a child trafficking bill — until they couldn't

Freshman Tri-Valley rep Ortega embroiled in controversy before changing position upon re-vote

By NIGEL DUARA AND ANABEL SOSA / CALMATTERS

It was a perfunctory committee hearing on a day full of them in the Legislature. The measure in question on last week wasn't novel, just another in a long list of attempts to reclassify a misdemeanor as a felony. Like most attempts before it, it met a quiet and undignified end.

The bill was new, but what it sought to do was not. Lawmakers from both parties had made numerous previous attempts to reclassify human trafficking of a minor for purposes of a commercial sex act as a "serious felony," which would be treated as a strike under California's Three Strikes law.

In 2007, twice in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017 and three times in 2021, legislators tried and failed to reclassify child sex trafficking. But then something strange happened after the latest effort went down.

A backlash swiftly took shape on social media. Comments ranged from "What on earth were these Democrats thinking?" to accusations that they were siding with pedophiles — and at least

one Democratic member of the Assembly Public Safety Committee that quashed the bill reported receiving death threats.

Soon the bill, which had already passed the Senate unanimously, began collecting new, high-profile allies. Gov. Gavin Newsom at a press conference expressed dismay at its failure, telling reporters that he'd reach out to the bill's Republican author, Sen. Shannon Grove of Bakersfield. Newly seated Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, a Salinas Democrat, also said he was "very much engaged" in trying to move the bill forward.

So on July 13 the Assembly Public Safety Committee took it up again. And on the second go-around, it passed.

Human trafficking of a minor for purposes of commercial sex under current law incurs a sentence of up to 12 years in prison. If the crime involved force, fear, fraud, deceit, coercion, violence, duress, menace, or threat of unlawful injury to the victim or to another person, the sentence is 15 years to life. If the person is convicted of inflicting great bodily harm on the victim

while trafficking them, a judge can add up to 10 years to a prison sentence.

If the child trafficking bill passes the full Assembly and Newsom signs it, people convicted of the crime would face longer prison terms and potential life sentences.

The 48 hours between the original vote on July 11 and the next session on July 13 was yet another collision of California's goals of reducing incarceration by moving away from tough-on-crime laws, and the political reality of negative advertising.

More than a decade ago, then-assemblymember Richard Pan tried to add five new offenses related to human trafficking and the abuse of a child to the serious felony list.

The 2011 measure never made it out of committee. Pan, a Democrat who was in both the Assembly and Senate, said he was not sure what was different this time.

"Sometimes you never know what gets the attention of the public," Pan said. "There are these tensions (between reducing the prison

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Report on Alameda LAFCO's South Livermore Valley Special Study

The Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) draft report on its South Livermore Valley Special Study is now available for public comment and review.

The report has been commissioned to provide objective information and data that may better inform deliberations and potential future policy decisions pertaining to the South Livermore Valley area though the support of agricultural preservation policies and the extension of municipal services.

The draft report on the South Livermore Valley Special Study can be viewed on the Alameda LAFCO website at www.alamedalafco.org. Written comments may be submitted online on the LAFCO website or directly to Rachel Jones, LAFCO Executive Officer, at rachel.jones@acgov.org or via US Mail at: 224 West Winton Avenue, Suite 110, Hayward, CA 94544.

Comments submitted by Friday, August 11th will be considered in the development of the final report.

Alameda LAFCO will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the report and any specific actions in September or November 2023.

Please contact Rachel Jones at rachel.jones@acgov.org or 510.670.6267 if you have any questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Report on Alameda LAFCO's Initial Feasibility Analysis

The Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) draft report on its Initial Feasibility Analysis for the potential incorporation of the unincorporated communities of Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Fairview, and Hayward Acres is now available for public comment and review.

The purpose of the report is to provide LAFCO, affected agencies, and residents with quantitative understanding of the pros and cons of cityhood to help decide whether to move forward with incorporation and to understand its financial service implications.

The draft report on the Initial Feasibility Analysis can be viewed on the Alameda LAFCO website at www.alamedalafco.org. Written comments may be submitted online on the LAFCO website or directly to Rachel Jones, LAFCO Executive Officer, at rachel.jones@acgov.org or via US Mail at: 224 West Winton Avenue, Suite 110, Hayward, CA 94544.

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WATER RATES

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instituting rates back a few years ago,” Mayor Karla Brown said during the meeting. “Three years with no rate increases is exactly how we created this problem.”

The City Council had also approved water and sewer rates to increase annually in 2015 based on inflation without accounting for the city’s population growth. When the city also found PFAS chemicals, otherwise known as forever chemicals, in its groundwater wells, it forced the city to relook at its water rates in order to fund future projects to address those chemicals, which officials say is currently not possible due to the little money available in the water enterprise fund.

Recent droughts and mandatory water conservation also led to a decrease in the city’s water enterprise fund, which is separate from the city’s general fund in that it is intended to be self-funded through water sales, according to city officials.

It is because of that future growth and the need for short- and long-term water infrastructure projects that City Manager Gerry Beaudin stressed the importance of taking what he said was a “pretty big step” in resetting the water enterprise fund by replenishing the fund’s reserves.

“The reality is, we got behind with rates relative to the financial needs to operate the system,” Beaudin said.

He said increases based solely on inflation are not enough, which is why staff, as directed by the council, have been working on addressing the quickly depleting water enterprise fund.

If not approved, Beaudin and Baptista stressed that the water enterprise fund will run out of money and will actually go into the negative as early as 2025.

But if the rates increase, as planned, then the enterprise fund would be able to barely meet its reserves goal of 35% by 2026.

One of the other main reasons why Beaudin stressed the importance of not just hitting the reserve

goal, but also in replenishing the enterprise fund, is that the city needs that money to be available for future repairs to things like water pipes and pumps.

“If we have, let’s just say 300 miles of pipe in our community, the goal is to replace pipes every 100 years ... which means we would need to replace three miles of pipe per year. Each mile of pipe costs \$3 million, and so if you’re replacing three miles of pipe per year, and you’re estimating in today’s dollars, \$3 million per mile, it’s \$9 million per year,” Beaudin said.

“And those costs, that’s just state of good repair, keeping the system functioning,” he added. “It doesn’t account for a pump station that needs to be replaced, and the life-cycle costs that need to be built into the repair replacement schedule for those as well. So what’s happened over time is as our infrastructure has aged, our rates haven’t kept up with the growing need.”

But if the rate increases are approved in two months, that would get the city to the starting line in terms of being able to set itself up for future projects to tackle PFAS and other state-of-good-repair maintenance projects where Beaudin the city has fallen behind.

He also pointed out, along with Baptista, that the city will also be looking to use an array of different

funding sources for these projects including state and federal funds as well as money obtained from a class action lawsuit against 3M Co., a chemical manufacturing company that has been linked to making products that contain PFAS, which have contaminated water suppliers across the U.S.

The main point that Beaudin, staff and the council majority said they wanted to get across to the public was that the rate increase is the first step in getting ready to do future work to improve the city’s water quality and supply. Beaudin said that even though staff don’t like being in this position of raising rates, no raise or even lower rate increases will bring consequences.

“There’s always an opportunity to do less, but it means that things cost more in the future,” Beaudin said. “The rate increases that we would have to entertain in future years would be significantly higher than if we were to take this more, I’ll call it an aggressive approach, in addressing issues in the first three years.”

While the majority of the council did support the motion to send the notice to ratepayers and get the process of increasing the rates started, Vice Mayor Jack Balch was the only to say no because he wanted staff to reevaluate the rates due to the fact that the city will be looking at securing a \$6 million loan.

According to staff, the loan is intended to help implement near-term water system improvement projects, as well as advance the water supply alternative design and pre-purchase of equipment costs. The debt service associated with the loan is about \$4.1 million, which is 11% of the proposed rate increase revenues.

But Balch argued that the loan “significantly changes the amount of money we need” and that staff should have spent more time assessing the increases, especially because the city still does not know what water supply alternative it will be going with in the next coming months.

“We are only three to four months away from choosing a water supply alternative path. So my slight challenge is we are looking at years two and three, with some finality to them but I believe we will probably be looking at what to do with those very shortly,” Balch said.

Despite Balch’s concerns about the timeline of Pleasanton’s water supply options, the rest of the council voted to move forward with the rate increase process — with the emphasis on how, according to data from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, Pleasanton’s water rates would still be lower than its surrounding cities.

“The headline is: With a 30% rate increase, we’re still the lowest water rates around,” Councilmember Julie Testa said. ■

David Anderson

September 21, 1930 – May 12, 2023

City of Dublin

David Anderson, long time resident of Dublin, CA, passed away at the age of 92. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of 70 years, and their children Sandra (Ed), Suzanne (Tim), David, Sharon (Rick), and Douglas, 13 grandchildren, Justin (Monica), Nathan, James, Megan (Kyle), Haley, Hannah, Zachary, Sophia, Sydney, Tommy, Marie, Ashley and Skyler, and 5 great-grandchildren, Dais, Isabel, Annabelle, Alys and Ceres.

Dave was born in Minnesota to parents, Hjalmer Anderson and Valborg Sagen. Along with brother Burton Anderson, the family moved to Wisconsin where Dave was an Eagle Scout, a basketball player and a graduate of Central High School. Dave attended the University of Minnesota earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Business. After graduation Dave enlisted in the Navy. While waiting for an appointment, he worked at G. Heileman Brewing Company where he met Shirley. Dave attended Officers Candidate School and received additional training at Northwestern. He and Shirley were married and received their first military assignment to Hawaii. His Navy career took them to many destinations including Florida, Kansas, Maine, Pennsylvania, Iceland, Texas, and California. Dave retired after 20 years as a Naval Aviator receiving many awards and military honors for his service. Following his Naval retirement, Dave trained Canadian pilots to fly multi-engine planes, worked for Granite Construction Company, invested in Calico Lumber Company, and worked for True Value Hardware. Dave loved crossword puzzles, bowling, reading, golf, British humor and proper grammar. He loved to sit in the front window and watch the world go by! He was an intellect with a dry sense of humor and wit, making those around him smile. Most important of all, he was a husband and father who was loved greatly, is missed beyond measure and carried forever in our hearts. There will be a private family ceremony honoring Dave on July 26 at the Sacramento Military Cemetery.



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TRAFFICKING

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population and harsher sentences).

“But we don’t start off by saying abusing children is not a serious crime.”

Some progressive lawmakers have opposed toughening penalties for sex trafficking because they were persuaded that it would contribute to the over-incarceration of Black people, and needlessly extend already-significant prison sentences — costing taxpayers more money while demonstrating little public benefit. Opponents also have contended that harsher sentences may end up being applied to people at the lowest rungs of trafficking, who may be trafficked themselves.

“There is no evidence that long prison sentences deter or prevent crime,” the advocacy group Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition wrote in opposition to the bill. “If anything, low-level individuals involved in human trafficking will be prosecuted under this legislation, many of them will be prosecuted for conduct done under duress or other pressures, and they will be easily and swiftly replaced.”

But nuance like that can be difficult, if not impossible, to persuasively convey in a political campaign — and this was an issue conservatives knew they could weaponize against Democrats. The fallout was quick and fierce after Democratic members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee

abstained from voting on the bill on July 11, effectively blocking it.

“You can choose a team, pick pedophiles or children,” Assemblymember Heath Flora, a Ripon Republican, said on the morning of July 13.

Insults, threats to California Democrats

“I think certainly the thousands of social media texts we got, and me personally, the two death threats I got and the death threats made against my children certainly raised a level of concern in terms of making sure we had some resolution to this bill at this moment right now,” Assemblymember Mia Bonta, an Oakland Democrat, told CalMatters.

The volume from Twitter, Republicans and some Democrats led at least one committee member to change her mind.

“On Tuesday, I made a bad decision,” Assemblymember Liz Ortega, a first-term Democrat from Hayward whose district includes part of western Pleasanton and Dublin, wrote on Twitter on July 13. “Voting against legislation targeting really bad people who traffic children was wrong. I regret doing that and I am going to help get this important legislation passed into law.”

Ultimately Bonta and Assemblymember Isaac Bryant both abstained from voting on the bill in the Assembly Public Safety Committee hearing on July 13.

Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, a Los Angeles Democrat and chair of the committee, said the vote on July 13 was so markedly different from the vote two days earlier because questions he had about the bill were answered in the interim.

Republicans on child trafficking bill

Noting the death threats against Bonta, Jones-Sawyer said in a hallway interview that the “Trumpian hate ... is just wrong.”

“You can have an honest debate, but, my god, you should not threaten a woman because of her personal feelings on an issue,” he said.

After the bill cleared the Assembly Public Safety Committee, Republican legislators celebrated the victory in a state where they rarely get to do so.

“In the end, my Democrat colleagues in the Assembly Public Safety Committee did the right thing and passed (the bill) that will make sure repeat offenders of child sex trafficking are held accountable,” said Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones, a San Diego Republican. “If it were not for the extraordinary pushback from figures around the state and nation, I fear the Democrats’ one-party rule and some of their radical ideologies would have prevailed.”

“Protecting victims of child sex trafficking should not be a partisan issue,” Grove added. “Today is a victory for every survivor.” ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Passenger killed after being thrown from car on freeway; driver flees

A passenger died after being ejected from a car that rolled while speeding down Interstate 580 in Livermore, and the driver and another surviving occupant are on the lam after fleeing the freeway in a different vehicle early Sunday evening, according to the California Highway Patrol.

CHP-Dublin officers are also investigating the possibility that the solo-vehicle wreck — classified as a fatal hit-and-run — could have been part of illegal street-racing activities on the freeway.

The dispatch center received reports just after 5:30 p.m. about a burgundy Toyota Camry overturning on I-580 westbound just west of North Livermore Avenue. Initial callers indicated they thought the Camry was racing a tan Chevrolet Camaro, according to the CHP.

Officers arrived within four minutes to find a passenger who had been ejected from the Camry was dead on the freeway, according to the CHP. The decedent's identity has not yet been released publicly.

"This crash was determined to be a solo hit-and-run, with the driver and a second passenger fleeing the scene in an uninvolved vehicle, which was identified only as a white Suburban or similar type SUV, after self-extricating and walking over to the shoulder," CHP officials said. "Both occupants were reported to have sustained serious head injuries."

The two surviving occupants, who left the scene prior to officers arriving, were both reported to be Hispanic men in their 30s, according to the CHP.

"The CHP is asking for your help in identifying the two parties and the white SUV that fled the scene," officials said. "The CHP is also asking for your help with any information regarding the possibility of street racing prior to the crash."

Anyone with information about the fatal crash can call CHP-Dublin at 925-828-0466.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• Two more guards at the federal women's prison in Dublin are facing prison time themselves after pleading guilty to several felony charges related to sexual abuse of inmates in their care, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Nakie Nunley and Andrew Jones pleaded guilty to sexually abusing several female inmates and then lying about it to investigators, federal prosecutors said last Friday.

Nunley, 48, of Fairfield, is facing up to 17 years in prison and a fine of up to about \$500,000 for abusing five women from March 2020 and November 2021.

Jones, 35, of Pleasanton, is facing up to 18 years in prison and a fine of up to about \$500,000 for abusing three women from July 2020 and June 2021.

The guilty pleas are the latest in a string of indictments, convictions and plea agreements involving eight employees at the low-security Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, which one federal judge called a "cesspool."

"This office's ongoing investigation into FCI Dublin has revealed significant findings of wrongdoing by multiple correctional officers at that facility," said U.S. Attorney Ismail Ramsey of the Northern District of California. "The Department of Justice has repeatedly warned that criminal misconduct in the care and safety of incarcerated persons will not be tolerated."

Former warden Ray Garcia was convicted last December and sentenced to nearly six years in prison for sexually abusing three inmates and lying about it, according to the Department of Justice.

The prison's former chaplain, James Highhouse, pleaded guilty in February 2022 and was sentenced to seven years in prison for sexually abusing an inmate from May 2018 to February 2019.

Former guard Enrique Chavez pleaded guilty last October to having sexual contact with an inmate in 2020 and was sentenced to 20 months in prison, and former guard Ross Klinger, who pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual abuse, is scheduled for sentencing on Dec. 13, according to federal prosecutors.

Another former guard, John Bellhouse, who used to reside in Pleasanton, was convicted in June of sex crimes against inmates from 2018 to 2021. His sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 27.

Former guard Darrel Smith was indicted on April 13. A status conference scheduled for Aug. 3.

Attorneys for Nunley and Jones didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

—Kiley Russell, Bay City News

• CHP officers arrested the driver of a recreational vehicle to end a brief standoff about a half-hour after the motorhome struck nearly 20 vehicles while reportedly barreling down the shoulder of I-580 in unincorporated Livermore on Monday.

The situation unfolded just after 6 p.m. Monday when CHP dispatch received a report about a white motorhome crashing into multiple vehicles on eastbound I-580 west of the North Flynn Road interchange.

The RV was said to be passing on the right shoulder while the freeway was in stop-and-go traffic conditions, according to CHP Officer Robert Purl.

About four minutes later, a CHP-Dublin officer in the area observed in his rearview mirror a white RV driving about 35 mph on the right shoulder to pass vehicles, according to Purl.

As the RV passed the officer and exited the freeway at North Flynn Road, he witnessed the RV crash into another vehicle on the offramp and keep driving, according to Purl. The officer moved to pull over the RV by activating his lights and siren, but the driver failed to yield, resulting in a pursuit.

The chase went onto Carroll Road and then Altamont Pass Road as the RV fled at speeds reaching 30 mph in light traffic, according to Purl. The motorhome would ultimately become disabled on eastbound Altamont Pass Road east of Carroll Road.

The driver — whose identity was not revealed — allegedly did not surrender right away, holing up in the RV and leading to an 18-minute

standoff. The driver would then self-surrender and be safely apprehended by officers, according to Purl.

Purl said on Tuesday morning that investigators estimated a total of 19 vehicles were involved in the successive collisions on I-580 because of the RV.

—Jeremy Walsh

• A dog rescued by San Ramon police from an enclosed vehicle in the middle of a hot day last fall remains up for adoption at the county animal shelter and ready for a new home, according to department officials on Facebook.

A 6-year-old pit bull mix was found by officers with the San Ramon Police Department on Sept. 8, 2022 in the late morning inside an enclosed box truck at Longleaf Circle as temperatures rose to more than 85 degrees, with the dog's owner subsequently being cited for animal endangerment.

The dog, Dexter, was confiscated by police following the owner's citation. He is now among the pets up for adoption at Contra Costa Animal Services, having been at the shelter since shortly after he was



COURTESY CONTRA COSTA ANIMAL SERVICES

Dexter, a 6-year-old pit bull mix found by SRPD officers in a box truck on a hot day last fall, remains up for adoption at the county animal shelter.

taken by SRPD officers, according to his profile from the shelter.

The shelter describes him as enjoying downtime, but having a "playful side" and enjoying fetch, tug-of-war, and bringing smiles to people's faces with a wagging tail. His profile and adoption information are available at <https://24petconnect.com/CCASDAvailablePets>. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 13

Domestic battery

■ 12:38 a.m. on Owens Drive

Burglary

■ 2:35 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 2:48 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

July 12

Vandalism

■ 4 a.m. on the 100 block of Rocky Creek Place

■ 1:35 p.m. on the 3300 block of Stanley Boulevard

■ 11:23 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Theft

■ 8:32 a.m., 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto

■ 9:24 a.m. on the 6000 block of Tillman Court

■ 9:44 a.m., 000 block of California Avenue; auto theft

■ 2:09 p.m. on the 1400 block of East Gate Way

■ 5:24 p.m. on the 500 block of Bunker Lane

■ 8:20 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Domestic battery

■ 8:46 a.m. on Via De Los Milagros

July 11

Theft

■ 3:23 a.m. on the 3000 block of Crestblanca Drive

■ 9:06 a.m. on the 8000 block of Jorgensen Lane

■ 1:57 p.m. on the 4300 block of West Ruby Hill Drive

■ 2:41 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:31 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 8:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 11:20 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Fraud

■ 8:40 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

■ 10:24 a.m. on the 4300 block of Railroad Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 4:32 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

July 10

Fraud

■ 9:27 a.m. on the 300 block of Oaks Bridge Place

Drug violation

■ 1:08 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

■ 2:41 p.m. on the 3500 block of Arbor Court

■ 2:50 p.m. on Palomino Drive

Theft

■ 4:09 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 4:52 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 5:57 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:50 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:50 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; bicycle theft

July 9

Drug violation

■ 12:57 a.m. on the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

■ 7:37 a.m. on the 1500 block of Maple Leaf Drive

■ 4:56 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

■ 9:15 p.m. on the 3300 block of Marsh Hawk Court

DUI

■ 11:58 p.m. at Golden and Hopyard roads

July 8

Theft

■ 8:55 a.m., 5200 block of Case Avenue; theft from auto

■ 2:36 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

■ 2:47 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

■ 1:20 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

Drug violation

■ 8:15 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Embezzlement

■ 9:07 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

■ 11:00 p.m. on block of Dublin Canyon Road

July 7

Burglary

■ 7:28 a.m. on the 2200 block of Greenwood Road

■ 7:29 a.m. on the 3700 block of Nichole Avenue

Theft

■ 10:21 a.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

■ 12:19 p.m. on the 1300 block of West Lagoon Road

■ 2:17 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

■ 2:24 p.m. on the 3700 block of Bairn Court

Sex offenses

■ 4:25 p.m. on Mills Court



Pro baseball in our backyard

Dublin Leprechauns down the stretch of inaugural season in independent league

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOSEPH CHIU

The Dublin Leprechauns are closing in on the end of an inaugural season that's been filled with all kinds of excitement as the independent league team prepares to build for the future.

Despite a hasty relocation right before the season, hectic contract negotiations and less-than-ideal final scores on the diamond, local fans have still shown appreciation this spring and summer for the first-ever professional baseball team based in the Tri-Valley.

"This year is all about letting people know the Dublin Leprechauns are in town. We will build on this year's excitement and provide the best on-field product we can," Guy Houston, who is serving as the team's director of baseball operations, told the Weekly last week.

"This is the Tri-Valley's team," added Houston, a former Dublin mayor and state assemblymember. "There are a lot of baseball fans in the 580-680 corridor, and I suspect that there will be homegrown baseball players on the roster in coming years."

The Leprechauns are part of the Pecos League, which was founded in 2010 as an independent professional league, meaning the teams are not affiliated with Major League Baseball or its minor leagues. Many players

join the league to build experience, get opportunities and possibly get noticed by other pro teams — more than 25 former Pecos League players have gone on to play in the MLB.

The Pecos League announced earlier this year that the Santa Rosa Scuba Divers would not be returning for the 2023 season after their home field, Doyle Park, was unable to qualify for a full team license. The team would then relocate to Dublin following a series of fortuitous events and rebrand as the Leprechauns.

Ahead of the start of the season in May, Pecos League Commissioner Andrew Dunn discovered Dublin and the field at the Fallon Sports Park after experiencing car trouble in Oakland. As he was searching for somewhere to relocate the Scuba Divers, the local maintenance workers suggested Dublin.

Hours of discussions with Dublin city and community leaders followed, and the community landed its first professional baseball team, according to Houston.

Due to the Leprechauns starting just weeks before games began, factors like getting available housing for players and enlisting help from the community to get the best available players are important pieces team officials plan to work on once the 2023 season ends.

"Right now it is all about laying the groundwork for the future. The



The Dublin Leprechauns take on the San Rafael Pacifics in Pecos League action at Fallon Sports Park on July 11.

nature of a Single A-level team is there is constant player turnover," Houston said. "The Dublin Leprechauns goal is to build a quality program to ensure a great experience for the players and for the local baseball fans. Winning will take care of itself."

Houston describes the team and league as being a lot of fun, hosting special days such as Little League Day and Military Appreciation Day during home games. Kids may have the opportunity to run around the bases, and 50/50 raffle tickets are sold during the game and announced in between a certain inning.

Many fans and team workers like Kent Modellmog, a Dublin resident since 2004, appreciate the tight-knit atmosphere of the venue that brings people closer to the game. They enjoy being close to players on the field that will interact with spectators, and having the ability to hear each aspect of the game in action.

"(The community loves) it. It's fun; they do a lot of great things during the game and the people are engaged.

It's good and it's exciting, it's good baseball, something that you just don't always get to see here in the Tri-Valley area," Modellmog, announcer and scorekeeper for the Leprechauns, said at the July 11 game. "Me being a lifelong baseball person, I enjoy being able to talk with the coaches (and) players. They love having us out here because this is their life."

Moddemog points to the value of having a strong fanbase and support at each game above other factors.

Mike Bottarini, a Pleasanton resident who lived in Dublin for years, said he has attended every Leprechauns home game this season and enjoys the excitement the team brings to the community.

"I'm pretty proud to have a professional team playing in the city I grew up in; it is exciting baseball. I hear a lot of cheering, there's always a lot of kids chasing the foul balls and seeing a lot of families out here," Bottarini told the Weekly on July 11.

Following one of the Leprechauns' previous games, an anonymous

patron bought hot dogs, chips and other food for all the players on both teams — an example of the community looking to build a stronger connection with the players and show their appreciation for working hard each game to put on a show on the field.

"I really would love to see more people come out for the games, bring their kids out, bring their families out, enjoy the game. The more people we get out here, the more fun things that we can do, and we can always keep adding and building on it," Modellmog said. "I think once people start seeing what we're doing, we'll get more people out here."

Despite the Leprechauns sitting with just three wins on the season, excitement is in the air as a large crowd and a special program are anticipated for their final home game of 2023 — set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (July 25) against the Lancaster Sound Breakers at Fallon Sports Park. For tickets and more information, visit www.dublinleprechauns.com. ■



‘Comic Crossing’ in Bankhead gallery

New exhibit in Livermore highlights art of comic books and graphic novels

BY NICOLE GONZALES

The Bankhead Theater in Livermore is displaying a collection of colorful and striking visual illustrations in its new exhibit, “Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Narrative”.

Opening last week and running until Oct. 8 at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead, the exhibit promises a look into the world of comic books, graphic novels and creativity. Livermore Valley Arts officials said the art will be lively and eye-catching.

“This multimedia art exhibit features a collection of visually stunning and emotionally compelling graphic novels, comics, and illustrations,” LVA representatives said in a statement. “Some comics will make viewers chuckle, and some will make viewers think.”

“Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Narrative” showcases artifacts of classic and modern examples of comics, from Flash Gordon to Spider-Man.

Part of the exhibit will highlight the design and creative process of select artists, such as Jessica Nagel and Thom See.

For the gallery, Nagel is showing video clips of her working and designing on a current graphic novel project.

See, a retired software engineer, has an interactive display using artificial intelligence. Viewers will be able to change a four-frame story by playing with various AI prompts.

Typically, See works with acrylic painting in the form of abstract art and expressionism.

The Founders Room at the Bankhead displays artists in the fantasy style of graphic novels, such as Livermore artist Doug Sandelin.

To coincide with the gallery’s exhibit, LVA will also be hosting a ComicCon event this Saturday



COURTESY LVA

“The Mending” by Jessica Nagel is among the artwork on display in the new exhibit, “Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Narrative”.

(July 22) at the Bankhead Plaza. The exhibit and ComicCon event are both free to attend.

The Livermore ComicCon event will feature a costume contest, shopping booths and activities for

children. Organizers have said it aims to entertain those new to graphic novels and longtime fans as well.

Find out more about “Comic Crossing: The Art of the Graphic Narrative” at livermorearts.org. ■



COURTESY LVA

“Night Watchers” by Christine McCall.



COURTESY LVA

A digital painting titled “Diana Ruins of Love” by Livermore artist Ney Hoato is on display this summer at the Bankhead Theater UNCLE Credit Union Gallery.



COURTESY LVA

A clip from the Spider-Man comic “Splash” from Doug Horner is shown.

Las Positas theater preparing to get ‘Footloose’

Summer musical set for outdoor stage with food and wine

By JEANITA LYMAN

The cast and crew of the upcoming summer musical at Las Positas College have been in the final stages of rehearsals and preparations, with opening night rapidly approaching.

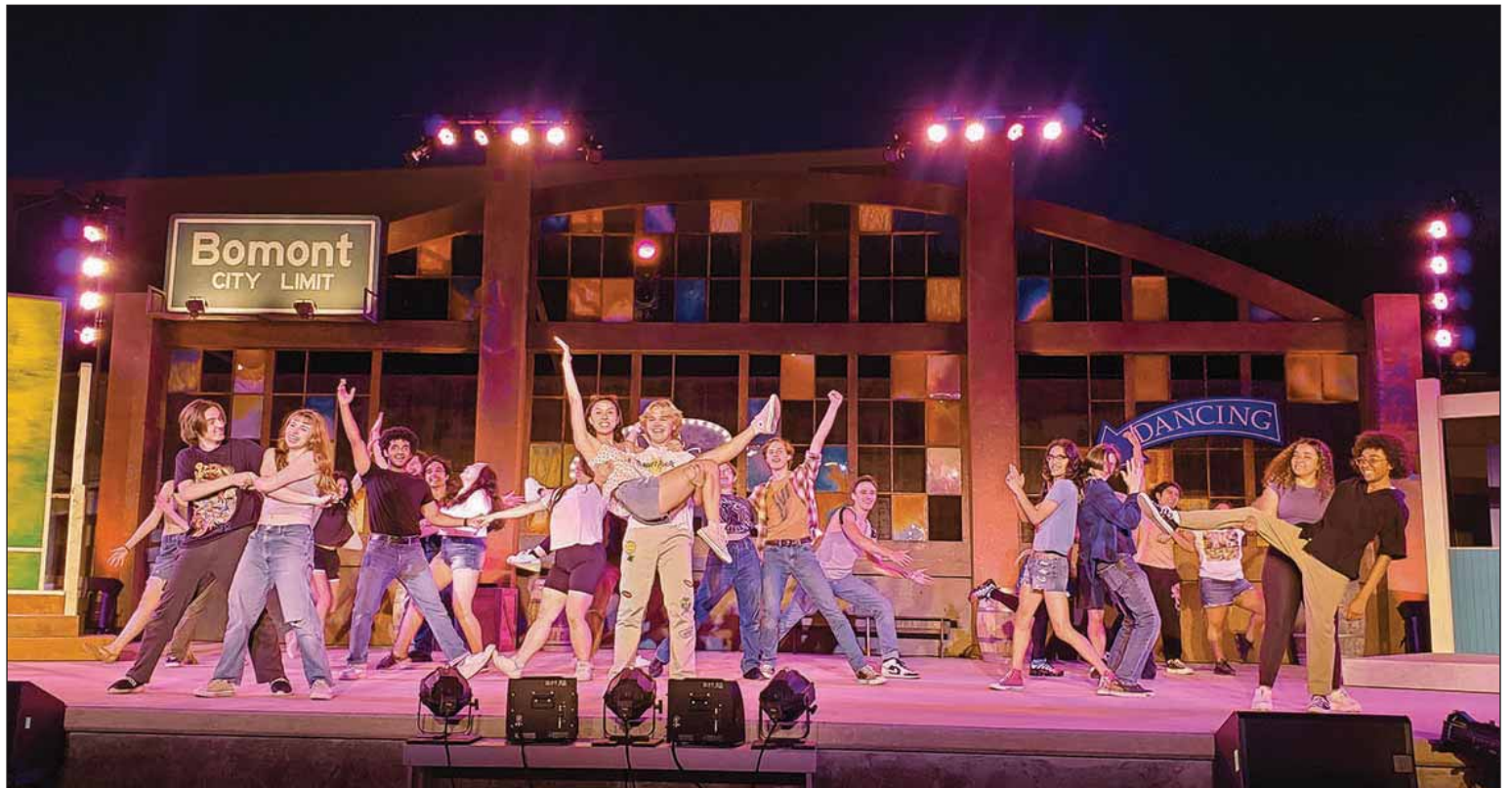
The four-show run of “Footloose” is set to debut this Friday (July 21) at the community college’s outdoor amphitheater on its main campus in Livermore, with late evening performances and food and wine vendors set to create a festival-type atmosphere that makes the most of hot temperatures and long nights characteristic of Tri-Valley summers.

“Footloose’ is a fun, toe-tapping night of musical theater,” Titian Lish, coordinator for the college’s theater and performing arts program, said in an announcement last week. “I am incredibly proud of the students and staff for their hard work on this nostalgic show.”

For some members of the sizable cast of 29, the nostalgia of the beloved movie musical that the stage production is based on — as well as its ubiquity in pop culture over the decades since the debut of the 1984 film that follows big city transplant Ren McCormack after moving to a small town where rock music and dancing are banned — have served as fuel for connecting with their characters during the rehearsal process.

“I’ve watched the movie many times before, it’s the one musical I think my Dad actually likes,” actress Kaila Bimemiller said. “It’s definitely been a challenge but in the best ways possible and I feel so fortunate to have a large and loving cast behind me. This is a great feel-good nostalgic show, especially during the summer, and I hope audiences can see all the hard work we’ve put into this production.”

While LPC’s intensive theater conservatory program and the



TITIAN LISH

The 29-member cast of “Footloose” have been hard at work in rehearsals for their summer production, which has also given them the opportunity to bond with one another and deepen their relationships ahead of opening night.

performances that come out of it are the product of thorough training and long rehearsals for the cast and crew, the camaraderie it fosters and the memories it creates can be tangible rewards in their own right, even ahead of opening night.

“One of my favorite parts of this show is the way the ensemble comes together,” said actress Madison Charles, who plays the supporting role of Rusty Rodriguez. “Sometimes rehearsal just feels like a bunch of friends hanging out which makes the action on stage even more connected. Rusty has been a role that’s challenging for me, but so so fun.”

Fellow supporting actor Xander Struckmann — who plays Willard Hewitt — also emphasized the

hard work that goes into the theater program and its ambitious musical productions, as well as the rewards that come from seeing the ensemble come together more and more as opening night comes closer.

“The LPC theater department has created such an inviting space for anyone to work their way into the roles and community they desire,” Struckmann said. “While it can be stressful learning the abundance of dancing and singing, the whole cast has come together to practice and bond to create this beautiful show.”

“Footloose” premieres at the outdoor amphitheater of the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts on Friday (July 21) at 8 p.m., with



subsequent shows at the same time on Saturday (July 22), July 28 and July 29. With limited seating available, attendees are encouraged to

bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

Tickets are available online and at the door. ■

Poetry and Pizza Open Mic set in Dublin

Hosted by current, former East Bay poets laureate

By JOSIE DE LA TORRE

The 12th Poetry and Pizza Open Mic will be held in Dublin next week, including recitations by established poets and a one-hour open mic hosted by Dublin poet laureate James Morehead.

In addition to readings by Morehead, the event includes performances from three other current or former poets laureate: Kathleen Moore, Jenyth Jo and Sarah Kobrinsky.

“The Poetry & Pizza Open Mic, in collaboration with Patxi’s Pizza, has succeeded beyond my expectations. From humble beginnings two years ago, the event now attracts emerging and established poets from around the East Bay,” Morehead said.

Morehead has been Dublin’s poet laureate since June 2021 and is currently serving his second term. He brings literary arts to community events and volunteering in Dublin schools. His poems have appeared in NPR, San Francisco Chronicle’s Total SF, Citron Review and other publications.

“Having a supportive safe space for poets in the community, young and old, to share their poetry is so important to building a community of writers. As Dublin’s poet laureate, one of my key goals is bringing the literary arts alive in public spaces,” Morehead said.

Moore is a former poet laureate of San Ramon having served for three terms, sharing poetry throughout the

community and Bay Area. She is the author of poetry collections “Avians of Mourning” and “Alphapoetica: A Poetry Primer for the Everyday Poet”.

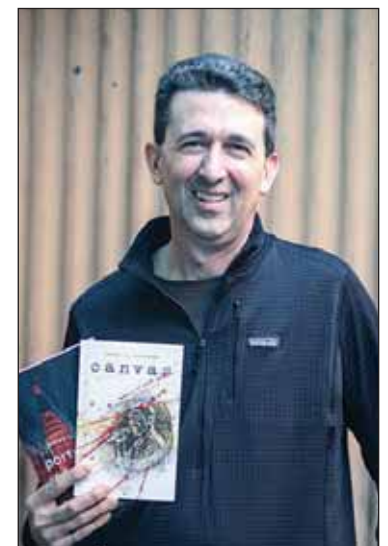
“These events are an opportunity for people to gather in a casual atmosphere and be inspired,” Moore said. “There is such variety in the poems recited, and it’s beautiful to see people sharing and appreciating the perspectives expressed by seasoned and new poets. Poetry and pizza bring the community together.”

Jo is the current poet laureate of San Ramon. She has earned her bachelor’s degree in English and creative writing/fiction from Stanford University, an M.A. in creative

writing/fiction from University of California, Davis and an M.F.A. in poetry at St. Mary’s College. She has served as the co-director Poetry Out Loud program at Monte Vista High School since 2008.

Kobrinsky is the former poet laureate of Emeryville and is the author of “Nighttime on the Other Side of Everything”. Her work has appeared in Magma Poetry, Red Light Lit and Monkeybicycle, among other publications.

The event takes place next Wednesday (July 26) from 6-8 p.m. at Patxi’s Pizza & Bar in Dublin and is free to the public. People of all ages are welcome. For more information, contact dublinpoetlaureate@gmail.com. ■



James Morehead

‘Equip my generation with vital financial knowledge’

Danville teen launches interactive FinLitFun to support Gen Z

By JOSEPH CHIU

When many teenagers scroll through TikTok, most of them have a sense of the experience being like an endless loop of unrealistic realities. Aadi Gujral described going through this exact situation during the COVID-19 lockdown.

After having an “enlightening conversation” with one of his best friends to jolt him awake, the Danville teen decided to break free from his lost touch with the real world. In turn, he began noticing an increase in youth making poor decisions with money and a glaring deficiency in financial literacy among his peers.

Gujral envisioned the Foundation for Financial Literacy for youth and after a lot of hard work, the launch of FinLitFun came to fruition — a new nonprofit organization with the mission of making financial education accessible, enjoyable and effective for young people.

“Our goal is to spark a dialogue and bring about a shift in mindset around money. By raising awareness and empowering our generation with the necessary financial tools, we aim to help them make sound financial decisions,” said Gujral, an incoming senior at Monte Vista High School.

In the midst of the project, Gujral hopes that providing a strong

foundation of financial knowledge can lead to youth in his generation effectively participating in more significant economic actions.

“It’s true that understanding finances and having the skills to manage them effectively isn’t a magic wand that can solve deep-seated issues ... overnight. However, we firmly believe it’s a fundamental first step,” Gujral said. “With a strong foundation of financial knowledge, the youth can effectively participate in more significant economic discussions, decisions and actions.”

The primary testers of the forthcoming FinLitFun app have been Gujral’s younger brother and his friends thus far. Gujral describes noticing a change in their mindset, a greater understanding of financial literacy and enjoying the process and value it provides.

Specific factors that Gujral finds “particularly heartening” are the testers developing a sense of responsibility and thoughtfulness about their financial habits. He observed the kids thinking twice before making purchases, better managing allowances



Aadi Gujral

and grasping the concept of long-term financial planning.

“It’s a confirmation that we’re on the right path and a reminder of the importance of our mission,” he said. “I launched FinLitFun as a nonprofit with a sole mission — to equip my generation with vital financial knowledge in a gamified app with relatable, interactive simulations in a manner that was far from boring and entirely in sync with our digital lifestyle. It was all about transforming the way we learned about finances.”

From an operational standpoint, high importance is placed on expanding the app’s outreach and introducing the organization to others. Gujral has worked to pitch his program to a greater audience which led to receiving attention from various outlets, and has visited many schools and events to extensively connect with students around the world.

“It’s demanding, to say the least, but the positive feedback we’ve received from young users and the continuous improvements we’ve made to our platform has made every effort worthwhile. We’re eagerly looking forward to the official launch (of the FinLitFun app) and expanding our mission on a nationwide scale,” Gujral said.

He acknowledges the difficulty of reaching a large audience, let alone

a worldwide audience. Aside from polishing the app to perfection and better understanding international financial concepts, he recognizes the need to delve deep into the economic dialogues of different nations to design educational content that’s globally relevant and effective.

The app will have a “Learn Before You Earn” system that allows parents to actively involve themselves into their child’s financial education journey by monitoring their progress and understanding. It will offer insights into how children are budgeting their virtual currency, letting parents to guide and support their child’s learning experience effectively.

In a technology-driven era, FinLitFun employs this generation’s online learning reality to become engaging and effective. Gujral explains that the app is designed to be an interactive platform for youth to obtain and utilize a strong foundation of financial knowledge without feeling overwhelmed or disengaged.

“Rest assured, the content offered by FinLitFun is secure, non-biased and strictly educational. We’re providing the essential facts and foundational skills that every child should know about finance,” Gujral said. “Our program is like building blocks, laying a strong base for each child to build according to their interests and goals.”

Gujral’s FinLitFun team contains a group of adults bringing expertise and insight that contribute to the organization’s mission. Current team members are Bhupinder Anwar, Aimee Kerr, Scott Armanini and Steve Hoffman.

“With their guidance, I’m learning how to create disruptive change, make a meaningful impact, and navigate the challenges of startup culture. Each team member plays a pivotal role in bringing FinLitFun’s mission to life, and their collective support has been instrumental in everything we’ve achieved thus far,” Gujral said.

The app is currently in the beta stage of testing, but the plan is to have it ready and available for download on the Apple App Store by the end of this summer.

As customers wait in anticipation, Gujral invites everyone to visit the official website at finlitfun.org and their social media channels. This allows the public to receive timely updates of the release and detailed instructions on how to join and navigate the app once it’s launched.

“We are incredibly excited about the progress we’ve made so far and even more thrilled about what’s to come,” Gujral said. “We look forward to inviting everyone to explore and learn from our platform soon.” ■

Students bringing ‘Spamalot’ to Amador Theater stage

Director says as big Monty Python fan, he will make sure it honors the original

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The musical adaptation of one of the most widely acclaimed movie comedies — “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” — is set to take the stage at the Amador Theater next week.

The Pleasanton production of “Monty Python’s Spamalot” will feature 25 youth actors ages 12 to 18 who will be telling the tale of King Arthur’s quest to find the holy grail.

Originally based on the classic 1975 Monty Python movie, the musical adaptation was created for the stage in 2005 by Monty Python actor Eric Idle and, while it diverts a bit from the original, the musical still features most of the well-known and hilarious characters such as Not Dead Fred, the Black Knight and The Knights Who Say Ni.

“As a big fan of Monty Python, director Andrew Mondello and his staff have been honoring the source material well and the translation to the stage is hilarious and wonderful,” Jeff Zavattero, library and recreation coordinator for the city of Pleasanton, told the Weekly. “Both the staff and the cast have been sharing laughter along the process, and I think the audience will have just as much fun.”

Zavattero said that rehearsals have been fantastic so far, mainly because the show held auditions before summer, which allowed the Pleasanton Youth Theater Company — the Firehouse Arts Center theater program — to begin its five-week rehearsal process on day one.

He added that the kids have been “moving through the show swiftly.”

“I’ve been to a few rehearsals myself, and the kids are crushing it,” Zavattero said. “They sound amazing, the



The cast of “Monty Python’s Spamalot” pose for a photo during rehearsals.

dances are hilarious and in sync. We have a live orchestra pit in this show and they are really coming along in their rehearsals as well.”

The show will be premiering on Thursday (July 27) at 7:30 p.m. You can also catch the show the next day (Friday, July 28) and on Saturday (July 29) at the same time.

There will also be a sensory-friendly performance on Saturday at 2 p.m. to accommodate those with sensitivities. Sensory-friendly versions are when the theater brings the lights a bit higher, changes the dramatic lighting to be a bit more subdued and keeps the volume level consistent.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by visiting the Firehouse website, firehousearts.org. ■

‘Emotional Support Paintings’

New art exhibit in Firehouse lobby

By JEREMY WALSH

The deeply personal work of Bay Area artist Ingrid V. Wells is on display this summer in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

“Emotional Support Paintings”, which opened earlier this week and runs through Sept. 2, represents a “heartwarming and poignant collection” of six large-scale works and several smaller pieces by the artist known for “using playful subject matter to address difficult topics”, according to Firehouse Arts officials.

“Rendering the characteristic features of enlarged objects, bright pigments and a touch of surrealism, Wells redefines the meaning of pop art in her own unique and jubilant way,” Firehouse reps said. “Visually welcoming the viewer into her universe of brightly colored confetti, stars and flowers, Wells seeks to offer encouragement through titles such as ‘For Your Darkest Days’ and ‘You’re Here and I’m Here and That’s Worth Celebrating’.”

In her artist’s statement about the solo exhibition, Wells said the works completed via oil on linen and based on tiny confetti cast via enlarged



FIREHOUSE ARTS

Paintings by Ingrid V. Wells are on display at the Firehouse.

scale aim to act as “a visual respite from engaging with unforeseen difficult circumstances”.

“It is a fierce rebellion, I consider it pretty punk rock, to stay in your joy when blanketed in depressing circumstances,” Wells wrote. “In this body of work, I am responding to my personal puzzles — grief, living with my neurodiversity, the loss of women’s rights and my recent recovery from cancer — with the aim of inspiring you to greet your challenges with curiosity and resilience.”

See “Emotional Support Paintings” in the Firehouse lobby at 4444 Railroad Ave. Learn more at firehousearts.org. ■

Opinion

LETTERS

Appalling response to problems at post office

My neighbors and I in our community have been having a chronic issue with missing mail — I am missing mail for the entire month of June. No explanation of what happened to the mail, obfuscation, stonewalling and general disrespect from the Pleasanton post office on Black Avenue.

I am appalled at the treatment and the outright disinterest the employees have shown when I have talked to them about a lot of missing mail and packages. They have not been forthcoming or helpful. Changes need to be made.

It is unbelievable to me that four weeks of mail could go missing and no one can tell me what happened to it and will only say that “it’s resolved and you won’t have any issues in the future”.

I have asked multiple times to speak to the postal inspector or manager to no avail. It is shocking to me that this can happen in a democratic country, as going through this process felt like I was living in a dictatorship.

—Minal Doshi

Juanita Haugen Scholarship fundraiser

The Community of Character Scholarship honors the memory of Juanita Haugen, trustee and president of Pleasanton school boards for 28 years. Juanita had a passion for children and was a leader in the district’s character education program.

She was the leading proponent for the establishment of the Community of Character Collaborative. Juanita died in 2007 due to cancer. The scholarship honors students from Pleasanton high schools who exemplify the character traits of the Community of Character Collaborative through example and service.

Keep the memory of Juanita Haugen alive and help these amazing Pleasanton students fulfill their dreams by purchasing tickets or making a donation to the scholarship fund.

In recent years, as many as six recipients have received scholarships of \$1,000 each. With community help, we can continue to award these scholarships and even increase the number and amounts.

This year’s barbecue fundraiser will be in the amazing backyard of retired police Capt. Craig Eicher

— 100% of the tickets and auction items will go to the scholarship fund. The cost of the dinner is being donated by the Community of Character board.

The keynote speaker will be David Haglund, superintendent of the Pleasanton Unified School District. The event is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19 at 3649 Chelsea Court at \$75 per person.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce website, www.Pleasanton.org. Donations to the scholarship fund at www.communityofcharacter.org

—Ken Mano

Well-written explainer

I read the article “News, opinions and truth” in the Around the Valley column written on July 7 by Gina Channell Wilcox. I thought it was well-written and extremely logical as it discussed the difference between news, editorials, misinformation, etc.

It put simple explanations to concepts that more people should understand but don’t appear to. With so many people on the far-left and the far-right seeming to only want to read/believe information that agrees with their existing beliefs, there is no chance to ever learn anything new or heaven forbid change their minds on an issue.

People who believe strongly on any issue should welcome any difference of opinion and be able to respond logically and casually as to why their belief is correct by citing facts, evidence, details, etc. Hopefully many people will read

the article and think about it.

One last thought ... The Golden Rule: Why doesn’t everyone treat the other person like they would want to be treated?

—Paul Sullivan

Swalwell will pay for his student loans

It was refreshing and reassuring to see the statement that Eric Swalwell made recently explaining why he voted in favor of the debt ceiling bill.

He stated, “I voted to pay America’s bills. When you rack up a tab, you pay for it. Republicans were willing to dine and ditch on the American economy leaving Social Security and Medicare recipients and our veterans with the bill, I was not.”

Although his partisan and divisive slant on the Republican intentions was not accurate, his point about paying for what you owe and not passing it onto others was commendable.

In an August 2022 article in the L.A. Times, it was stated that Swalwell still owed about \$85,400 in student loan debt. He has said that he does not favor student loan forgiveness, which would be unfair to all Americans who would have to pay for the debt college students have decided to incur.

However, he has led an effort to pass a “No Student Loan Interest Act”, which seems to contradict his statement of “When you rack up a tab, you pay for it.” The interest on a loan is part of what you agree to when you sign the contract, and

the lender should have the right to benefit from the loan.

College students need to understand that all loans they agree to are an obligation to pay the loan back. Swalwell needs to be a role model and demonstrate leadership for students to understand this important principle.

—Tom Murphy

Lead from the airport

We had our 4-year-old son tested for lead in his blood last week. Sadly, his lead levels are elevated. We are sure this is due to our proximity to the airport. We will be moving out of the area as soon as possible, although we’d love to have remained.

Please do everything possible to prevent other children from lead exposure. It’s probably too late for those currently residing near the airport, but you have the ability to help future Livermore residents.

—Michele Keller

Patricia Anne Taylor

June 28, 1955 – July 8, 2023

Patricia Anne Applebaum Taylor, a long-time resident of Pleasanton, passed away after a lengthy battle with a Glioblastoma brain tumor on July 8, 2023. She was born June 28, 1955 in Passaic, New Jersey, eventually making her way to Southern California, where she spent her young life. She moved to Northern California in 1985, and aside from a brief stint in Massachusetts, has lived on the West Coast ever since. Patti was an avid quilter and had been a member of Amador Valley Quilters. She loved gardening and her roses often won prizes at the Pleasanton Rose Show.



Patti is survived by her husband of 47 years, William (Bill) Taylor, daughter Kathryn Taylor & son-in-law, Ben Whalen, son Michael Taylor & daughter-in-law, Allison Skavdal, mother Connie Evans, sister Jody Applebaum and brother Michael Applebaum. She loved her grandchildren Ryan (17), Amelia (14), Finleigh (13), Asher (11), and Reese (2.5), and Dakota Blu, her dog.

Graveside services will be private. There will be a Celebration of Life on August 26th from 1:00 - 4:00 at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 1181 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton. The family invites you to wear blue in memory of Patti’s favorite color.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Patti’s name will be appreciated.

PAID OBITUARY

William Bernard

October 11, 1940 – June 5, 2023

William Ernest Bernard, Sr. passed away, peacefully, at his home in Henderson, NV, on June 5, 2023, with his wife and son by his side.

He was born on October 11, 1940 to Ernest and Rose Bernard at St. Paul’s Hospital in Livermore, CA.

He was a graduate of Amador High School, class of 1958. He excelled in sports, playing baseball, basketball and football. His senior year he was awarded the Parks Air Force Base sports trophy.

He retired from Lone Star Industries in Pleasanton and retired to Henderson, NV where he enjoyed playing golf several times a week.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Ernest William Bernard. He is survived his wife Stephanie, his son William Ernest Bernard Jr., his granddaughter Brittany Bernard and his sister Margery Bupp.

He will be remembered for his smile and his great sense of humor.

Remembrances may be made, in his name, to UCLA Medical Center, Westwood or the American Heart Association.

There will be no services.



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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Tri-Valley Babe Ruth all-stars competing for spot in World Series

13-year-olds open play in regionals next week

Last year the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 14-year-old all-star team lived the dream summer, winning the NorCal and then Pacific Southwest Regionals to advance to the Babe Ruth World Series.

Once there in North Dakota, the team came through, bringing home the 14-year-old Babe Ruth World Series title.

Fast forward to this year and it is the Tri-Valley 13-year-old all-star team that may be making another run to the World Series.

Last week the team captured the Northern California championship, going 3-0 in the tournament held in Woodland — the same spot the 14-year-old team started their run last summer.

The team opened the tournament with a 5-0 win over Oakland, then followed with an 8-1 win over the team from Belmateo (think Belmont and San Mateo). That sent them to the title game where they beat Oakland

11-0 on a nifty no-hitter from Gavin McMillan.

Last year's coach of the 14s — Andrew Crabill — had basically been with the World Series champs for over a year and knew what he had coming into the postseason.

That wasn't the case this season as he coaches the 13s.

"Basically, I had one week with the team before the NorCal tournament," Crabill said. "Most of the kids were new to me."

When looking at the scores, one thing quickly became evident, as is usually the case when you average eight runs per game.

"I didn't know much coming in, but once we got to playing baseball, we could hit," Crabill said.

Leading the way at the plate has been Kingston Smith, Takumi Yumoto and Ayden Goins.

Smith went 6-for-9 in the tournament, driving in four runs and scoring four times. Yumoto was the

leadoff hitter and table setter for Tri-Valley, going 4-for-9. Finally, Goins was 3-for-8 from his No. 3 spot, getting a double and a triple.

When Tri-Valley was in the field, it was all about McMillan. The 6-foot-6 freshman to be at Monte Vista was too much for the opposition in all three games.

Due to the lopsided scores, Tri-Valley was able to use McMillan on the mound in all three games — and his final numbers were amazing: 14 innings pitched, three hits allowed, zero earned runs allowed and 23 strikeouts.

"He is an ace of an ace," Crabill said.

Next up is a trip to Taft for the Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament in the week ahead (July 23-29) at Monty Reedy Field.

The competition definitely steps up here with a World Series berth at stake. It has been a benefit for the Tri-Valley squad to have a break after the NorCal tourney.



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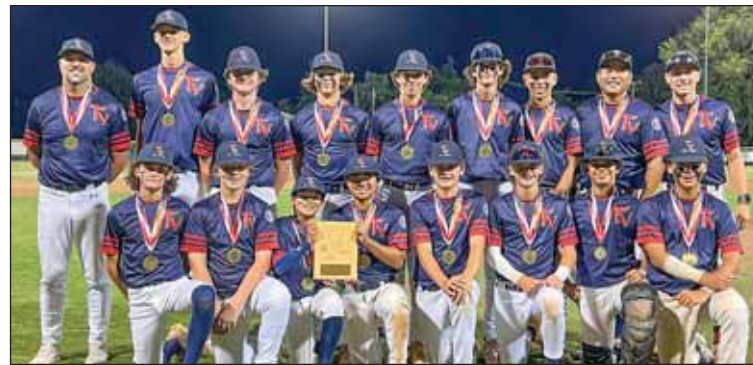
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The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13-year-old all-star team is headed to regionals to compete for a berth in the World Series.

"From a team perspective, I am happy to have the two weeks off," Crabill said. "Spending more together is beneficial to these kids. We need to be better in the regionals."

With so much that lays ahead unknown, Crabill is taking an optimistic outlook.

"I know the level of ballplayer that comes out the Tri-Valley program is pretty high," Crabill said. "I feel confident, and I want the kids to feel like they are one of the teams to beat."

Tri-Valley opens play on Monday (July 24), taking on Simi Valley in a 10 a.m. contest. Also entered in the regionals are: Central California No. 1 (Madera), Taft (host), Hawaii, Arizona, Central California No.

2 (Orcutt), Southern California (Torrance), Utah and Nevada (South Reno).

The championship game or games in the double elimination tournament format is set for next Saturday (July 29).

Tri-Valley team members: Goins, McMillan, Smith, Yumoto, Brady Wilhite, Braydon Hein, Garrett Bechetti, Gavin Schmitt, Jake Marchand, Jayden Merfeld, Johnny Willis, Landon Maloney, Logan Cato, Owen Wat and Tyler Tabaracci. ■

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



IAN RANSLEY, VIA BCN

Past racing action at Golden Gate Fields.

Golden Gate Fields set to close

Owner eyes benefit to SoCal tracks; impact on future of NorCal racing unclear

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Golden Gate Fields horse racing track near Berkeley is shutting down after its current 2023 season, the company that owns the track announced Sunday.

The Stronach Group in its announcement of the race track closure said Golden Gate Fields' closure is meant to "double down on

its prestigious racing and training venues at Santa Anita Park and San Luis Rey Downs," both in Southern California.

"We recognize that the decision will have profound effects on our valued employees as well as the owners, trainers, jockeys and stable personnel at Golden Gate Fields. The Stronach Group is committed to honoring

labor obligations and developing a meaningful transition plan," the company said in its announcement.

The move is meant to allow adding an extra day of races to the weekly calendar at Santa Anita Park and larger fields of horses, according to the company.

Golden Gate Fields, located by the Bay along the border of Berkeley and Albany, has drawn protests recently from animal rights activists in the wake of the deaths of racehorses there.

The calendar on Golden Gate Fields' website shows races planned through Oct. 2. No other details were immediately available for when the track will close. ■

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Entertainment

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's popular Concert in the Park series will take place most Friday nights this summer featuring an eclectic mix of music from classic rock, blues and big band to today's hits. 7-9 p.m., July 21. Lions Wayside Park.

CITY CENTER UNPLUGGED

Celebrate summer with City Center Unplugged, a Friday evening outdoor music series featuring an array of local bands. Grab an outside table, enjoy a leisurely dinner, and catch some of the tunes that will be filling Alexander Square. 6-8 p.m.

FOOTLOOSE AT LAS POSITAS

COLLEGE Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people while guiding them with a warm heart and open mind. 8 p.m., July 21-11; July 28-29.

Tickets \$15-\$20. Outdoors, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Visit showtix4u.com/event-details/72858.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD

"Much Ado About Nothing" explores love and friendship, honor and deceit and a couple of cases of crossed wires as newly-engaged Hero and Claudio play cupid to the constantly bickering Beatrice and Benedick. July 21-23; 27-30, Aug. 3-6. Darcie Kent Vineyards. Visit sparttheater.org.

COMICCON LIVERMORE Join ComicCon Livermore at the Bankhead Plaza for this free day of fun and excitement with a variety of activities from face painting, a costume contest and comic books. 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., July 22. Visit livermorearts.org.

TUESDAY TUNES The Livermore Cultural Arts Council presents Tuesday Tunes every Tuesday night at Shea Homes Stage. 6:45 p.m.,

July 25, The Chris Bradley Band. 2400 First St.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE Creatures of Impulse returns with this fourth part series, based in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Join each week as our heroes and villains complete a full campaign. 7:30-9 p.m., July 26. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

POETS LAUREATE NIGHT AT PATXI'S PIZZA The 12th Poetry & Pizza Open Mic at Patxi's Pizza in Dublin features four current and former poets laureate, plus a one-hour open mic hosted by City of Dublin Poet Laureate James Morehead. 6 p.m., performances by current and former East Bay poets laureate, 7 p.m., one-hour poetry open mic. July 26. 5130 Dublin Blvd., S1H.

DUBLIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Join for the eight-week Summer Concert Series at Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater during the Dublin Farmers' Market. Local food vendors will be onsite and available for purchase. 6-8 p.m., July 27, The Cheeseballs.

TWILIGHT TUNES AT CONCANNON VINEYARD Enjoy live music and delectable bites from local food trucks, all while savoring favorite wines at sunset. Tickets are priced at \$10 for Club Members and \$15 for General Admission. Lavender Fields Band/El Gran Taco Loco, July 27. Visit concannonvineyard.com

SPAMALOT SCHOOL EDITION Spamalot tells the legendary tale of King Arthur's quest to find the holy grail. However, diverting a bit from the true story, this hilarious musical features such oddities as a line of beautiful dancing girls, a flatulent Frenchman and killer rabbits. 7:30 p.m., July 27-29, 2 p.m., July 29. Amador Theater. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

626 NIGHT MARKET 626 Night Market is back at Alameda County Fairgrounds. The iconic Californian festival features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an epic event spread over 10+ football fields of space. July 28-30. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

JAZZ IN JULY Jazz in July, an annual Livermore tradition, takes over the Civic Center Library with programs by top jazz artists. The programs are free with no reservations required. The Dan Marschak Trio with Danielle Perez, 2 p.m., July 30. Storytime Room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

KEIKO MATSUI AT THE BANKHEAD Acclaimed pianist, composer and humanitarian Keiko Matsui's transcendent and haunting melodies have long sought to build bridges and her sonic cultural exchange has reached the hearts and minds of fans throughout the world. 8 p.m., Aug. 4. Tickets \$30-\$60. Visit livermorearts.org.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS MARIA BAMFORD Maria Bamford is revered for her deeply personal and

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Meet Hercules

Introducing Hercules, a 2-year-old bundle of energy and joy who is searching for an active and loving forever home. This adorable pup is always on the go and has a wagging nub tail that never stops! Hercules is a high-energy dog who loves to play, run, and explore. He's the perfect companion for an active individual or family who enjoys outdoor adventures. If you're ready for an energetic and devoted companion, Hercules is eagerly waiting to meet you — and his adoption fee is waived! Come get him at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center or visit eastbayspca.org.

experimental comedy about mental illness and starred in the surreal, semi-autobiographical Netflix comedy series Lady Dynamite. 8 p.m., Aug. 5. Tickets \$45-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

Talks

ALL THINGS SHARKS Join an LARPD Ranger for a beginner's guide to all things sharks covering some shark basics, sharks of the California coast, fun shark facts and how to help support our ocean friends. 2 p.m., July 22. Sycamore Grove Park. Contact 925-373-5700.

AUTHOR TALK WITH JEFF COLVIN Livermore Public Library will host author Jeff Colvin to discuss his new book "Avoiding Apocalypse: How Science and Scientists Ended the Cold War". Registration is not necessary to attend this free program. 2 p.m., July 23. Civic Center Library Storytime Room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH CASS ELLIOT Turn back the clock to the 1960s as Karen Vuranch presents a storytelling performance of Cass Elliot, one of the singers in the iconic band the Mamas and the Papas, considered by many to be the most charismatic member of the group. 2 & 7 p.m., July 25. Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit museumonmain.org.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets in-person and virtually via Zoom. Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org.

Exhibits

FALCONS AT FIFTY Pleasanton's Museum on Main commemorates the school's fiftieth birthday featuring memorabilia and artifacts from throughout the school's history, as well as clips from interviews with alumni and current and former faculty and staff. July 13-Aug.19. Visit museumonmain.org.

WATERCOLOR SHOW AT HARRINGTON GALLERY The California Watercolor Association features approximately 50 works

of water-based media, showcasing artwork of the organization's Signature Members who have exhibited in three or more CWA National Exhibitions. Through Aug. 26. Visit firehousearts.org.

Movies

LIVERMORE VINE FREE SUMMER MOVIES The Vine Theater in Livermore is hosting free summer movies with any concession purchase. No tickets required, doors open at 9:30am. 10 a.m., July 25, The Bad Guys. Visit vinecinema.com/classic-nights.

PLEASANTON MOVIES IN THE PARK Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy family film favorites every Thursday. All movies are free and begin at dusk. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave. July 27, Turning Red.

DUBLIN PICNIC FLIX MOVIE SERIES The City of Dublin's free outdoor movie series will be rotated through three different parks in Dublin. Movies begin at dusk and guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets and dress warmly. No pets are allowed. July 28, Turning Red, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

MOVIE MONDAY: FROZEN SING-ALONG All ages are invited to a free movie screening to watch and sing along to "Frozen". Free popcorn included. 6-8 p.m., July 31. Rincon Library 725 Rincon Ave., Livermore.

Outdoor Recreation

BOCCE IN PLEASANTON Enjoy a game of Bocce on recently renovated courts offered through Lifetime Tennis at Centennial Park. For more information visit lifetimeactivities.com/pleasanton.

PICKLEBALL AT PLEASANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL Pickleball is a fast, fun, social sport and great exercise for all ages and athletic backgrounds, now offered through Lifetime Tennis at Pleasanton Middle School. For more information visit lifetimeactivities.com/pleasanton.

Employment

Senior International Product Manager for Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Travel up to 25%, int'l & domestic, fully reimbursed. Telecommuting 2 days/wk. Req: Bach's in Bio, Oncology, Bus Admin, Mktng, or rtd fld + 2 yrs exp. Expected salary range for position based on primary loc. in CA is \$202,056.00 to \$273,700.00/yr. Actual pay w/in range determined based on exp, qualifications, geographic loc. & other job-rtd factors permitted by law. Discretionary annual bonus may be avail based on individual & Company performance. Position qualifies for benefits detailed at, Benefits <https://roche.ehr.com/default.ashx?CLASSNAME=splash>. Apply: <https://applyroche.com/202306-114456> (Job ID: 202306-114456)

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The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm.

If you wish to learn more about the employment advertising options, please visit PleasantonWeekly.com/employment_ads/.

RECREATION SWIM AT LARPD Stay cool at the LARPD swim centers. Recreation swim, toddler time and Friday evening ‘Hot Nights’ rec swim. For more information visit larpd.org/recreation-swim.

THE WAVE WATERPARK The Wave in Dublin is open daily through August 6 and on weekends through Labor Day. For more information visit thedublinwave.com.

Farmers’ Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS’ MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers’ Market is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. West Angela Street.

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

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

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

Seniors

SMARTPHONE TRAINING AT THE SENIOR CENTER Schedule a free training to make an Android phone work better. Learn how to send or receive messages, connect Bluetooth, devices and more. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., July 31. Call 925-931-5365.

SENIOR (50+) POP UP TRIPS Join LARPD for the uplifting comeback story, “Tina-The Tina Turner Musical”. Board a motorcoach to arrive at San Francisco’s Union Square for brunch or lunch on your own before the matinee performance. 8:40 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Aug. 2. \$117R/\$129NR. To register call 925-373-5763.

FREE SENIOR LUNCHES (60+) The Open Heart Kitchen Senior Meal Program addresses the nutritional gap of those over the age of 60. Meals are served in the Main Hall of the Pleasanton Senior Center Monday through Friday from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241 for information or to make a reservation.

PLEASANTON VIP TRAVEL The Pleasanton VIP Travel office is located at the Pleasanton Senior Center behind the front desk open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

TECH TUTORING AT THE SENIOR CENTER One hour, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Monday 11 a.m. Wednesday 9 & 10 a.m. \$2.50R/\$3NR. Call 925-931-5365.

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PLEASANTON RIDES Pleasanton Rides is door-to-door, shared-ride transportation serving eligible Pleasanton Seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton and to select destinations in the Tri-Valley. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For reservations and information, call 925-398-1045 or visit blacktietrans.com/more-info.

DROP-IN BRIDGE Join drop-in Bridge 1-4 p.m., Thursday and Friday at Robert Livermore Community Center. 4444 East Ave.

Volunteers

TEEN VOLUNTEERS AT TRI-VALLEY HAVEN Tri-Valley haven welcomes teen volunteers and youth groups (16 and over only) at the food pantry and thrift store. Opportunities include cashiering, sorting, food distribution and organization. Ages 15-18. Visit trivalleyhaven.org/volunteer.

VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTOR TRAINING Become a volunteer tutor and help an adult become more confident and better able to navigate everyday situations. The next three-part Tutor Training, in which volunteers attend all three trainings, takes place at the Livermore Civic Center Library from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 24, 26 and 31. Call 925-373-5507 or email literacy@livermoreca.gov.

TAKE US ALONG



The time is right for a vacation: Mary Crawbuck and her sister Liz Mahr brought the Weekly on their trip to London, where they enjoyed seeing historic sights like Big Ben, pictured here.

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

Support

BACKPACK DRIVE AT TRI-VALLEY HAVEN Donations of pre-filled backpacks are being accepted at Tri-Valley Haven until July 21. Label backpacks by grade range. Drop off donations weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. For questions contact Carla@trivalleyhaven.org.

GENERAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers online support services free of charge with registration in advance. Call 925-829-8770 weekdays. 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 7-Sept. 25.

LOSS OF CHILD SUPPORT GROUP Hope Hospice offers online support services free of charge with registration in advance. Call 925-829-8770 weekdays. 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 8-Sept. 26.

SPOUSAL/PARTNER LOSS SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers online support services free of charge with registration in advance. Call 925-829-8770 weekdays. 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 8-Sept. 26.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS This free workshop is for families that have a relative living with a mental illness and at risk of suicide. Learn about statistics, facts and basic information; how to communicate with someone that is contemplating suicide; focus on suicide risk; and the importance of practicing self-care. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 5. Visit nami-trivalley.org.

HOT MEALS FREE OF CHARGE Open Heart Kitchen serves free hot meals to anyone who is struggling to make ends meet. Monday to Friday, 1-3 p.m. at the Robert

Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

Veterans

VETERANS EVENT Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate examinations, consultations and referrals for enrolled veterans. The drop-in event will run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., July 24, in the library parking lot. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

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., July 27. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Government

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 24. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

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File No.: 599025
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1.) PLEASANTON DENTAL CARE, located at 5980 Stoneridge Dr Ste 116 Pleasanton, CA, 94588-2723, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EUNICE JONG DDS INC.
4073 W Lakeshore Drive
San Ramon, CA 94582
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/28/23
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 28 2023. (PLW Jul 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023)

DUCKY WASH LAUNDROMAT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 598981
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Ducky Wash Laundromat, located at 7399 Amador Valley Blvd Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
Mailing Address: 19 Donna Ln, Danville, CA 94526
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MELLO FAMILY ENTERPRISE
19 Donna Lane
Danville, CA 94526
CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/27/23
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 27 2023. (PLW Jun 30, Jul 7, 14 and 21, 2023)

SCENCE FRAGRANCES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 598959
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Scence Fragrances, located at 3310 Guthrie Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SIDDHANT PITHADIYA
3310 Guthrie Ct
Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 26 2023. (PLW Jul 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023)

THE STONE QUEENS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 599294
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) The Stone Queens, located at 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566,

Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YVETTE S HELMERS
648 Division Street, Pleasanton, Ca 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 12 2023. (PLW Jul 21, 28, Aug 4 and 11, 2023)

GLC EQUESTRIAN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 599100
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GLC Equestrian, located at 222 W. Angela St. Apt A Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
GINA COONS
222 W. Angela St. Apt A Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/19/23
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 03 2023. (PLW Jul 14, 21, 28 and Aug 4, 2023)

MANE MEDICS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 598405
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mane Medics, located at 1423 Broadway #1039 Oakland, CA 94612, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LEXY LUSH COSMETICS LLC
1423 Broadway #1039
Oakland, CA 94612
California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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- Fictitious Business Name
- Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name
- Name Change
- Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution
- Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing
- Notice of Bulk Sale
- Legal Summons
- Trustee Sale

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 5-8 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 12-16 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 5574 Baldwin Way** Anderson Living Trust to D. & J. Sethi for \$1,018,000
- 6903 Corte Barcelona** Z. Zhao to S. & S. Palanisamy for \$1,570,000
- 6920 Corte Pacifica** V. & J. Lamberty to P. & P. Laskar for \$1,805,000
- 2589 Corte Rivera** Dawson Trust to Q. & Z. Zhu for \$1,660,000
- 6225 Garner Court** Lim Living Trust to S. & G. Blatt for \$1,400,000
- 2142 Palmer Drive** Rigl Family Trust to Lokeshwar Family Trust for \$2,350,000
- 3630 Woodbine Way** S. & S. Jonnalagadda to B. & S. Ravindrachar for \$920,000

Livermore

- 689 Brighton Way** S. & G. Withers to S. & S. Sukumar for \$1,200,000
- 3952 California Way** E. & A. Klipa to K. Larson for \$1,150,000
- 1930 Cartier Drive** Gheorghiu Trust to R. & A. Collins-Getz for \$810,000
- 1393 Daisy Lane** I. Pollard to G. & P. Dodgen for \$775,000
- 4004 Drake Way** C. & J. Hall to J. & J. Glesmann for \$1,010,000
- 1980 Elm Street** J. Johnson to K. Bryan for \$820,000
- 410 Falcon Way** M. Pensa to S. & P. Shah for \$945,000
- 6975 Foxtail Drive** T. & J. Wright to K. & G. Parker for \$1,120,000

- 2838 Gelding Lane** Garcia Trust to T. & B. Chipiri for \$1,075,000
- 853 Mcglinchey Drive** K. & D. Callon to J. & D. Ge for \$1,810,000
- 1743 Paseo Laguna Seco** M. Poole to S. Williams for \$670,000
- 557 Wayland Loop** Swanson Family Trust to A. & P. Jayker for \$1,710,000
- 2557 Wood Hollow Drive** Okland Family Trust to Swanson Family Trust for \$2,575,000

Dublin

- 8309 Creekside Drive** K. & F. Petracek to Carl Trust for \$2,130,000
- 6381 Monterey Way** F. & S. Dionida to Anudeep Trust for \$1,100,000
- 2797 Mount Dana Drive** Vangaru Family Trust to S. & P. Vajrapu for \$2,800,000
- 4723 Perugia Street** C. Johnson to J. & V. Aggarwal for \$982,500
- 2869 Poppy Hills Lane** M. & A. Echiverri to S. & U. Chandrahasan for \$2,415,000
- 5199 San Vicente Loop** O. & O. Gyryk to G. Yu for \$1,560,000
- 5372 Signal Hill Drive** Kannawadi Family Trust to S. & R. Prasher for \$2,310,000
- 4376 Sunset View Drive** N. & R. Kavlick to S. & V. Cherukuri for \$1,875,000
- 6747 Tory Way** Trumbly-Thomas Living Trust to W. & R. Moore for \$1,420,000

San Ramon

- 1622 Banbury Drive** Buergi Family Trust to Kuo Family Trust for \$2,150,000
- 346 Bellflower Drive** M. Garetz to K. & B. Singh for \$1,317,000

- 8157 Briar Oaks Drive** L. Debrito to M. & Y. Thotapalli for \$1,950,000
- 516 Byer Court** Venkataraman Family Trust to T. & J. Ignatius for \$2,025,000
- 3145 Cedarwood Loop** A. Verma to X. Li for \$1,250,000
- 706 Clifton Court** H. Seri to S. & G. Dhevendhiran for \$1,979,000
- 7 Crow Canyon Court** Arroyo Grande Investments to Adwill LLC for \$1,485,000
- 7387 Hillsboro Avenue** Wollenweber Trust to K. & G. Kumarasamy for \$1,710,000
- 3399 Ironwood Drive** Ho Family Trust to V. & S. Chitanya for \$2,530,000
- 7867 Kennard Lane** Thota Living Trust to Vinu Trust for \$2,900,000
- 223 Knightsbridge Court** A. & B. Moore to R. & M. Patt for \$2,850,000
- 3014 Montevideo Drive** C. Hilda to S. & P. Joshi for \$1,437,000



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- 328 South Overlook Drive** C. Jou to G. & B. Chun for \$555,000
- 511 Teresa Place** R. & S. Arora to M. & R. Smith for \$2,025,000
- 8 Winn Court** J. Hunter to C. & H. Paranjape for \$1,266,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 5-8)

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$920,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000
Average sales reported: \$1,531,857

Livermore (June 5-8)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$670,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,575,000
Average sales reported: \$1,205,384

Dublin (June 5-8)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$982,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,843,611

San Ramon (June 12-16)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$555,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,900,000
Average sales reported: \$1,950,000

Source: California REsource

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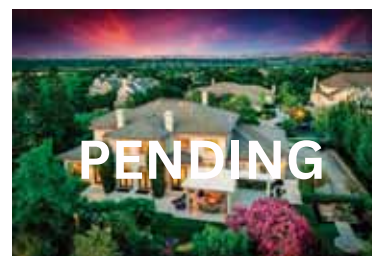
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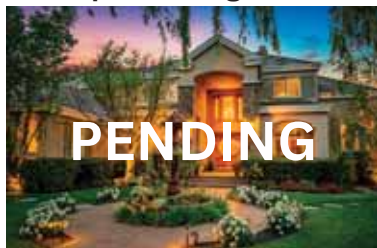
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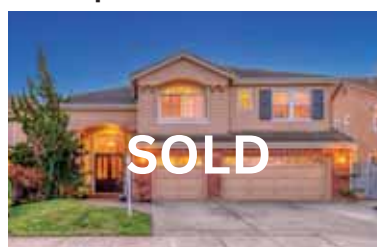
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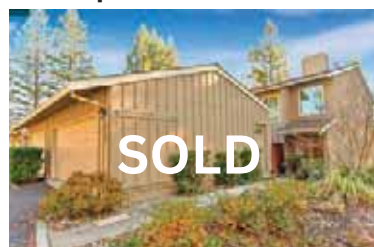
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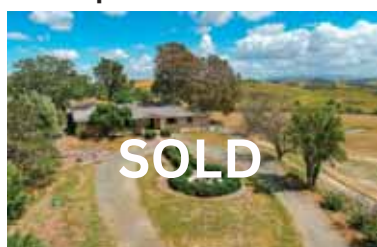
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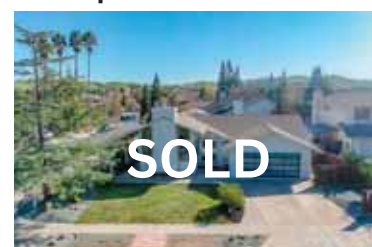
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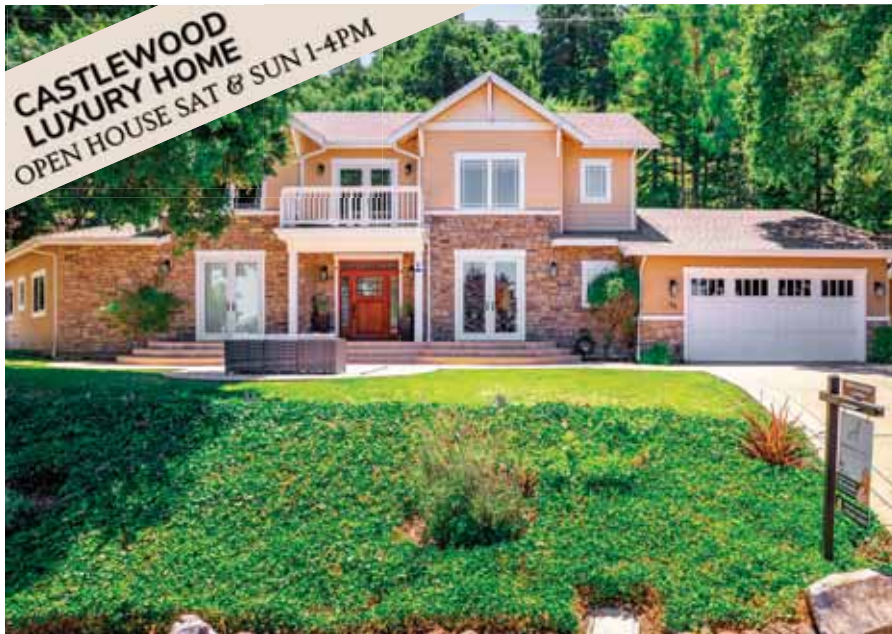
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