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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Lights out in Danville

Someone is finally going to put PG&E under the spotlight for what's been going on in Danville over the last year.

All of us throughout the East Bay have been impacted by power outages due to high winds or atmospheric rivers or public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) or electricity grid concerns during excessive heat. But what Danville residents and businesses continue to experience is absurd to the extreme.

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo, who is probably the most measured public administrator I've observed in my career, is clearly fed up.

After yet another prolonged power outage, affecting 5,900 customers in Danville over two days (extrapolated out, that's close to one-third of the town's population of 44,000 residents), Calabrigo wrote a letter to the highest executives at the utility company demanding answers for residents. He pulled no punches.

"We've been hearing about everything that PG&E has been doing to improve the power grid in terms of safety and reliability, yet to the many being affected by these outages, things seem to be worse than ever," Calabrigo said in his Aug. 15 letter. "Telling our residents that they should consider buying a generator in 2023 doesn't cut it. Shouldn't our residents be able to expect a system that is safe and reliable?"

The letter included an invitation to appear before the Danville Town Council, which PG&E accepted for the regular meeting next Tuesday (Sept. 5). It promises to be a candid discussion.

"PG&E is really starting to piss people off," Danville Mayor Robert Storer told me over the weekend.

"Like most of our residents and especially our business community, we are completely frustrated with the lack of information, especially with absolutely no notice when power will be shut off — on the enhanced powerline safety settings (EPSS) system — and no follow-up allowing our residents to better understand when power will be restored," Storer said.

We're still working to collect hard data on the number of major outages in Danville (and Alamo and other nearby unincorporated areas) between summer 2022 and today.

Anecdotally though, I can say I've been stunned so many times over the past year seeing alerts on social media with PG&E maps showing outage areas so large they appear

to be pushing square miles, and certainly thousands of homes and dozens of businesses. For hours, even days, at a time.

And not just the outer edges of the town limits; the downtown core and other areas right around the freeway have been commonly impacted too.

We're talking more than just people at home not being able to watch TV, kids who can't play video games or retail shops that have to close an hour early.

These are families (by the thousands!) not able to cool their homes during hot summer days in Danville, or heat their homes while sitting in the dark for extra hours in the winter. These are senior residents, parents with infants, people with medical needs such as oxygen tanks and other vulnerable populations forced to uproot for hours or even days — and remember, there are those who can't just do that on a whim, if at all.

These are businesses losing valuable operational time, employees missing out on income, restaurants having to toss food out without refrigeration and vital service appointments being canceled.

I reached out to PG&E representatives this week for a copy of whatever response they sent to Calabrigo's letter. Spokesperson Tamar Sarkissian only said, "We are continuing to investigate the power outages, and our Bay Area regional vice president will be presenting the latest information at the upcoming meeting" while also referring me to a recent short post from PG&E to customers via Nextdoor about "temporary" grid changes in Danville and Alamo contributing to larger outages.

"Losing power for any amount of time is disruptive. We are continuing to look at options to improve reliability in your neighborhood — without sacrificing safety," the utility company added on Nextdoor.

I'm not so sure that did the job to really explain things and quell the understandable frustrations in the San Ramon Valley.

Thankfully, Danville's leadership is taking a stand with PG&E to support their community.

The Town Council hearing is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 5); the agenda report had not been released publicly to date.

It's a meeting residents should attend or tune into — assuming, of course, the power stays ... well, maybe I shouldn't joke about that, just to be safe. ■

About the Cover

The Scottish Highland Gathering and Games are back in Pleasanton this Labor Day weekend. The opening and closing ceremonies feature the Clans march, the Scottish national anthem, and a synchronized performance of dancers and drummers. Photo by Nicole Gonzales.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you feel about people giving you unsolicited advice?



Giuseppe Adolfo
Sales

My feeling is that if I want someone's advice, I'll ask for it. I really don't want anyone offering suggestions to me, or interfering in my business, or trying to help me, unless I approach them for that. I guess you can say I totally don't appreciate, accept or even listen to unsolicited advice.



John Meyer
Photographer

I come from a large family. My mom is one of nine children, so I have aunts and uncles that have been giving me unsolicited advice for my entire life. I always listen, I try to gain a little insight, but sometimes I don't. Nevertheless, I always try to listen with a smile on my face.



Terri Sutton Lawyer

It can be hard to hear unsolicited advice, particularly when you are not in the mood for it! I do think it's valuable to get other people's perspectives, particularly from those you trust. But you do have to make your own decisions, and sometimes that includes not listening to advice you haven't even requested.



Bruce Delevaux
Engineer

At least for me, it all depends on the advice and its source. If I think someone is offering terrible unsolicited advice, I'll quickly try to change the subject. But hey, if the advice is sounding good to me, I might just take it, even if I didn't actually ask for it.



Mike Newman
Tech sales

I always try to hear people out, sometimes probably for longer than I should. If the advice is sounding good to me, I'll engage more with the offeror than if it doesn't sound so good. And if I disagree, I'll just nod my head, be polite and smile.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DEI Task Force

The Pleasanton Unified School District is accepting applications for its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force.

Open seats include one classified employee, one middle student and two high school students. “We are also extending this application to seek diverse representation from parents and community partners,” PUSD officials said.

The task force “is committed to the vision of ensuring that each child receives what they need to develop their full academic and social potential to lead a self-fulfilled life where they will become a resourceful, resilient, responsible, and engaged citizen, making a better world,” according to PUSD.

Apply now through 5 p.m. Sept. 29. Learn more at www.pleasantonusd.net.

Play zone at mall

Amusement company FUNBOX has brought its 25,000-square-foot inflatable play zone to the Stoneridge Shopping Center parking lot for a 12-week stint in Pleasanton.

Billed as “The World’s Biggest Bounce Park,” the traveling attraction is complete with 10 activity theme areas and an obstacle course.

“I am looking forward to bringing this fun and entertaining concept to the area for the first time,” said Massad Saeed, FUNBOX franchisee. “FUNBOX will continue the summer fun well into the fall season with our amazing breadth of bounce park fun for all ages.”

Fair board seats

The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association is seeking to fill three vacancies on its 21-member Board of Directors.

Applicants must be permanent residents in the county, and the board will consider factors such as special expertise, geographic representation, and diversity of membership.

For more information, visit alamedacountyfair.com. Applications are due by Sept. 20.

First human case

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District recently confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus in the county in the 2023 season.

The affected person is a resident of the city of Alameda, officials. No other details about the case were released.

“Transmission of West Nile virus most commonly occurs through the bite of a mosquito,” officials said. “The best thing the public can do to protect themselves from West Nile virus is to avoid mosquitoes and report dead birds.” ■

Pleasanton council endorses updated Economic Development Strategic Plan

10 years later, revised policy document addresses key initiatives to improve city’s economy

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

The Pleasanton City Council recently adopted the updated Economic Development Strategic Plan, which staff say will aim to increase the city’s fiscal strength and help support local businesses.

The strategic plan outlines several key initiatives, priorities and benchmark goals over the course of the 2024-28 fiscal years to help attract more business development interest — which includes approving zoning designation laws to allow life science companies to develop — and ensure the businesses that are already in Pleasanton stay.

“With the changing economic landscape of the past several years, exacerbated by the global COVID-19 pandemic, staff began an update to the city’s existing economic development strategic plan,” city economic development manager Lisa

Adamos told the dais. “This update was an opportunity to reevaluate the 2013 strategic plan and develop a contemporary plan to meet the business needs of the city.”

The fact that it has been 10 years since the city last updated the strategic plan was one of the main selling points for Councilmember Valerie Arkin, who said that, “I think this is definitely needed.”

“I think this is a good strategic plan,” Arkin added during the Aug. 15 council meeting. “Overall, it identifies priorities as it relates to economic development and the initiatives and actions that go along with it. I think it’s a really good framework for us to start with.”

According to Adamos, the process to develop the update started in August 2022. She said that staff and the city’s Economic Vitality Committee have been working with financial and economic consulting

services to collect data in order to create an economic profile report of the city.

“The economic profile report is an assessment of Pleasanton economic, fiscal and business strengths and opportunities, and includes a review and analysis of citywide demographic and employment patterns, commercial real estate market analysis and sub area industry analysis,” Adamos said.

“The findings from this analysis identified strengths, gaps, opportunities and recommendations to advance the city’s economic development goals over the next five years,” she added.

Along with interviewing staff, business representatives and community stakeholders, Adamos said that staff also reviewed results from the recent “2022 Business Climate Survey” when drafting the strategic plan update.

“The purpose of this plan is to offer a baseline assessment across different industries and development opportunities that exist for Pleasanton, considering the existing activities that are happening as well as Pleasanton’s position within the region,” economic development expert Jade Shipman told the council.

Shipman, who was representing Willdan, the financial consulting firm based in Oakland that the city hired to help with the update, provided a detailed breakdown of the implementation plan priorities that the city identified as key targets to address.

The first mainly had to do with establishing a strong economic development division within the city. That means setting performance goals and benchmarks; facilitating ongoing infrastructure

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LOVING CATS WORLDWIDE

Steven Meserve, founder and CEO of Loving Cats Worldwide, carries a cat during one of the company’s past shows. The Pleasanton Cat Extravaganza and Rescue Awareness Event is set for next weekend.

Cat Extravaganza in Pleasanton

Feline exhibition growing in popularity set to come to fairgrounds

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Cat lovers and owners in the Tri-Valley, get ready to enter metaphorical kitty paradise next weekend as the Pleasanton Cat Extravaganza and Rescue Awareness Event is set to take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Sept. 9-10.

Curated and hosted by Loving Cats Worldwide, the cat show will feature five different feline contests including kitten class, junior class, adult class, pedigree neutered and spayed, and household pets. Residents can enter their cat while buying their tickets.

Founder and CEO of Loving

Cats, Steven Meserve, told the Weekly that after having been a licensed judge with The International Cat Association — which is considered the world’s largest genetic cat registry and one of the world’s largest sanctioning

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LPC set for Black Family Day

Aims to highlight Tri-Valley college’s programs, resources

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

As part of its initiative to become a destination school for African American students, Las Positas College is hosting its inaugural Black Family Day later this month.

Set for Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event is open to current students, prospective students and community members of all ages. Although Black Family Day will highlight the specific resources available at the community college for Black students and other students of color, President Dyrell Foster told the Weekly that all are welcome to attend.

“Las Positas College is proud to be ranked the No. 1 Best Community College in California and the No. 6 Best Community College in America,” Foster said in a previous statement announcing the event. “Our college is committed to providing equitable access to a high-quality education for our community. We want to ensure that our community knows the value that LPC offers and

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bodies for cat shows — for so long, he wanted to do his own cat show.

One that was more entertaining and accessible to all ages, but that also raised awareness to any issues happening in the feline world.

“Our purpose, obviously, is to increase the visibility of all cats worldwide but our idea is to really kind of hit a new younger generation and get people interested, get people excited about it,” Meserve said. “I would say 95% of the people that come ... to our events have never even known this world existed.”

He said he wanted to not only create a more inclusive space for cat shows, he wanted to incorporate education for rescues and improve the overall visibility of the overpopulation issues that the state is grappling with in terms of strays that are not getting spayed and neutered.

“This is a breed show, sure, but our No. 1 priority is to increase the visibility of all cats and to make sure that everybody understands that we do have a problem,” Meserve said. “The problem with California, and a lot of these warmer client climates, is that cats are having kittens the entire year ... it doesn't just happen in the spring.”

That's why when Meserve launched the for-profit Loving Cats company back in June 2022, he also wanted to create a nonprofit foundation that would work alongside Loving Cats, which he did — The Meserve Foundation.

The foundation, while also very young, receives portions of the ticket money made by the cat extravaganza shows, including the one coming up in Pleasanton, with the overall goal of raising awareness for the cat rescue population.

Meserve said he hopes one day he could use those charity funds to donate to natural disaster situations, create a kids scholarship program and help fund pet spaying and neutering clinics, which are in big demand given the overpopulation issues.

“The foundation's ethos really is to promote education ... to really kind of change the mindset on how important it is for people to spay and neuter their cats,” Meserve said. “We actually have the ability to make a massive impact with the amount of visibility that we have.”

“The amount of publicity and the amount of visibility that I personally have, and we as an organization have just in one year ... we should be able to make a massive impact,” he added.

And according to Meserve, the Loving Cats exhibition has been gaining a lot of attention just in this past year having had shows in the United Kingdom, all over the United States, South America, Asia, Philippines and Japan.

“In that one year we've produced 25 shows on four different continents. So it was obvious that the world needed this, that they were



LOVING CATS WORLDWIDE

A cat is held high so spectators can easily see its features.

interested in it,” he said. “I knew what could be done and now we're really in our second year and we're starting to dial things up.”

Another aspect of the show that Meserve wanted to point out was that he is aiming to bridge the gap between the breeding world and the adoption world by having multiple rescue organizations at each of the shows.

At the Pleasanton show, East Bay SPCA, along with about eight to 10 other animal rescue organizations, will be there in order to make sure the public is aware of the overwhelming pet rescue situation.

“Any rescue that we can get, they can come free-of-charge and they have the ability to really market their rescues,” he said. “Some rescues will actually have kittens there or cats there. Some will not. It just depends on the rules and the regulations and how they do business.”

The show will also feature educational presentations, a catwalk fashion show and a best of show for all of the top cats.

One thing that Meserve said was particularly special about the show is that anybody can bring their cat to enter the show during the household cat contests. He said having household cats that are not pedigree cats makes the show that much more intimate and engaging.

He added that sometimes rescue cats that the organizations bring in are entered into that contest and even adopted thanks to that.

And at the end of the day, even if you don't bring a cat or adopt a cat at the show, Meserve said his main goal is to just entertain and educate.

“Our exhibitors, or breeders, are very welcoming,” he said. “We all share the same kind of goal ... if someone has a premeditated ‘Oh, I've been to a cat show, it was really terrible and the people were really mean,’ like, we're completely not that.”

The shows start at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 9-10) at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. People can purchase tickets and enter their cats at the Loving Cats Worldwide website at www.lcwwgroup.us. ■



COURTESY FIELDS FAMILY

The Fields family, with parents Jim and Joanie flanked by children Tyce and Shelly.

Fields family roots are deep

Father Jim and son Tyce hold unique Amador Valley High distinction

BY TIM HUNT

To say the Fields' family roots run deep here is simply an understatement.

Father and husband Jim Fields has lived in the same home on Walnut Drive since 1953 — and he's a newcomer compared to his wife Joanie, whose local lineage dates to the pioneer Andresen/Mortensen families and their homestead in the Sycamore Valley area (Chicken Alley) in late 1880s.

Both Jim and Joanie are well-known around town: Jim for his long teaching career that included many years of coaching as well as his service on the Parks and Recreation Commission, while Joanie is the first volunteer leader many organizations recruit when they want to get something done and a recently retired parks commissioner. She also operated a successful catering business.

They have been married for 60 years.

Their daughter, Shelly Fields, followed Jim into education while their son, Tyce, set up Protocol, a call center business in Pleasanton with Frank Richards. Later, he moved to the Peninsula with his wife where he's operated an insurance agency for years. He's been a Rotarian in both locations.

Ty and Jim hold a unique distinction — the only father and son to have both been student body presidents at Amador Valley High Schools, a mere 24 years apart. So, they will have a special time when the high school celebrates its 100th anniversary Sept. 14-16 with a series of events.

To prepare for this story, we chatted at length during a family gathering on Memorial Day weekend.

Jim's family moved to Pleasanton in 1953 when his dad relocated his moving and storage business to First Street in the building that Specialty Cars now occupies. They moved into their Walnut Drive home that same year.

When Jim graduated from Amador Valley in 1962, the entire enrollment

was about 400 students and his class was less than 100 graduates. At 5-foot-7, he played varsity football, basketball and baseball in addition to serving as student body president. Longtime Pleasanton administrator and coach Neil Sweeney was already an administrator.

After graduating, he went off to UC Davis for his undergraduate degree and teaching credential. Jim and Joanie were already a couple during his senior year; she said they'd meet for lunch in his car where he tutored her in algebra. His teaching career started in Sacramento and then he moved to the Mother Lode before relocating to Alaska for a big raise. They returned to Pleasanton in 1973 where Jim spent the next 34 years teaching.

The 1950s started the Livermore Valley's growth spurt with the opening of the Livermore Radiation Lab in 1952 followed by Sandia Livermore. In that decade, Livermore grew from about 4,000 residents to 16,000. The beginnings of Dublin as we know it today came when Volk McClain formed the Dublin San Ramon Services District and started selling single-family homes under Alameda County auspices.

In Pleasanton, the Jensen track across Santa Rita Road from Amador started to develop in the 1950s. The Jensen brothers, who constructed many homes off East Avenue in Livermore in that time, also built the homes on Walnut Drive.

Joanie had grown up in the family home on Sycamore Road. Her mom and aunt each received a 2-1/2-acre site on part of the pioneer homestead that stretched all the way to Happy Valley Road and what is now the Callippe Preserve Golf Course. Her grandfather literally moved their homes, surplus from Camp Shoemaker (Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin, commonly called Camp Parks from its earlier designation). When Joanie went to Pleasanton Elementary School on the First Street and Bernal Avenue site, she was the fourth generation to

attend that school.

When Ty graduated from Amador in 1986, his class totaled 432 people with Amador having more than 1,700 students. In addition to his student body presidency, he played varsity tennis and junior varsity baseball.

After he established his business, Protocol, he also joined Rotary, which already had two members, Cyril Bonanno and Bob Hagler, who both were administrators when he attended Amador. He joked he struggled to call them by their first names instead of "Mister".

Shelly had a very light schedule in her senior year in 1981 and said she got good at mimicking Jim's signature. That worked until Joanie showed up at school one day looking for her. She'd checked herself out and was sailing at Shadow Cliffs with her boyfriend at the time. Oops.

After earning her teaching credential, she worked in several districts as a teacher and an administrator before settling into San Lorenzo as an administrator. Eventually she returned to the classroom. She's taught social studies, English as a second language to adults, continuation school, junior high and high school during her more than 30-year career. She also served as president of the Livermore teachers union.

During our discussion, a common theme (given two educators) was teachers at Amador who had really made a difference to them, as well as favorite administrators.

Throughout its growth spurt that started in the 1950s, the school district recruited many teachers, some of whom spent their entire career in the Pleasanton schools. Jim remembers the late Tom Hart, who hired him when the family returned from Alaska. Tom's daughter, Mary, taught in town, while his son Dr. Kevin Hart has practiced medicine for nearly 30 years here.

People can expect to see many of them with ties to Amador celebrating the 100th anniversary along with the Fields family. To learn more, visit www.amador100.com. ■



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Enlight Academy to operate out of former Dublin elementary school site

Planning Commission unanimously approves application

By NICOLE GONZALES

The private Enlightenment Academy has successfully vied for a conditional use permit from the city of Dublin to operate out of a portion of the former Nielsen Elementary School to educate up to 20 students from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Commissioners debated the proposal, reviewed a strategic presentation and heard public comments at its meeting last week. A motion to approve the permit was made by Commissioner Matthew Aini and adopted unanimously by the rest of the dais.

Mir Amir, a member of the Enlightenment

Academy Board of Directors, appeared before the commission to talk about the Dublin project.

"Enlight Academy is a nonprofit private school and academic institution. The education system is a Montessori-based educational system, which is a very hands-on way of teaching kids using tools and other methods," Amir said.

"The student-teacher ratio is also very low. It is designed to foster independence," Amir added. "A number of us thought it would be a good type of education to bring to the children of the community."

The former Nielsen Elementary School site at 7500 Amarillo Road

was permanently shut down by the Dublin Unified School District in 2008 in an effort to reserve funds.

Before its closure, the school served around 312 students. Since then, the site has had a variety of uses for the district, including storage and child care, according to city staff.

Commissioner Stephen Wright questioned possible future expansion from Enlightenment Academy.

"If these folks are hugely successful and they want to expand, our conditional use permit limits them to 20 students. What occurs if they want to add more students?" Wright asked during the meeting.

"They would have to amend

the application and get that approved through another Planning Commission meeting," clarified Anne Hersch, the city's community development director.

Now with approval, Enlightenment Academy also plans to host an accompanying preschool and day care program that can accommodate up to 15 children.

According to the Planning Commission's staff report, the school will compose of three classrooms, one administrative office and an outdoor play area. In addition to the 20 students, the school will have one principal, two teachers and one administrative staff member.

"We look forward to bringing this benefit to the children that attend the school, and also bringing the parents in as part of the education process. That is something that is very important in our approach to this," Amir said.

"We hope to liven up a site that has been vacant for a long period of time, and add to the school system in the city of Dublin. Additionally, this will bring in revenue to DUSD from the rent and create several jobs," Amir added.

Enlight Academy had previously attempted to operate a school site out of Pleasanton in 2021 and nearly rented out a space. Amir confirmed that this project was incorporated by the Pleasanton school district but was never seen to completion.

The newly approved private school hopes to be fully operational for their 2023-24 school year beginning in September. ■

Foothill VP resigns to become principal of El Cerrito High School

Departure is 'bittersweet' for Norrington

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Foothill High School vice principal Malcolm Norrington is stepping down from his position and will be leaving the district after accepting the principal

position at El Cerrito High School.

"It's bittersweet, because I do love it here, but I do feel it's time for me to explore other leadership opportunities," Norrington told the Weekly. "These students and this

staff, I cannot tell you how full my heart is serving and supporting them year in and year out ... I love them all."

Norrington first joined the Foothill team back in 2019 after having taught English at Amador Valley High School. He also served as a teacher at Valley Continuation High School in Dublin, and he ran unsuccessfully for the Dublin Unified School District Trustee Area 3 during his first year as vice principal at Foothill. Before his education career, Norrington spent 13 years as a police officer.

At first, Norrington said he had no interest in leaving Pleasanton. But one day, he said he was talking to a person who was in the same doctoral program as Norrington who asked him if he was interested in becoming a principal.

He said that he wasn't interested because he didn't want to travel far, but after some subsequent conversations he decided to apply for

the position at El Cerrito High, located in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

"One thing led to another and I was offered a position," Norrington said.

He said after speaking with Foothill principal Sebastian Bull and receiving his blessing, he decided to accept the job.

Bull told the Weekly that he is excited for Norrington and that El Cerrito is lucky to have him as a leader given all that he has done for Foothill. He wished nothing but the best for Norrington as he gets set to take on his new role.

"He has been an incredible administrator for us at Foothill for the past four plus years and pours himself into helping anyone who needs his help," Bull said. "I will miss working with him on a daily basis since I appreciate his strong work ethic, his passion for helping students and his friendship."

However, Norrington said that he didn't want to just abruptly leave Foothill without making sure that



Malcolm Norrington

everything was in place and ready to go for whoever takes over for him in the future.

He said he has been working on clearing any tasks to make the transition for his replacement a lot smoother, which is why Norrington's last day at Foothill will be on Friday. His first day as principal at El Cerrito will be on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Norrington said that while he doesn't know who will take over his role at Foothill, he knows that the district will make the right decision with whoever they choose.

He also said that without his experience at Foothill, he wouldn't have had the confidence to take on a principal position, and that he looks forward to building relationships with the students, staff and community at El Cerrito the same way he did at Foothill.

"Everything else will come," Norrington said. "But I'm most excited about building those relationships, and building that trust and then doing everything we can to bring equity to that school ... and to continue to do the real work to make sure students have the opportunities to be successful in whatever manner that they choose." ■



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room Operations Service Center— 3333 Busch Road., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- Receive an update on citywide emergency preparedness efforts
- Provide policy direction for the police use of situational awareness cameras

Human Services Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Review the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2022/23

Library Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Approve the recommendation for Council approval of Library policies and policy updates
- Approve the recommendation for Council approval of a Resolution to amend the Library Fee Schedule
- Receive a Calendar of September 2023 Library Programs and Events

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the educational and career opportunities that are available right here, in the Tri-Valley."

With Black students making up less than 10% of the population at Las Positas (roughly 500 students), the administration identified an area where they could improve by showcasing that the school is a welcoming, inclusive and caring campus that prioritizes equity and anti-racism.

Black Family Day will serve as an opportunity to learn about the academic offerings available at Las Positas as well as the Black Cultural

Resource Center and the many cultural affinity groups on campus including the Black Student Union, the "Sista 2 Sista" leadership development support group and the Umoja learning community, among others.

Faculty, staff and administrators will be on site to meet and greet attendees at Black Family Day and share the ways in which they work together and individually to support student success.

Jeanne Wilson, vice president of student services at Las Positas, said the event will also feature a DJ, free food, campus tours and a parent panel.

Representatives from California State University, East Bay and

University of California, Berkeley will be in attendance to provide information about the transfer process from community college to a university.

During Black Family Day, Foster and Wilson said they hope to increase awareness of the college's various academic and financial options, including its free tuition program for first-time college students enrolled in 12 credits or more as well as the concurrent enrollment opportunity for high school students to enroll in college-level courses.

While Black Family Day is free, organizers encourage those who plan to attend to reserve a spot via Eventbrite. ■

ECONOMIC

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improvements necessary to support city wide economic development; incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion best practices; formalizing community and business partnerships; and creating an annual economic development report.

Some of the other key initiatives had to do with business retention, expansion and attraction; local revenue growth in regards to expanding citywide retail and tenant support and also increasing tourism; and entrepreneurship and innovation outreach.

Shipman said the latter was mainly about strengthening regional partnerships and existing programs that will allow the entrepreneurship culture to continue in Pleasanton.

While unmet entertainment needs and competing retail offerings in the surrounding communities were some points of concern, Shipman said some of the main areas that require attention are in housing affordability, underutilized parcels and an unfulfilled demand for life science company spaces.

“Those life sciences companies want campus settings and they want a co-located mix of land uses, which currently looks like: some amount of office, some amount of research and development, some amount of lab, and then a limited amount of manufacturing and distribution,” Shipman said. “Right now, Pleasanton does not have a zoning designation that would allow for that.”

She added that she has repeatedly heard the need for zoning designations that would cut down on lengthy approval processes.

“That means if you don’t have that zoning designation, it has to go through a much more lengthy approval process and the outcome of that approval process is less certain,” she said. “So a business or a developer is less likely to want to engage in that process and they’re more likely to want to choose a community where they know for sure that if they buy a piece of land, or they put in all this work, that it’s going to lead to them getting something out of the ground.”

While the entire dais was supportive of the final draft adoption, each one had certain issues surrounding the overall plan.

Councilmember Julie Testa was mainly concerned with the state’s current housing requirements through the city’s Housing Element and how that pressure to rezone for residential housing is troubling some business owners.

“There was a lot of concern from the businesses. They’re saying, ‘Hey, we’re viable businesses and if you start putting housing right here, this is really going to be a conflict,’” Testa said.

She said that she has been hearing other cities complain about having to rezone retail spaces for residential and that she just wanted

the city to keep that in mind.

However, Shipman said that with the city’s General Plan discussions coming up, those are when the city can really look at and categorizing underutilized parcels that might be tucked away in places like the Hacienda Business Park and the Stoneridge Shopping Center in order to expand the city’s options when it comes to any kind of development.

“There’s a lot of land there that actually, I think, could be utilized for different purposes,” Shipman said. “Some of that could include housing, some of that could include potentially life sciences, but I think there would need to be a balance. I think those conversations are difficult in any community.”

Councilmember Jeff Nibert’s concerns centered on the feasibility of actually implementing the plan and ensuring its success.

Shipman told him that the city’s Economic Development Division would be responsible for implementing the plan along with any

other necessary city departments, but that there are some aspects of the plan update which highlight the need for two additional roles within the division.

“I think there’s one in year three and one in year five,” she said. “I will note, your current Economic Development Division is fairly lean for a city of your size.”

Adamos added to that by saying that the division is already completing some of the initiatives and tasks but that some of the newer ones outlined in the plan won’t start getting addressed until the second or third year into the new strategic plan.

“All of our strategic plans are being knit into our Citywide Strategic Plan,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin said. “So if there’s specific topic areas, we are looking for ways to make sure that the goals and objectives that are set out in these individual department or division strategic plans are rolled up and the actions are completed.”

Arkin asked about helping with workforce housing and clarified

with Beaudin that the goal is to increase workforce housing opportunities by the amount of affordable units the city has zoned for in the recently adopted Housing Element.

Arkin also said that ideally that would reduce commuters and would go toward addressing goals in the Climate Action Plan 2.0.

Vice Mayor Jack Balch also called out several aspects of the updated plan.

One thing he pointed out from the report was that 17% of the city’s total number of residents live and work within Pleasanton. The report also stated that Pleasanton has 61,000 inbound workers and 32,000 outbound workers.

He said that is an important aspect of the conversation given that in the city’s Climate Action Plan 2.0, it outlines goals to reduce emissions by reducing the number of people driving to work by having more jobs available in Pleasanton so that people could take public transit, bike or walk to work.

He also said that the city needs to

keep in mind that other cities are competing for retail spaces and that they have to make sure that the plan is not shelved, that the city looks at speeding up the building and planning application processes, and that Pleasanton works on attracting innovative businesses.

“I’ll just say when our tone is ‘no, no, no’ to the state and local control — when you’re trying to find workers at a reasonable price and have a cost of living that they can enjoy and be a part of the community — that tone and tenor, I don’t think, is good for attracting business,” Balch said.

Mayor Karla Brown rounded off the conversation with one main request: look at strengthening the relationship between the city and the Fortune 500 companies that are already based in Pleasanton.

She said she wants staff to really develop those relationships with companies like 10x Genomics, Workday, Thermo Fisher Scientific and other similar big companies so that they continue to stay and possibly expand within the city. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Judge denies plea deal in Livermore fatal crash case

An Alameda County Superior Court judge last week rejected a proposed plea agreement between prosecutors and the defense in the vehicular homicide case stemming from a high-speed crash that killed a longtime Livermore resident last year.

Defendant Sekou Abayomia Brandon, 20, of Oakley now continues to face murder and other charges for the February 2022 collision that ultimately killed 73-year-old Linda Woodward and injured her sister, rather than admitting to a lesser count of vehicular manslaughter and the high likelihood of a 2025 release date from custody.

Woodward's family, who openly opposed the plea bargain as too lenient of a sentence and launched a social media campaign to raise awareness before the deal was presented to a judge, was left feeling "shocked and thrilled" by what transpired at the courthouse in Dublin last Friday.

"I'm feeling really satisfied and kind of at peace, even though we don't know what will happen to him sentencing-wise, that at least the case is going to be heard by a judge and not just going straight

through without my mom's story being heard," Woodward's daughter Stephanie Klino told the Weekly.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to comment on the unraveled plea deal, now that the criminal case remains active. Brandon's attorney, Anne Beles, did not respond to an inquiry submitted to her law firm.

Authorities allege Brandon, then 19, was speeding at nearly 65 mph while trying to elude law enforcement officers when the car he was driving smashed into an SUV driven by Woodward's sister Janet Garvin at the bottom of the North Livermore Avenue freeway ramp around 3 p.m. on Feb. 17, 2022. Woodward was critically injured and remained hospitalized until her death on April 15, 2022.

Woodward's family confirmed that the investigation revealed Brandon was out of custody with an ankle monitor, as a result of his reported involvement as a juvenile in a robbery turned homicide in Pleasanton in 2020, at the time of the crash in Livermore.

The defendant appeared set to accept the plea deal from prosecutors for vehicular manslaughter and eluding police causing injury in exchange for a sentence of seven years and eight months in custody, which would be halved and include credit for time already served, under state guidelines.

But Judge Barbara Dickinson met with the attorneys during last Friday's court appearance and informed

them she would not sign off on the agreement, and the defense counsel later vocalized her displeasure during the open proceedings, according to Klino.

The case now advances to a preliminary hearing later this fall during which a judge will determine whether there is enough evidence to order Brandon to stand trial on all charges, which include felony counts of murder, gross vehicular manslaughter, evading police causing death and evading police causing serious injury, along with 11 special allegations.

Brandon's original pleas of not guilty to all charges remain intact.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• The Pleasanton Police Department apprehended two people on suspicion of being in possession of a stolen vehicle in a highly visible public arrest on Tuesday afternoon, according to a department spokesman.

According to Sgt. Marty Billdt, officers located the stolen Honda Civic in the McDonald's parking lot located on 6800 Santa Rita Drive at around 3 p.m. He said the Honda was reported stolen by the Turlock Police Department on Sunday.

He also said additional officers responded to the parking lot to assist the officer who arrested the two suspects — both of whom were being booked into Santa Rita Jail. Additional details about the case were not available as of press time.

—Christian Trujano

• A CEO of four technology and IT companies in the Bay Area was sentenced to two years in prison for conspiracy to commit bank fraud and failure to pay over \$2 million in employment taxes, federal prosecutors said last Friday.

Kishore Kethineni of Dublin pleaded guilty to these charges in February,

admitting he conspired with his two brothers to engage in a scheme in which they fraudulently obtained over \$3.1 million in loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California said in a statement.

Federal prosecutors said that from April 2020 to May 2021, Kethineni and his brothers made false representations and gave fake payroll data and records to obtain loans and loan forgiveness under the PPP. The program provides forgivable loans through third-party lenders to small businesses for payroll and other expenses as part of a COVID-19 pandemic relief program by the Small Business Administration.

Kethineni and his brothers, who also own tech companies, were able to obtain over \$3.1 million in PPP loans. FBI investigators discovered Kethineni used most of these funds for himself and his family members, instead of using the loans for payroll and other authorized business expenses under the program, federal prosecutors said.

The CEO also admitted to intentionally failing to account for and pay over employment taxes that his company, Neelinfo Incorporated, had withheld from the salaries of its employees, incurring an employment tax liability of over \$2 million from 2014 through 2018, prosecutors said. Besides Neelinfo, Kethineni also owned and led BiteGate Incorporated, Dinenamics Incorporated, and TechPMC Incorporated.

Kethineni was mandated to serve two years of supervised release after his two-year prison term, pay a total of \$3,295,514.25 in restitution, and pay a \$15,000 fine. The court also ordered the entry of a money forfeiture in the amount of \$3,186,315.00, federal prosecutors said.

—Gabe Agcaoili, Bay City News

• The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has released the identity of the man who died after being hit by a semi-truck while standing to the side of his wrecked car on Interstate 580 in unincorporated Livermore last month.

The decedent was identified as 52-year-old Jose Salvador Arenas, according to the coroner's bureau.

The California Highway Patrol previously reported the situation started at about 6:45 a.m. Aug. 2 when a Toyota Corolla driving in the No. 5 lane on I-580 eastbound drifted to the right and struck the yellow attenuator barrels in the right shoulder of Greenville Road in Livermore.

The driver — later identified as Arenas — got out and stood next to the Corolla, which came to rest on the freeway blocking the right-hand lane, according to the CHP.

Then, a Freightliner semi-truck towing a box trailer on the freeway struck the Corolla, which propelled both the sedan and the big-rig into Arenas, who died at the scene, according to authorities. The circumstances of the fatal collision remain under investigation by the CHP.

—Jeremy Walsh

• Authorities are investigating a fatal crash early Sunday on I-580 between Dublin and Castro Valley and are seeking witnesses or anyone with information about it.

The collision was reported about 2:36 a.m. on westbound I-580, just east of Eden Canyon Road.

A white 2021 Chevrolet Trailblazer veered onto the right shoulder hit a 2021 Ford E-Transit Van and its driver as he stood outside the vehicle, according to the CHP.

The driver was pronounced dead. His name has not been released.

Anyone with knowledge of the collision is asked to call the Dublin CHP office at 925-828-0466. ■

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 24

Vandalism

- 8:25 a.m. on the 400 block of Tawny Drive
- 9:02 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 12:07 p.m., 5000 block of Case Avenue; bicycle theft
- 12:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:48 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 2:18 p.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:26 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

- 4:00 p.m. on the 4100 block of Angela Place

Assault/battery

- 4:48 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Via De Los Milagros

Aug. 23

Vandalism

- 9:42 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 7:29 p.m. on the 400 block of Division Street

Assault/battery

- 11:19 a.m. on the 100 block of Valley Avenue

Shoplifting

- 4:21 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 4:32 p.m. on the 4400 block of Black Avenue

Aug. 22

Domestic battery

- 11:04 a.m. on Owens Drive
- 5:54 p.m. on Springhouse Drive

Shoplifting

- 12:21 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Robbery

- 3:26 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 21

Vandalism

- 6:57 a.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- 7:03 a.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:38 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 12:26 p.m. on the 5800 block of Laurel Creek

Theft

- 7:52 a.m., 3900 block of Redwood Court; auto theft
- 10:06 a.m., 900 block of Main Street; auto theft
- 2:43 p.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; auto theft
- 4:02 p.m., 4200 block of Diavila Avenue; catalytic converter theft
- 6:01 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:19 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

Assault/battery

- 8:10 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Missing person

- 8:37 a.m. on Coronado Lane

Aug. 20

Weapons violation

- 1:33 a.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- 10:46 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Fraud

- 3:13 p.m. on the 5700 block of Corte Libre

Shoplifting

- 6:29 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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TIM TALK

BY TIM HUNT

Pleasanton city manager explains key issues

When Gerry Beaudin took the helm as Pleasanton city manager in May 2022, he was stepping into a role that his predecessor, Nelson Fialho, held for 17 years. It's notable that Beaudin is only the 10th city manager in Pleasanton's 140-year history.

His hands were full from the start, and now he finds himself presenting the city's first five-year strategic plan, locked into difficult contract negotiations with the police union and proposing water rate increases that total 72% compounded over three years starting this fall if the council agrees. He laid this out while discussing the issues with GraceWay Church men on Aug. 21.

The last council meeting drew quite a crowd, many concerned about the ongoing union negotiations for police officers and sergeants. Beaudin explained that the city's goal is to pay at the median level of comparable cities because Pleasanton has plenty to offer that

other cities do not. Would you rather police in Pleasanton or Oakland or Richmond? Not a hard call unless you're an action junkie.

Beaudin said the city's offer totaling \$6.6 million is the highest ever offered to the bargaining group — a 15% raise for officers and 18% for sergeants. The city has 475 employees and this agreement covers 75 of them. He is trying to strike the balance between bringing the police up to the median level while not affecting the other 10 city departments. The city spends 24.1% of its \$150 million general fund on police services. He said he's hoping to reach an agreement before the state-mandated fact finding takes place late next month.

It's particularly significant because the city's 10-year fiscal forecast shows expenses, at the current levels of service, exceeding revenues in the out years. That's a situation Pleasanton hasn't faced in decades since Stoneridge Mall opened and

the north Pleasanton business parks and auto malls developed. Major portions of the mall are now scheduled for redevelopment after the closure of both Sears and Nordstrom and the decline of enclosed malls.

The predictions led the council to ask the staff to research options for raising more money with a bond issue or a local sales tax increase — something I thought I'd never see Pleasanton float given its enviable tax base.

Turning to water rates, Pleasanton runs its water and sewer funds as break-even enterprise programs; they're not revenue producers. Projections show the water fund going seriously upside down (\$25 million below reserve target) in the next three years. The problem: rates were adjusted only for inflation from 2011-2020, with the exception of no increase in 2017 and no increases for the last three years. So residents are saving money, but the enterprise fund is diminishing.

Pleasanton's current rates, about \$500 per year for eight units, are at the bottom of Bay Area agencies. Even after the proposed rate increase — about \$34 in a two-month billing period — still would be at the bottom. The proposed stiff increases would bring reserves to the goal at \$13 million.

Beaudin said that the increases would bring the fund to the necessary level where the ongoing increases would be closer to inflation. There's also the need to replace the 100-year-old pipes, a \$3 million per year expense to cover the 100 miles of pipe in the city.

Listening to our guys' responses, Beaudin made reasonable arguments. He said he's willing to talk to any group to explain what's going on. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years.

He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears online at PleasantonWeekly.com.

LETTERS

James Doty

Thank you so very much for such a fabulous article about Gen. James Doty. Yes, who knew....

I always enjoy getting my Weekly! Such an important part of my Friday.

—Sharon Tietgens

Engine oil recycling

Pleasanton Garbage provides used engine oil recycling for residences. They provide one-gallon containers (four quarts) for residents to put their used motor oil in. The residents put the oil containers out next to their cans on their regular garbage pick up date. This is a great service that discourages people from pouring their used motor oil down the storm drains or throwing it in their regular garbage containers, which is an environmental disaster.

I have changed my oil in my cars for years but stopped a couple years ago because Pleasanton Garbage makes it difficult to recycle the oil. They used to provide two one-gallon containers at a time for used motor oil. Currently they only provide one one-gallon container.

From my experience, most mid-size cars today, including SUVs, use five or six quarts of oil. Most, if not, all diesel trucks use 12-plus quarts of oil. My 2016 Toyota Highlander six-cylinder uses six quarts. My

2016 Mercedes sprinter six-cylinder diesel uses 12 quarts. My 2019 Nissan Altima four-cylinder uses five quarts. In addition many households have multiple vehicles.

Providing one- or two-gallon containers just doesn't work. I spoke to Pleasanton Garbage. They said that one-gallon is all they can provide due to their contract with the city of Pleasanton.

They should provide enough containers to each household depending on the household needs. The city or Pleasanton Garbage need to revise this important service.

—Mike Smith

Worldwide Play Music on the Porch Day

"What if for one day everything stopped and we all just listened to music?" is the motto of Worldwide Play Music on the Porch Day.

On Skylark Way in Pleasanton, The Four Sailors musical group took this one step further. A dozen or so neighbors joined the group to play and sing music for one afternoon spreading joy and harmony for a few hours on Aug. 26.

The Four Sailors met decades ago when they all owned sailboats and belonged to the Alameda Yacht Club. As each member retired and sold their boats, a new adventure called them — music. The group consists of one guitar and three ukuleles. They've been playing together for a year and celebrated their anniversary on Skylark Way last Saturday.

Thank you to the neighbors who joined in to spread joy and peace through music for the day.

—Dana M. Fry

Krane Pond purchase

I am a Boy Scout from Troop 948. As part of my communications merit badge, I was writing to you about the article in Pleasanton Weekly regarding the Krane Pond purchase.

A main part of this article discussed how this property was key to the Save Mount Diablo initiative due to the fact that it was the largest lake in the range. It was nice to see how all of the community came together to help fund this initiative. The article was very informative and it felt good to read about the support of the Krane family, to see a supporter of scouts having led this charge.

It got me thinking about other lakes in the area that needed conservation and how citizens could help preserve them. Thank you for publishing this and I look forward to reading more such articles on Pleasanton Weekly.

—Varun Gundamaraju

Indictments

It's now old news that the former MAGA president has been indicted by multiple grand juries of everyday Americans — not by President Biden or by a "weaponized" Department of Justice — for

his criminal conspiracy to overthrow the will of the people.

But we should all remember that accountability for this criminal conspiracy endangering our democracy rests with more than just one bad actor. The MAGA Republicans that supported, schemed and covered up for the former president are still in power today. From the Kevin McCarthy-led House of Representatives to the right-wing Supreme Court to states practicing voter suppression and distorting the history of slavery, corruption and lies are being fomented to grab and hold power.

And let's not forget the Republican presidential debates last week when six of the eight hopefuls raised their hands indicating support for the former president as their candidate even if he were convicted by a jury.

As an American, I value our freedoms and our democracy, and I expect our leaders to do the same. But when our democracy is put in danger, as it was by the former MAGA president when he incited supporters in the deadly Jan. 6 assault on our Capitol, attempted to intimidate a state elections official, and stole national security documents, "we the people" will take action and demand that those responsible face the consequences.

These indictments, by ordinary Americans, serve as reminders that we can and we will stand up to fascism.

—Ward Kanowsky



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BY NICOLE GONZALES

All things Scotland — kilts, bagpipes, scotch whisky and highland cows, to name a few — return to Pleasanton this Labor Day weekend as part of an annual celebration of Scottish heritage.

Hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, the 157th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games will take place this Saturday and Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds with the same goal as the original event back in 1866: highlighting Scottish culture, heritage and traditions for all to enjoy.

“To us, this event means honoring our culture through music, dance and costume. It’s been a gathering of family and friends, old and new, for the past 157 years,” said Ron Dunne, first chieftain of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

“I love the culture, the games and everything the club stands for,” Dunne added.

Dunne said he first became involved with the organization over three decades ago after his father-in-law was a prominent member of the club.

“My wife is a first generation Scottish-American. Her father, John Johnston, was a past chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco and heavy chairman,” Dunne said. “I have been a 37-year member of the club now holding several different chairman and officer positions.”

This weekend, more than 20 Scottish events are scheduled to take place at the fairgrounds. Many of the fan favorites will make a return this year, including the Scottish Athletics, music competitions, dancing and animal exhibitions. Additionally, the iconic

whisky tasting event will showcase a variety of Irish, Scottish and American whiskies.

Live music will include Celtic rock bands Albannach and Tempest, fiddlers and more.

“When people think of Scotland, they think of bagpipes. We’ll have plenty of that, (as well as) drum major competitions, Scottish country dancers, sheep dog trials, heavy athletics throwing the caber (telephone poles), to mention a few,” Dunne said. “Vendors will be there too selling Scottish candy, grocery items, kilts and Celtic jewelry.”

The popular “Living History” area of the festival shows off live historical reenactments from medieval Scottish history. One performance features the famous Mary Queen of Scots who lived from 1542 to 1587.

“My personal favorite of the gathering would have to be the closing ceremonies at the end of each day with the mass bands playing in unison together,” Dunne said. “It is a sight to see when a hundred or more pipers and drummers all play together.”

Organizer and co-chairman of the Scottish Athletics, Tom Kincaid, shared his thoughts on the upcoming event with the Weekly.

“Pleasanton’s festival is the third largest Scottish Games in the United States,” Kincaid said. “There are three main events that draw everybody to it — it’s the Scottish highland athletics, the bagpipers and the dancers.”

“This year there are 10 athletes competing, there are eight events that they will compete in over the weekend,” Kincaid explained. “They will throw one weight, one stone, one hammer on Saturday and Sunday. During the afternoon on the race track, they will toss a caber weight over the bar and the sheaf as well.”

The caber toss is known as a traditional Scottish athletic activity that dates back to

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the 1500s. The athlete, or thrower, tosses a large tapered pole called a caber that can vary in length from 16 to 22 feet. Each pole can weigh up to 100 and 180 pounds.

Similar to the caber toss, the sheaf toss is another traditional sport designed as a show of strength. Athletes will lift and throw a bundle of straw (a sheaf) weighing up to 20 pounds vertically in the air.

Kincaid shared that the athletic section of the games has always been his favorite part. Having been involved for over 25 years, he feels a strong sense of community within the group.

“At 1 p.m. in the afternoon, the grandstand fills up completely. Then, athletes stand on the tarmac in front of the stands for spectators to watch the Highland Athletics take place,” Kincaid said.

“Watching the athletes do each event is something I enjoy. I also enjoy the camaraderie and the fellowship. It’s a family that I’ve created over all these years by attending the games,” Kincaid added.

In his youth, Kincaid was inspired to take part as a competitor before eventually becoming a judge and athletic organizer.

“I first attended the games in the early ‘90s when it moved to the Pleasanton fairgrounds. I attended it with my older brother and we learned about our family heritage there,” Kincaid added. “When I saw the athletes throw in the caber toss and other events,

I felt I could do that so I started competing as an athlete. I saw it as an athlete, then I became an athletic director and ran the games in Oakland at the Dunsmuir house.”

Another athletic event at the festival highlights one of Scotland’s biggest cultural symbols — the kilt. The “kilted mile” takes place at 10 a.m. each day of the games. The event is free for all to partake in; the only requirement is that participants must be wearing a kilt.

Historically, the kilt has signified masculinity, patriotism and honor in Scotland and other nations. They can be recognized by the tartan or plaid patterned fabrics.

Special care is shown to the garments between each wear. Several kilting demonstrations will be held in the “Living History” section of the grounds.

Also available at the games will be a medley of classic Scottish food such as haggis, fish and chips and meat pies, along with other culinary offerings.

Organizers have said the Caledonian Club of San Francisco dedicates itself to preserving all forms of Scottish culture, from literature to costumes to music and art. It is one of the oldest Scottish societies in the nation.

The games will be open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 2-3) at the fairgrounds in central Pleasanton. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://thescottishgames.com>. ■

The annual Scottish Highland Gathering and Games bring to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton a wealth of entertainment reflective of Scotland and Scottish heritage, including (clockwise from bottom left) vendor booths, live music, scotch whisky, swordsmen, animal displays, traditional dancing, the popular “Living History” area, bagpipers, vintage cars, heavyweight sports and youth performances. (2022 Scottish Games photos in collage by Nicole Gonzales or courtesy Caledonian Club of San Francisco).



Tracing the yarn

Artist fosters community through knitting and crocheting

By JUDE STRZEMP

A small Rose Coat with six pearly white buttons rested on a cloth-covered table.

Inside an exhibit room at the Alameda County Fair this summer, ambient light illuminated the coat's pinkish yarn and its complexities: collar, cuffs and Vs on each side of the chest that extend down with single lines. Just below the coat, a slip of paper marked it as First Place, "Best in Show."

It won recognition as a single item in the Knit Infant & Toddler Items category for an adult project.



JUDE STRZEMP

Fuller's award-winning Rose Coat at the Alameda County Fair this summer.

The artist: Donnamarie Fuller.

With more than four decades of practice and a couple hundred projects, she's no rookie around yarn. And she's not just an award-winning artist, she's also an organizer for the knitting and crocheting community in Livermore.

Though she's achieved individual success, she humbly credits the community for her accomplishments. So, when she makes art for the peace of mind, the challenge or someone in need, she's doing even more — she's uplifting and encouraging those around her.

"As you climb, you lift," Fuller said, referring to her journey in art. It's one that began when she was under 10 years old.

She picked up a crochet hook for the first time under the guidance of a family friend in Sunol. Lessons started with the chain stitch, a simple looping stitch, made tenuous by ideals of perfection — every mistake was unstitched, every time the stitching restarted. Frustrated, she took a multi-year break, only to return with reinvigorated passion. This time, she was weaving yarn on coat hangers.

"I was able to come at it from a different angle. I was able to pick up a hook, pick up some yarn and just

have fun with it," Fuller said. "I got to explore with it."

Shortly after, she returned to crocheting. She even added knitting to her repertoire, a skill that brought public recognition this summer with her win at the fair. It's a win she shares, crediting the coat's designer Julie Weisenberger along with Sandy Rowney — owner of Knit This, Purl That! in Livermore — and local knitting groups.

"Everyone who has contributed to what I know how to do today — they all get a piece of that award," Fuller said. "I'm thankful for it. I appreciate the honor, but I by no means think that it was solely me who completed this work at a level where it could be recognized. A lot of people came before me who guided me."

Her presence extends further, as she has been co-coordinator of the Downtown Livermore Tree Sweater Forest with Rachel Flory since 2018. Flory attributes the project's upkeep to Fuller, with the next installation set for Sept. 30.

"She's wonderful at communicating with the tree sweater makers, as well as people who come along because — it is art in action — when we're out there installing and embellishing our trees, there's a lot of questions," Flory said.



RACHEL FLORY

Donnamarie Fuller installing her "Very Hungry Caterpillar" tree sweater in Livermore in 2017.

Fuller explained that her art is a passion. She said that creating art helps her self-regulate. There's relief in the predictability in knitting. Repeated swooshes and clicks of yarn and needles melt away her stress. But even on challenging projects, which are a tad less relaxing, she enjoys learning.

Art is also a way that she connects with others. Months-long projects, like prayer shawls, are laborious gifts intended to make people feel cared for, important and comforted.

Through it all, rather than focusing on her own accolades, she boosts the art community in Livermore and beyond by sharing credit and voicing inspiration to others.

"If you see someone creating — whether it's paint, whether it's clay, whether it's yarn, whether it's fabric — if you see that and you feel like you have a passion or an interest, I would hope that (you) would feed that," Fuller said. "Go for it! Go for it!" ■

Museum getting ready for Ghost Walk tours

Tickets on sale for popular spooky program leading up to Halloween

By JEREMY WALSH

As the calendar turns to September, the Halloween spirit is already in the air. For Pleasanton's Museum on Main, that means preparations are well underway for its popular Ghost Walk program held downtown each autumn in the leadup to the holiday.

The guided tours, which now include an online installment in addition to the familiar in-person jaunts, spotlight many of the spookiest sites and stories along Main Street with performances by actors in costume as the ghosts of old-town Pleasanton.

"Ghost Walk has successfully brought the haunted side of Pleasanton to 'life' through the stories and experiences collected over the years from psychics, ghost hunters, and downtown merchants and workers," said Rachel Brickell, director of

education for the museum. "It is a unique experience, more spooky than scary, with lots of atmosphere and no jump scares. We are thrilled to provide both in-person and virtual options again this year for our community."

Tickets are on sale now for the four nights worth of in-person tours, which often sell out weeks in advance.

The two-hour sessions, with four each evening, are led by "ghost hosts" who will guide participants on their visits to nine haunted locations. The docent will have a K2 electromagnetic field meter in hand to detect EM spikes along the route to highlight potential paranormal activity.

At each stop, the tour group will meet actors (including members of Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's teen improv troupe) in character as the ghosts to share their haunting stories.

"The improv students have been a wonderful addition to Ghost Walk. They bring so much energy to the program and we can't wait to share this year's talent with participants," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's executive director.

The Ghost Walks will be held rain or shine, and costumes are highly encouraged by museum officials. Most of the tour is outdoors but a few locations may allow the group to go inside, including possibly two stops requiring the use of stairs.

The in-person tours will begin at the Museum on Main between 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 13, 14, 20, and 21. The virtual tour, which is hosted through the webinar platform BigMarker, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

For tickets and more information, visit www.museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2766. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Cynthia Lagodzinski as Gertrude Ellis, the spirit at the Rose Hotel, during the 2022 Ghost Walk tours hosted by Pleasanton's Museum on Main.

Student artwork displayed outside DUSD boardroom

Footwear imagery represents diversity, community and Dublin ties

BY NICOLE GONZALES

To highlight talent and achievement, the Dublin Unified School District has displayed a large student-created art installation representing community and diversity using its wall space.

The artwork, created by Dublin High School student Clara Yee, is visible on the east exterior wall of the district boardroom and is planned to be displayed throughout the school year. District staff have said they plan on continuing the project in the future, spotlighting a different student's artwork each year.

"Being able to contribute to the community and showcase what I want to put out there to others has been really exciting," Yee said in the unveiling video announcement.

"Something I really appreciate about our community is the opportunity that Dublin offers. I wanted to

showcase this by using footwear to represent the path different people take to be involved in our community, and how we are all connected through our connection to Dublin," the artist added.

Yee explained that she created the artwork to represent the diversity throughout the Dublin community using the imagery of footwear.

"A variety of footwear is used to illustrate the wide range of people and professions in Dublin. Staff, teachers, students and community members of varying ages contribute to our experience in Dublin," Yee said.

The artwork features 15 pairs of shoes, all different sizes and styles. A clover is placed in each shoe representing everyone's connection to Dublin.

"Each pair of shoes is an individual involved in this process, adding more culture and character to

Dublin. This design suits the school district boardroom well because it showcases the diverse journey of Dublin residents and the importance of the Dublin school district," Yee said.

Yee shared that she has been creating artworks from a very young age, beginning with crayon and paper. Over the years, Yee developed her skills using charcoal and she now mainly works with digital art.

As a senior this school year, Yee will act as the engineering club president. The club oversees the school's engineering facilities and promotes the subject to members of the student body.

Yee is also a member of the Dublin High drama department improv club, "Improv the Nation".

District Superintendent Chris Funk shared his reflections in the announcement.



DUSD

Dublin High School student Clara Yee created the new public artwork installed outside the DUSD boardroom.

"With her artwork, Clara has added to the sense of community I hope people feel here in Dublin, especially when visiting the district office," Funk said. "This demonstrates the diversity here in the city of Dublin and in Dublin Unified. We're so proud to have this displayed here."

Last year, students from Dublin High's Advanced Placement art class were given the chance to submit artwork to be displayed at an annual art installation. Yee was chosen as the project's inaugural artist.

For next year's installation, to be displayed in 2024-25, the district

plans to survey students from Emerald and Valley high schools for their art submissions.

"From my office window, I see the east wall of our boardroom. It always struck me as a blank canvas. With so many talented and creative students in our district, there was no reason to leave the wall blank," Funk said. "Initially, we thought of having a mural painted, but the idea of being able to highlight a student's artwork every year was too appealing."

"This is the start of what I'm sure will be a great tradition for our students and community," he added. ■

Winegrowers hosting September Sips at City Center Bishop Ranch

Tasting event part of California Wine Month

BY JOSEPH CHIU

The celebration of California Wine Month will continue with the September Sips event at City Center Bishop Ranch hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation.

Nearly 20 wineries are expected to participate in the afternoon event providing guests with wine tastings and small bites in the San Ramon retail complex next weekend.

Those attending either of the two sessions from 1-2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m. will receive a complimentary wine glass upon arrival, a wristband and a curated map showing the locations of participating wineries and stores where they'll enjoy their food and wine samples, organizers said. Their tasting journeys will be complemented by shopping and live music from a jazz trio in Alexander Square.

"This event is not only about celebrating California Wine Month and sipping exquisite wines but also about coming together to support local businesses and charities," Jeff Dodd, senior vice president of retail for City Center, told the Weekly. "The most enjoyable aspect of the event will be a combination of all the elements. From discovering new wine favorites to connecting with new people, the event will offer a memorable social afternoon."

In the first session, the participating wineries are Almost Famous Wine Company, Cellar 13, Del Valle Winery, Fenestra Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Longevity Wines,



CITY CENTER

A sommelier pours wine into a guest's personal glass, as wine tasting will be the centerpiece of the September Sips event.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Rosa Fierro Cellars and Wood Family Vineyards.

The participating wineries in the second session are Bent Creek Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Darcie Kent Estate Winery, Garre Vineyard and Winery, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Murrieta's Well, Occasio Winery, Page Mill Winery and Pruett Farms.

"September Sips will bring the community together by bringing

the people of San Ramon out while supporting local businesses," Dodd said. "By partnering with a number of wineries from the East Bay ... we can celebrate California Wine Month all together with a toast to the great wine found in the area."

September Sips will be held at the City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon next Sunday (Sept. 10) from 1-4:30 p.m. as part of the two 90-minute wine-tasting sessions. Tickets are available at lvwine.org. ■

Pianist returning to perform Beethoven

Benway worked for years with Blackhawk Chorus

BY JOSEPH CHIU

The Diablo Symphony Orchestra is featuring former local standout pianist Randall Benway performing Beethoven's lyrical Fourth Piano Concerto in its upcoming concert that will also include Jean Sibelius's orchestral tone poem "Finlandia" and Symphony No. 1.

Benway, a former longtime Lafayette resident who was an assistant director and accompanist of the Blackhawk Chorus for more than 12 years before moving to Olympia, Wash., has performed extensively in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Benway has collaborated with many Danville musicians and became a coveted teacher, coach and accompanist over the years. He has participated with many groups to support the Blackhawk Chorus Education Fund, which has contributed to raising funds for music programs in Danville schools.

"The concert brings Randall Benway back to the Danville area to perform a major piano work, a return that will certainly be welcome to the many Danville residents who have enjoyed musical associations with him, or have simply enjoyed hearing him perform," Helen Duncan, vice president of the Diablo Symphony Association, told the Weekly. "His musical connections to the Danville community are deep and longstanding."

The Diablo Symphony Orchestra, entering its 61st season, will feature Mads Tolling on the violin, Greg Brown with the saxophone, Susan



Randall Benway

Strauss as the storyteller and WomenSing, a Lafayette-based choir.

As for the program, a piano solo will open the concerto, a solitary clarinet and timpani passage will open the symphony, and the hymn-like melody of "Finlandia" is set to characterize a concert that brings innovation, compelling rhythms and melodies, according to organizers.

"The concert as a whole offers music that is both joyful and sobering, with diverse textures, melodies, and rhythms — produced by varying combinations of instruments — that create both complex, rousing moments of excitement and simple, lyrical moments of peaceful calm," Duncan said.

The concert will be performed at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, a venue known for its symphonic works, acoustics and stage that's designed to maximize the impact of live classical music. Some of the soloists and orchestra members reside in the Danville and San Ramon communities, which will give community members the chance to experience locally connected musicians performing in a theater setting.

"Beethoven with Benway" is scheduled to take place at the Leshner Center on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at diablosymphony.org. ■



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

My favorite Amador athletes growing up, 1967-1976

Two NFL alumni, one pro soccer player and college stars make the list

As promised, this is the first of three stories relating to the top athletes I have seen at Amador Valley, as we approach the school's centennial celebration.

As a 1979 Amador graduate, as well as someone whose family came into town in 1967, I had a chance to watch Amador athletes as I grew up, then suit up and go to battle with many, and finally now have the chance to cover so many wonderful student-athletes that have worn the purple and gold over the years.

I have decided I will break it into three stories. This week I will go through some of the athletes I watched as a kid growing up in Pleasanton.

There is no chance I could name

all the great ones here so, in order to say something about each name, I will limit the numbers. (Next week may just be a listing of names as there will be a lot!)

Here's a look back at 1967-1976...

Rick Kane: An easy and obvious choice. A football and track star, my buddies and I would ride our bikes down to see him run track and watch all the college football coaches there to watch him run. He went to Oregon, then San Jose State and became the first to run for 1,000 yards for the Spartans. He played eight years for the Detroit Lions and one for the Washington Redskins. Absolute legend.

Jim Carter: Tough to find a lot of information from these times



Amador centennial logo.

but as a kid, I used to love watching Carter play receiver at Amador. Trying to remember, I think he went on to earn All-American honors at Chabot, followed by playing for the University of Hawaii. After Hawaii, he went to Cal State East Bay where he got a masters in anthropology. He recently retired after teaching for 32 years at Anderson High. One of the players I always remember for

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the excitement he brought to the field.

Mike Burke: A punter that went on to play for the Los Angeles Rams, Burke makes this list as I remember seeing him run laps around the one-mile Pleasanton horse racing track when in training. I recall my friends and I saying, "hey he's running the track again." It showed us work ethic at an early age.

Willie Biggs: In addition to watching Biggs play basketball and baseball at Amador, the big left-hander was a fixture in the area where my friends often played and always willing to come out and shoot some hoops with the kids. Great pitcher and great point guard, Biggs went on to an amazing coaching career, first at James Logan, then at Cal State East Bay.

Bruce Cavestri: We all loved basketball back when we were growing up, and Cavestri was a force in the middle when we watched the Amador games. After leading Amador Valley, he went on to play a year at the University of San Francisco. He also did a wonderful job carrying on the Cavestri family tradition on Candy Cane Lane!

Steve Swadley/Scott Stisser: Two soccer players that we all loved to watch. They were both big, strong

and fast, giving us something to shoot for as we got older.

Swadley played for San Jose State leading the team to a No. 3 NCAA ranking. He would have played professionally but blew his knee out trying out with the San Jose Earthquakes.

Stisser played at San Jose State and Chico State before playing professionally with Atlanta.

Foothill volleyball

The Falcons scored a pair of non-league wins, beating College Park and James Logan.

In the 25-11, 25-10, 25-11 win against College Park, the highlights came from Katie Salonga (20 assists, 5 aces), Paige Bennett (12 kills, 8 service points) and Kaycie Burdick (8 kills, 5 digs).

The Falcons took out Logan 23-25, 25-20, 25-15, 28-26. Top performances came from Salonga (48 assists, 15 digs), Bennett (25 kills, 10 digs), Ema Vukojevic (7 kills) and Kait Vogel (18 digs). ■

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AN EVENING OF INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE Transcendence, featuring Lavanya Academy of Indian Arts, Sanskaar School of Dance and Vishwashanthi Dance Academy. All proceeds benefit Culinary Angels. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 2. Tickets \$35. Visit firehousearts.org.

AMERICANA MUSIC WITH THE QUITTERS Enjoy an afternoon of live Americana music with The Quitters as they deliver a memorable performance spiced with humor and serendipity. 2 p.m., Sept. 3. Civic Center Library. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

FIREHOUSE ART & MUSIC FEST Join this free event for a spectacular evening of music and art which includes demonstrations by local artists bring their visions to life and musical acts showcase the region's finest talents. 4-8 p.m., Sept. 8. Visit firehousearts.org.

AARON WEBER COMEDY Join for an evening of laughs with comedian Aaron Weber who is based out of Nashville and a regular performer at the world famous Grand Ole Opry. 8 p.m., Sept. 9. Tickets \$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

BRILLIANCE AT THE BANKHEAD Join for the annual fundraiser including dinner, auction and a show with Jason Alexander. Best known for his award-winning stint as George Costanza of television's Seinfeld, Jason Alexander has achieved international recognition for a career noted for its diversity on stage, screen and television. 6 p.m., Sept. 9. Tickets \$195-\$500. Visit livermorearts.org.

PLEASANTON CAT EXTRAVAGANZA Discover a world of feline wonder while supporting local charities and rescues. See the most beautiful cats in the world strut the CatWalk, watch who wins in Best in Show and learn all about cats. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 9-10. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Exhibits

THE DON CENTURY EXHIBIT Museum on Main's exhibit, The Don Century: Amador Valley High School 1923-2023, features memorabilia and artifacts from throughout the school's history with clips from interviews with alumni and current and former faculty and staff. Now through Oct 7. 603 Main St.

COMIC CROSSING: THE ART OF THE GRAPHIC NARRATIVE A multimedia art exhibit featuring a collection of visually stunning and emotionally compelling graphic novels, comics, and illustrations. Thursdays to Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through Oct. 8. Uncle Credit Union Art Gallery. Visit livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2.

Family

FAMILY DAYS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Take a step back and learn about life in Pleasanton without modern

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Figgy from Maui

Aloha! I'm Figgy and I was available for adoption on Maui before the terrible fires. East Bay SPCA took me and some of my friends in to make room for pets of people affected by the fires. I'm a fun-loving, happy-all-the-time, glass-is-half-full kind of dog looking for someone who loves to laugh and play around. Meet me at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center. Go to eastbayspca.org.

conveniences. Make adobe bricks, dipping candles, stamping leather and much more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 3.

BABY STORYTIME Join Pleasanton Library staff for a gentle introduction to stories, songs and playtime for infants. 11-11:30 a.m., Sept. 6.

STORY TIME WITH LLAMA LLAMA Join for Story Time with Llama Llama, 12 p.m., Sept. 7. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Visit townecenterbooks.com.

Festivals & Galas

NORCAL NOVA FAMILY REUNION The premier Nova family friendly gathering that features Convertibles, Wagons, Super Sports and Sedans. Sept. 1-3, Four Point Sheraton. Visit visitrivalley.com/events.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES The Scottish Highland Gathering and Games returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds celebrating the very best of Scottish competition, ceremonies, cuisine and entertainment. Sept. 2-3. Tickets \$0-\$35. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

HEART OF THE TRI-VALLEY GALA Join Open Hearts Kitchen's, Heart of the Tri-Valley Gala, the most glamorous party of the year. Enjoy fine dining, live music, exciting auctions and more, all with the magic of old Hollywood. 6 p.m., Sept. 8. Palm Event Center. Visit openheartkitchen.org/tri-valley-gala.

DUBLIN SPLATTER 2023 The Dublin Splatter festival is a celebration of global music, art, food and dance featuring dozens of live singers, musicians and performance acts. 12 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Sept. 9. Emerald Glen Park.

LIVERMORE VALLEY SEPTEMBER SIPS Wineries will pour amongst the restaurants and retailers for guests as they shop the afternoon away. Tickets include nine wine tastings, a wine glass and small bites. 1-4:30 p.m., Sept. 10. Tickets \$30. City Center Bishop Ranch. Visit livermorearts.org/event/10124/september-sips.

OBSERVANCE OF UN PEACE DAY Join Interfaith International for an ice cream social and conversation in observance of UN International Day of Peace. 3-4:30 p.m., Sept. 10. St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Visit facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

Language

AMERICAN LIFE & VOCABULARY WITH GARY RICHTER This Intermediate English conversation group led by Gary Richter meets Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1:30-3 p.m. at the Pleasanton library's conversation table.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH WITH KALPANA PAI Practice intermediate level English with other adult learners in a relaxed group setting. Free and open to ages 18 and up. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays. Pleasanton Library.

Outdoor Recreation

LEAF ART AT SYCAMORE GROVE PARK Drop by the Wetmore Native Garden and show your creativity. Supplies included to create leaf art to take home. 2 p.m., Sept. 9. 1051 Wetmore Road. Visit larpd.org.

NIGHT WITH A NATURALIST AT DEL VALLE The evening glow gives way to the roaring fire as families gather along the creekside. Discover the wonders of the park and this camping tradition each Saturday night through Labor Day. 8:30-9:30 p.m. Meet at Del Valle Amphitheater, drop-in program, \$6 parking fee. Visit ebparks.org.

Business

LVCC VIRTUAL BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING The next Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce virtual Business Alliance Meeting is 8-9:30 a.m., Sept. 6. This meeting is scheduled on the first Wednesday of every month, unless noted otherwise. Visit livermorechamber.org.

PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MIXER Join the Pleasanton Young Professionals at their mixer on

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Software Engineer/Software Development Engineer (P4) (SESDE-002-J01-11)(SESDE-002-J01-12): Plans, designs, develops and tests software systems or applications for software enhancements and new cloud-based products and internet related tools. May oversee projects and/or programs, as assigned by management. Salary: \$183,310 - \$382,800 per year, 40 hours per week.

Software Application Engineer (P3) (SAE-003-J01-11)(SAE-003-J01-12): Analyzes, designs, programs, debugs, and modifies software enhancements and/or new products used in local, networked, or Internet-related computer programs. Salary: \$183,310 - 224,400 per year, 40 hours per week.

Software Application Engineer (P4) (SAE-004-J01-11)(SAE-004-J01-12): Analyzes, designs, programs, debugs, and modifies software enhancements and/or new products used in local, networked, or Internet-related computer programs. May oversee projects and/or programs, as assigned by management. Salary: \$183,310 - \$382,800 per year, 40 hours per week.

Quality Assurance/Automation Engineer in Test (P3) (QAAE-005-J01-11) (QAAE-005-J01-12): Designs, builds, and utilizes test automation frameworks to optimize Workdays approach to software quality. Salary: \$149,989 - \$176,500 per year, 40 hours per week.

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Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 526387
The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): AMADOR DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC 5000 Pleasanton Ave, Suite 110 Pleasanton, Ca 94566
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 01/11/2017
UNDER FILE NO. 526387
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): JACOB DEVINNEY DDS INC 37 Vista Montemar Laguna Niguel, Ca 92677
State of Incorporation: California
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 31 2023. (PLW Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sep 1, 2023)

FASHION HISTORY CONSULTING INC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600019
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Fashion History Consulting Inc, located at 7662 Fairoaks Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
FASHION HISTORY CONSULTING INC 7662 Fairoaks Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94588 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/09/2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 10 2023. (PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

HOUSE OF COLOUR NORTH PLEASANTON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599969
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) House of Colour North Pleasanton, located at 2226 Kamp Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
AMY BLASCHKA LLC 2226 Kamp Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94588 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/01/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 09 2023. (PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

LIFE ON LUNACY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600096
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) LIFE ON LUNACY, located at 460 DIVISION ST #10 PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY.
This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SHERRY HIGGS-AZIZI 460 DIVISION ST #10 PLEASANTON, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/06/2017
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 14 2023. (PLW Aug 25, Sep 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

STRUGGLE AND STRENGTH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600026
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Struggle and Strength, located at 3115 Finnian Way 216 Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BAYBAYN LLC 3115 Finnian Way 216 Dublin, CA 94568 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/12/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 10 2023. (PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

ACCELERATE REVENUE SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600306
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Accelerate Revenue Services, located at 2226 Kamp Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TODD BLASCHKA 2226 Kamp Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/24/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 24 2023. (PLW Sep 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

IMEDREG SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600059
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) iMedReg Solutions, located at 1294 Royal Creek Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
Mailing address: 6754 Bernal Ave. Suite 740-192 Pleasanton, CA 94566.
This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CAROL CASTILLO 1294 Royal Creek Court 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 August 14 2023. (PLW Aug 25, Sep 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

MODEL PLUMBING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599836
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Model Plumbing, located at 508 Burger Ct. Pleasanton, Ca. 94566, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CLINTON ONDERBEKE 508 Burger Ct. Pleasanton, Ca. 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 04 2023. (PLW Sep 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

PLEASANTON MINSTERIAL ASSOCIATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599565
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PLEASANTON MINSTERIAL ASSOCIATION, located at 6656 Alisal Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, ALAMEDA.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
FAITH CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD OF PLEASANTON 6656 Alisal Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/19/2018
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 25 2023. (PLW Sep 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

HAPPY 2.0 ENTERTAINMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599677
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Happy 2.0 Entertainment, located at 20117 Forest Ave #12 Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ARNALDO LIZARRAGA 20117 Forrest Ave. #12 Castro Valley, CA 94546 California
Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 28 2023. (PLW Aug 25, Sep 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

DUBLIN TAQUERIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599640
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Dublin Taqueria, located at 3986 Summit Rd. Dublin, Cal 94566, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DUBLIN TAQUERIA INC. 4174 Hazelhurst Ct Pleasanton, Cal. 94566 California
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 27 2023. (PLW Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sep 1, 2023)

MEL'S LIQUORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599939
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mel's liquors, located at 985 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
GURDASPUR LIQUORS 17078 Loyola CT, Lathrop, CA 95330 California
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 August 08 2023. (PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KEVIN ABBOTT KREMER

Case No.: RP23146063
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KEVIN ABBOTT KREMER.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kelly S. Freet in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that: Kelly S. Freet be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 20 2023 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Julie K. Hardisty, A Prof. Corp.
101 Gregory Ln., Ste. 52
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925-689-9940
(PLW Aug 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

Place a legal notice at
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the first Thursday of the month. No host bar, free raffle. Free for Chamber members to attend, \$10 for guests. 5-7 p.m., Sept. 7. Visit pleasanton.org.

Talks

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS-HIKING IN SWITZERLAND Werner Schlapfer presents a slideshow entitled "Hiking in Switzerland". As a native and frequent visitor to Switzerland, he'll show pictures of several beautiful hikes taken in Switzerland with a Livermore hiking group. 1:30 p.m., Sept. 7. Livermore Civic Center Library.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Speaker Jamie Davis began quilting as a young mom who needed a creative outlet and whose passion has since grown into making and selling patterns, teaching and conducting workshops with students. Zoom meeting 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sept. 9. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.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.

Support

HOT MEALS FREE OF CHARGE Open Heart Kitchen serves free hot meals to anyone who is struggling to make ends meet. Monday-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.

GENERAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers grief support groups by Zoom video conference. Call 925-829-8770 to register and obtain the login link. Through Sept. 25.

SPOUSAL/PARTNER LOSS SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers grief support groups by Zoom video conference. Call 925-829-8770 to register and obtain the login link. Through Sept. 26.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The next Pleasanton City Council Meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 5. 200 Old Bernal Ave. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION The Pleasanton Human Services Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month. 7 p.m., Sept. 6. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON LIBRARY COMMISSION The Pleasanton Library Commission meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is Sept. 7. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION The Livermore Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 5. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is Sept. 5. Visit livermoreschools.org.

TAKE US ALONG



Royal fossils: The Lam family of Michelle, Nicholas, Christopher and Keith toured the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology in Drumheller, Alberta, Canada. Now with 160,000 cataloged fossils in its collection, the museum was bestowed the title "royal" in June 1990, following a visit from Queen Elizabeth II from England.

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.

How to keep your trees safe during home construction

Steps to take before you start digging to ensure your landscaping thrives

By JEFF NEWBORN / CONTRIBUTOR

During the drier months when many home construction projects typically get underway, we get a lot of calls from property owners looking to protect their trees.

From heavy equipment being driven over roots, construction teams walking all over the property and a variety of machines coming through the yard, doing a remodel or taking on a large outdoor project can be stressful on your trees and the land.

This heavy foot-traffic and machinery can leave the soil compacted and cause it to lack the proper aeration and nutrients needed to help trees and plants survive.

In addition, construction trucks can break tree branches and damage bark, root zones may end up cut in half to dig trenches or basements, and trees that are in the way, often get uprooted. Other trees may end up too close a new home's foundation.

Cutting into a tree's roots, compacting the soil over roots, or changing the ground level around a tree during construction are three of the most common causes of tree damage or death.

The most effective way to save trees during construction is to plan additions, driveways, utility lines and other features outside

the root zone of trees that you want to save. This means keeping a tree the distance of about half its mature canopy from any structure.

To minimize damage from construction equipment, build temporary fence or barricades around trees that you want to save, so that workers will know to steer clear of them.

Having an arborist as part of the planning process on any outdoor facelift, rebuild or fresh build can really benefit the property.

An arborist can help save the trees and plants that are already in place and make the right decisions when picking new trees to plant. They can help determine if a tree should be relocated, removed or left in place or are protected under local ordinances.

New landscaping

When planning a new landscape, matching the plants and trees with the property's unique environmental conditions is one part of the bigger picture. The other part is thinking about the landscape's future growth potential. You must consider what the landscape will look like in 10, 20 or even 50 years from now.

Before you make any purchases or start

digging and planting, there are steps that should be taken for proper planning and to ensure your landscape is going to thrive:

- **Research your hardiness zone to find the best plants and trees for your local conditions.** The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map uses temperatures, wind, humidity and precipitation to determine the best plant and tree options to thrive in an area. For Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, look for trees that will grow in Zones 9b and 10a.

- **Do a soil test.** Before planting anything, knowing your soil's current state and making proper adjustments can be the difference between a tree that survives and a tree that thrives. A soil test will tell you about the amount of nutrients in your soil, whether your soil is acidic or alkaline and how much fertilizer you'll need.

- **Make sure you choose the right tree in the right place.** You don't want to plant a tree that will become tall under the high voltage lines, or put a shade tree too close to your home.

- **Choose the trees that will most benefit the property.** This can be choices made for shade, low-maintenance, flowering, whatever is most important to you as the property owner.

Popular tree choices in Bay Area

Trees for shade

- Sycamore or London Plane tree
- Chinese elm

Low-maintenance trees

- Arbutus marina-Strawberry tree
- Silver Leaf Linden
- Camphor

Flowering trees

- Crabapples
- Brown Bracken Magnolia
- Jacaranda

Fastest-growing trees

- Drake Chinese Elm. This one is resistant to the various diseases and insects that elms often get and grows quickly into a nice size tree.

- Silver Leaf Linden. This one has a 'tear drop' form with an attractive leaf arrangement between green and silver leaves.

- Chinese Pistache. This one has a round canopy with vibrant red fall color.

Editor's note: Jeff Newborn is a local arborist at The Davey Tree Expert Company in Menlo Park, which serves communities on the Peninsula, including Menlo Park, Atherton, Palo Alto and Redwood City. His "Ask your local arborist" column appears once a month on Embarcadero Media websites. Newborn can be reached at 866-923-5658. ■

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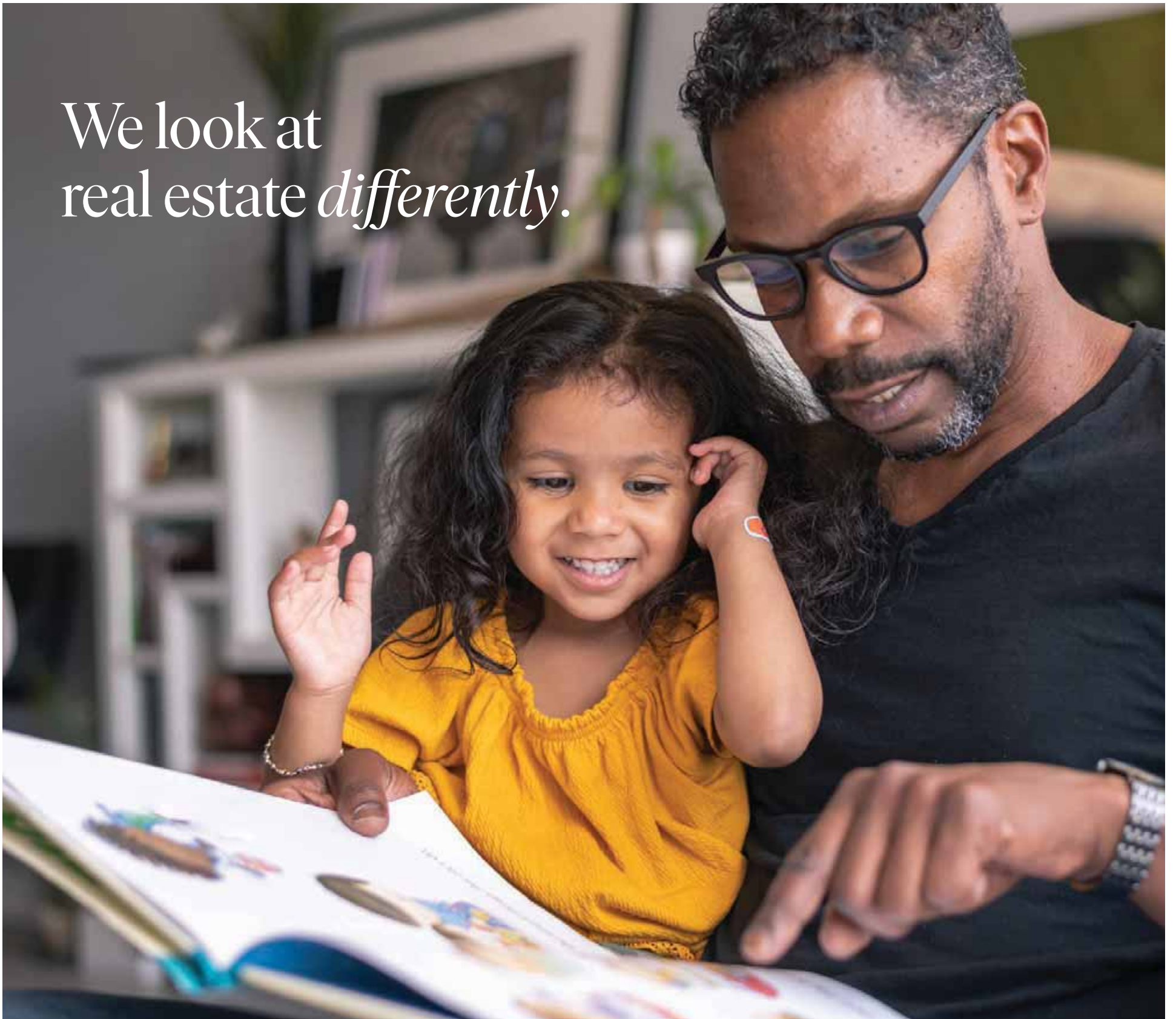
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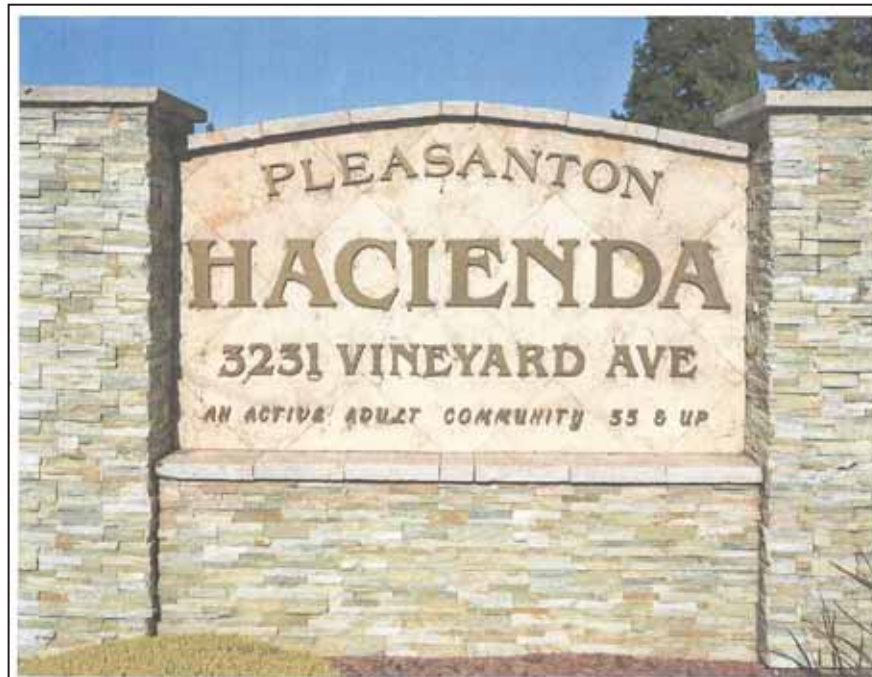
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