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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Time for election fun

It's the most wonderful time of the year," echoes sarcastically in my mind these days. No, not because Costco is already in full Christmas mode weeks before Halloween even hits.

That's right, election season is here — and it's a presidential year to boot. Which, as of 2020, means the primary election in California arrives in March, instead of June, so our state can have more of a say about who the final White House candidates will be.

I know that is the schedule now, but I still felt shocked into reality when the press release arrived about the candidacy nomination period opening Sept. 14 from the Contra Costa County Elections Division (although the state-set deadlines are the same, I haven't gotten any such public notice from the notoriously quiet Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office ... luckily I'm well-versed in scouring their website; go to acvote.org/candidates/how-to-run).

For our Tri-Valley voters in Alameda County, the big local races will be county supervisor, superior court judgeships and Zone 7 Water Agency. That will be in addition to important state and federal positions — and possibly special ballot issues, if deadlines are met.

We've already been told that longtime District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley, who represents part of Pleasanton, is seeking reelection and will have a challenger in Ashland nurse Jennifer Esteen, who competed unsuccessfully for State Assembly District 20 finishing third in a four-candidate primary in 2022.

District 1 Supervisor David Haubert, who represents Dublin, Livermore and parts of Pleasanton and Sunol, is running again. I haven't seen any challengers come forward yet, but I'm keeping my eye out. The filing period, known as "signatures-in-lieu", is open until Nov. 8.

Time will also tell about which, if any, Alameda County Superior Court judgeships might be contested on the March 5, 2024 ballot.

As for Zone 7, which is increasingly relevant to local residents amid water supply and PFAS contamination concerns, there will be three regular full terms on the ballot (positions currently held by Sandy Figuers, Laurene Green and Angela Ramirez Holmes).

There will also be a special two-year term on the ballot for the Zone 7 seat currently held by former Pleasanton councilmember Kathy

Narum following the resignation of ex-director Olivia Sanwong to join the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors.

Of the larger offices on Tri-Valley ballots in March, the State Senate District 7 race will be particularly intriguing. Incumbent Steve Glazer said he will not run for reelection, declining to test the state's term limit law which would come into play for him midway through a potential 2024-28 term.

Just who will come out to battle for this critical position in the state's upper legislative house? The list of experienced officials could be long ... we'll see.

Wondering if one such name could be Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the Tri-Valley's current representative for State Assembly District 16, I reached out to her press team to clarify whether she'll run for reelection to the lower house or perhaps seek a higher office in March. "No announcements yet," I was told.

The Assembly District 20 seat, which Liz Ortega won in 2022 to represent western Pleasanton and western Dublin among other East Bay cities, will be contested in the new year too.

And the eyes of the nation will be on California as our voters decide which two candidates will advance to the November general election to succeed Dianne Feinstein in the U.S. Senate.

There is always the possibility of special election issues finding their way onto the primary ballot.

While I thought the issue had died for consideration in March in favor of less-expensive consolidation with the regular municipal election in November 2024, it sounds like the Dublin City Council is still thinking about adding possible changes to the city's term limit law to the primary election.

Oh, and of course there's the potential recall of Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price. We learned last month that critics of the progressive, first-year DA filed to pursue a recall petition, but it's unclear whether they're targeting the March primary — let alone if they can get the support to hit their target.

I have no desire to touch that heated debate with a 10-foot pole at this point, except to apply one of my general political rules to Price: As much as she seeks to point the finger anywhere and everywhere else these past weeks, if a DA recall petition does get on the ballot, she'll have no one to blame but herself. ■

About the Cover

The Pleasanton Senior Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month, including a special social event Sept. 28. Photos courtesy City of Pleasanton. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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Chris Davidson, with Bill
Engineer

Oh man, if it were up to me, Main Street would be closed to cars every weekend of the year, rain or shine. The street closures really bring our community together. Human and canine. And now that the city has taken such great measures to create ample parking, I believe the closures can only be good and no longer bad for local business owners.



Hayley Sigala
Server

I think twice a month, all year long, would be about right. The street closures bring so many more people downtown over the weekend. And I know from my own experience that business is always better, and the restaurant more crowded, when the streets are closed because people can meet up downtown and walk around comfortably without having to worry about getting hit by a car.



Kristina Beck, with Stevie
Communications manager

I think the Main Street street closures should be at least one a month, all year long. It's so great to be able to come downtown with our kids and meet up with other young families and watch the children all playing together in the middle of the street. We really look forward to this. I mean, where else does this even happen?



Beth Long
Client care specialist

I really love the street closures because they bring so many people out. It's so enjoyable to watch all of the people, especially people who are out walking their dogs and kids riding their bikes and scooters up and down Main Street. If it were up to me, we'd have these Main Street closures every weekend during the spring and summer months when the weather is so great.



Abigail Brophy
Hostess

I live downtown, and even with the traffic off of Main Street, I love the street closures. I would love to see this happen every weekend during the summer and beginning of fall, and then the first weekend of every month during the rest of the year.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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A thoughtful leader

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce is launching its inaugural “Thoughtful Leadership Speaker Series” next month, with civil rights activist and educator Harry Edwards, Ph.D., serving as the first keynote speaker.

“Dr. Harry Edwards has a long and storied history of activism focused upon developments in racial equity in America and around the world,” chamber officials said. “The combination of his experiences as an African-American, as an athlete, and his training in sociology led Edwards to propose America had become very complacent about the issue of race in sports.”

“Views on America’s Future with Dr. Harry Edwards - American Sociologist and Civil Rights Leader” is set to run from 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Regal Hacienda Crossings in Dublin. Go to dublinchamberofcommerce.org for tickets and more information.

‘Bridging the Gap’

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance is hosting the Anti-Poverty Collaborative’s “Bridging the Gap” on Oct. 5 at Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton.

“‘Bridging the Gap’ is more than just an event; it’s a critical effort to confront and address the community’s multifaceted challenges surrounding poverty, health care, education, affordable housing, food security and economic justice,” organizers said.

The event will feature panel speakers sharing their experiences in combating poverty, homelessness and food insecurity. Other topics will include the newly revised TVNPA data report, basic income pilot projects, and the recent California homelessness report, organizers said.

For more information or sponsorships, visit tvnpa.org/tvapc.

Value of exercise

The Alan Hu Foundation, a Pleasanton-based nonprofit, is holding a webinar presentation next week by professor and psychiatrist Dr. John J. Ratey, “The Positive Impact of Exercise on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention”, as part of its free public Mental Health Lecture Series.

Foundation reps said Ratey will discuss “the positive effects of incorporating exercise into a comprehensive mental health treatment plan, with help from mental health providers, such as therapists, psychiatrists or counselors.”

The webinar will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 26) via Zoom, with a 15-minute Q&A session with Ratey to follow. RSVP is required. Learn more at alanhufoundation.org. ■

City pauses water rate debate

Staff to conduct more analysis, work to better inform residents ahead of new hearing in November

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council voted to delay the decision about increasing the city’s water rates by 62% over three years after dozens of residents packed the meeting room on Tuesday to ask the council to slow down so that staff can conduct more analysis on the topic.

That work, the council concurred, should include evaluating comments from the public, responding to resident questions and figuring out any possible alternatives to the three-year water

rate hikes. Afterward, staff will present their next recommendation for the rates during the Nov. 7 council meeting.

“We’ve been talking about this subject, since I don’t even know when ... We’ve talked about a lot of different things and our staff has addressed a lot of those things,” Councilmember Valerie Arkin said. “But if there is new information or additional information our staff wants to provide, I think that will be great based on public input.”

“Increasing rates is not something I take lightly. We are all

residents here too ... I have a pool, I have a garden, I get it,” Arkin added. “A suggestion of just not doing the rate is not what I’m talking about. We need to fix the problem, and that’s what we’re going to need to do and that’s a responsibility of the city. But we need questions answered, I completely agree.”

City officials have been looking at raising water rates since 2019, but the water rate study was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, city officials have said that three years

of no rate increases have put the city in a difficult position of having to raise the rates so that the city’s water enterprise fund doesn’t go bankrupt in the next three years.

“We certainly needed to do more in terms of proactively planning for the needs of the system,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin said Tuesday. “We have the water rate program that essentially resets the enterprise fund ... This is a fund that is on

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ROBERT SUGUITAN / LVA

A dancer in traditional regalia performs at the Livermore Valley Arts Native American celebration last year. The 2023 Indigenous Peoples’ Day event is set for this Saturday in the Bankhead Plaza.

Community in the plaza

Indigenous Peoples’ Day leads LVA cultural celebration series

By NICOLE GONZALES

This fall, the Tri-Valley community will be able to join together at the Bankhead Theater Plaza for a series of special events honoring cultural groups. Livermore Valley Arts has planned the free festivities in an effort to uplift diversity and awareness locally.

From Indigenous Peoples’ Day to Diwali to Pride — and more — the celebrations will take place between this weekend to Nov. 5.

“These free community and

cultural events are part of LVA’s core value and belief that everyone in the Tri-Valley should have the opportunity to experience the arts at whatever age and whatever level they are,” LVA representatives said in a statement.

On Saturday (Sept. 23), LVA will host an Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration, an appreciation of stories, songs and dances from the long history of Native Americans that have been preserved through centuries.

“LVA acknowledges that we

are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ohlone,” LVA reps said. “(We) affirm the sovereign rights of their community as First Peoples and are committed to supporting the traditional and contemporary evolution of the American Indian community and uplifting contemporary indigenous voices and culture.”

Featuring an altar dedication, land acknowledgements, traditional dances and a community drum circle, the celebration will

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Fallout in Sunol over board’s flag ban

Surprise meeting on personnel issues raises eyebrows

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Current and former members of the Sunol Glen School community are calling out the school board majority saying their decision last week to approve a resolution that limits the school to only display the U.S. and state flags is not only wrong, but the way it was passed was undemocratic.

And the announcement Tuesday of a special board meeting mainly on personnel matters happening on Wednesday afternoon, which is being criticized by residents for its last-minute nature, has only furthered the distrust for many community members. Results of the meeting were pending as of the Weekly’s press time.

During a tense hearing on Sept. 12 with many comments focused on the LGBTQ+ pride flag, the Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees voted 2-1 to adopt the flag resolution that was written up after four people spoke out during an August board meeting against “special interest groups” possibly being allowed to fly their flags at the school.

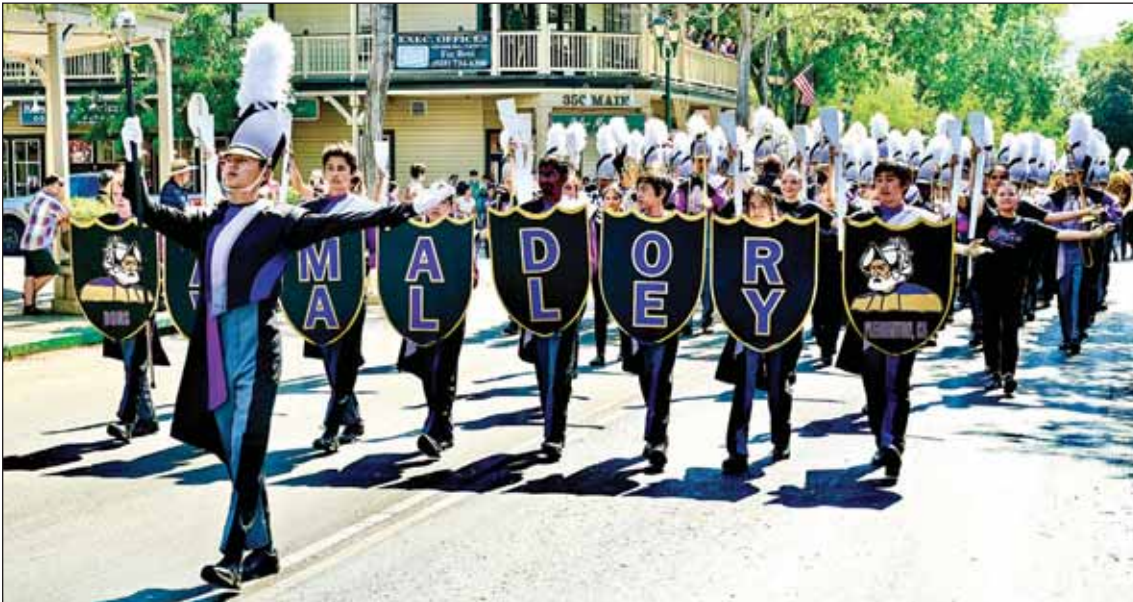
Since then, many residents, parents and other community members have been voicing their opposition against the resolution, saying that it

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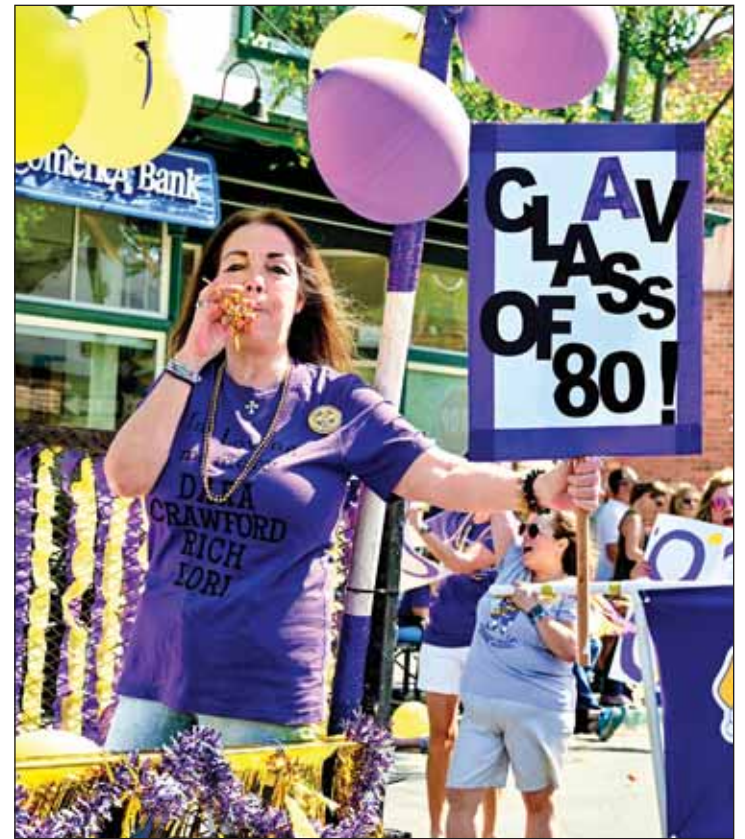
Amador celebrates 100 years

Plenty of purple and gold around Pleasanton last weekend

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT



Amador Valley High alumni and current students joined community leaders and others in marking the school's centennial with a series of special events last week. Clockwise from above: The 2023-24 Amador marching band in the centennial parade on Sept. 15. Taking part in the parade was Doreen Duarte Ellis, who graduated in 1980. Mavis Fiorio Williams, 97, represented the class of 1944 in the procession. The Wine and Cheese Opening Reception at the Museum on Main on Sept. 14. At the museum reception were (from left) Todd Utikal, Joanie Fields and Bill Butler.



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Community meeting on Garaventa Hills project next week

Livermore officials to share updates about contentious development proposal

BY CIERRA BAILEY

A development project set for North Livermore that seemed to be dead after an appellate court ruling last year may be getting revived.

The city of Livermore is planning to host a neighborhood meeting next Wednesday (Sept. 27) to share updated information about the contentious Garaventa Hills housing project.

The project, which has been in the works since 2011, refers to a plan proposed by developer Lafferty Communities to build roughly 40 homes on a privately owned 32-acre parcel of land located on a

hillside north of Interstate 580, east of Vasco Road and west of Laughlin Road.

The Livermore City Council initially approved the project back in 2019 but community group Save the Hill, which opposes the project, filed a lawsuit against the city under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), citing failure by the city to adequately evaluate the alternative of not doing the project and instead purchasing the land from the owners to preserve as open space — or the “no-project” option.

The lawsuit was rejected in superior court in April 2020 on the

grounds that Save the Hill failed to adequately raise their issue with the city during the administrative process before raising a legal challenge. That decision prompted the group to file an appeal.

The appellate court sided with Save the Hill in March 2022, reversing the superior court’s decision.

As a result, the council officially rescinded its approval of the project in November 2022.

According to the city, Lafferty Communities has since resubmitted the project back for review. The project includes revising the environmental impact report to analyze the no-project alternative in an

effort to address the inadequacies identified by the appellate court.

“The City is required to process all development proposals, including any proposal for the Garaventa Hills Project, and to allow a property owner to correct or modify a project and resubmit their proposal for review,” according to a page on the city’s website with details about the project.

“The property owners of the property which is the subject of this project have confirmed in writing that they are in contract with Lafferty Communities and do not wish to sell the property to the City,” the webpage reads.

The Lafferty Communities website currently has a webpage dedicated to the project that reads “Coming Soon” and describes the project as “a collection of 42 innovative Tuscan-styled homes against a backdrop of permanent open space.” However, there is no additional information related to the project on the site.

City officials told Livermore Vine that the neighborhood meeting for the Garaventa Hills project will be held on Wednesday (Sept. 27) from 6-8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Altamont Creek Elementary School located at 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road in Livermore. ■

SUNOL FLAG

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has been negatively affecting families of the small school that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

“I’ve seen Sunol Glen parents crying over what’s going on,” longtime Sunol resident Andrew Turnbull told the Weekly. “It’s affecting the middle school students that I’ve talked to. They’re bummed out ... that they’re banning the (pride) flag.”

Throughout the meeting last week, Board President Ryan Jergensen held his ground saying the resolution was not directed toward any specific flag and that it would help the district remove itself from endorsing any one particular group.

“It by no means restricts the free speech of teachers, it does not restrict the free speech of students,” Jergensen said during the Sept. 12 meeting. “It is only restricting the speech of the district itself.”

Jergensen did not respond to requests for comment this week.

However, according to Trustee Ted Romo, who cast the lone dissenting vote, the issue first started when the LGBTQ+ pride flag was displayed on the school’s flagpole back in June, after the flag was torn down from the fence outside of the campus.

Denise Kent Romo, a former Sunol Glen trustee who is married to Trustee Ted Romo, said that when Superintendent Molleen Barnes raised the pride flag on the pole, it was disappointing to see Jergensen support the now-adopted resolution rather than urging the board to denounce the flag being torn down from the fence.

“It’s just a very draconian resolution that was not well-thought-out,” Kent Romo said. “When it was written, I don’t think the teachers were consulted. I don’t think many parents were consulted. It was just something that seemed like it was just done very quickly, and jammed through, based on personal and religious beliefs.”

“Instead of showing support for students after the flag was torn off the fence, nobody said anything,” Kent Romo told the Weekly. “This all started because the flag was torn down and it was put on the flagpole to keep it safe, and I think that right there says a lot about the origins of this issue.”

One of the main arguments in favor of the resolution that Trustee Linda Hurley touched on during last week’s meeting was the potential legal risks that the small school could face if the resolution didn’t pass and certain groups were not allowed to raise their flags at the school.

Hurley did not respond to requests for comment this week.

But Alameda County Board of Education Area 7 Trustee Cheryl Cook-Kallio, whose district includes Sunol and whose daughter attended the school growing up, challenged Hurley’s lawsuit concerns. She told the Weekly that yes, the school could see potential legal issues, but only because the LGBTQ+ pride flag itself is protected speech.

“What they’ve done is they targeted themselves for litigation,” Cook-Kallio said.

Kent Romo added, “The rights of our LGBTQ students are very much protected by the state and federal government. They are not a special interest group. They are a marginalized group of people that the school must show that they support.”

While many parents and residents did touch on the negative impacts of the resolution related to the LGBTQ+ pride flag, one criticism that was shared among outside elected officials like Cook-Kallio was that the meeting itself was undemocratic.

Critics cited the 20 minutes of allotted time that they considered to be too short of a time to hear from the public — plus the clock was not being paused in between speakers, which cut the time for public comments even more.

“Every board I’ve ever been on ... we were really sensitive to the fact

that we couldn’t go on for nine or 10 hours,” Cook-Kallio added. “So to shut down comments like that ... I don’t think it’s right. I don’t think it’s what a public school board should be doing. I certainly don’t think trustees in the school district should do that.”

Pleasanton Vice Mayor Jack Balch, who graduated from Sunol Glen School in 1991, also took issue with how the meeting was run and said that even though he does not know Sunol’s governing board policies, they should have done more to make sure more voices were heard.

“What bothers me the most, I would say, would be the failure of democracy,” Balch told the Weekly. “The community has a right to be heard ... they were not given that opportunity.”

He said while he does understand the complexity surrounding the flag resolution, he did take issue — as did many others — with Jergensen kicking out everyone in the room, with help from county sheriff’s deputies, after many people began shouting over each other and interrupting the meeting.

There are also several people who said that apart from seeing the effect the resolution has had on the students and parents at the school, they feel unsafe of outside groups of people who supported the resolutions and who had shown up at the Sept. 12 meeting simply to agitate the community.

Crystal Freitas-Diamond, a parent of both a Sunol Glen kindergartener and a teacher at the school, told the Weekly that when she attended the Sept. 12 meeting, she had seen a lot of people who weren’t Sunol Glen parents there simply to agitate the community.

She said that even as someone who champions speaking out for things she believes in, she had been fearful of people who have been harassing her on social media on her viewpoints she shared against the resolution and in support of the LGBTQ+ community during her comments at the meeting.

“Somebody at that meeting took my name down to find me and to harass and bully me because they didn’t like my opinion. Even though their side won,” Freitas-Diamond said. “If those are the allies and the support to the people who were for the ban, that’s got to be an issue.”

Jergensen also voiced his own fears for his family in an email to the Weekly last week where he responded to claims that he is tied with those groups.

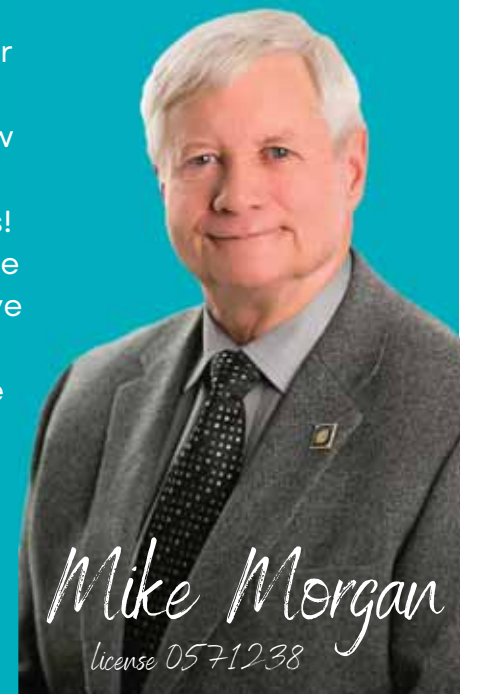
“I have no ties to any hate groups,” Jergensen wrote in the email. “I am

hurt that you assume that members of our community have ties to hate groups. There is no evidence of this.”

As one week passed since the controversial resolution vote, a public agenda was released on Tuesday for a special Sunol board meeting Wednesday (Sept. 20) at 2:30 p.m., including closed-session discussions about “discipline/dismissal/release” of an unspecified public employee and a performance evaluation for the superintendent. Check PleasantonWeekly.com for coverage of the results of the meeting. ■

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DUSD board rejects proposal to investigate if staff ignored its direction on grading practices

Trustee Cherrier walks out of meeting after 3-2 vote defeats possible six-figure internal probe

By NICOLE GONZALES

Dublin Unified School District trustees narrowly decided against initiating an investigation into the district's leadership staff to see if they have been fully implementing the board's directive earlier this summer to halt any standards-based grading.

At the end of another contentious debate stemming from teacher grading practices, the board voted 3-2 last week to defeat the proposal to hire a private firm to lead an extensive investigation of staff and district records — leading Trustee Dan Cherrier, who called for the probe and wanted it to cover adherence to other board decisions too, to walk out of the meeting after his motion failed.

"I will be voting no on this. I don't see the value in this," Trustee Kristin Speck said at the Sept. 12 meeting. "One of my roles as a trustee is to be conscious of our taxpayer dollars, and I do not think this is a good use of that money."

In July, after several months of debate, the board majority in support of the traditional grading system voted to discontinue standards-based grading trial cohorts from moving forward officially within the district.

Standards-based grading is known as a type of education assessment that tests students on "mastery of content" and typically offers multiple opportunities for success.

"This continues to be an issue with the general public," Cherrier said during last week's meeting. "And in my personal opinion, there's been a few times now where board direction has not been implemented to the best of its ability by leadership staff. I think it would be good to have an outside agency to look into what I'm alleging to see if that is the case, without any biases."

"I'm proposing an investigation into seeing if board direction is being followed by leadership staff, but not just limited to equity based grading," Cherrier added. "We need to get to the bottom of this and find out what's going on, because this is tearing this district apart."

According to the staff report, the investigation would see an outside firm review documents, communications and correspondence, and interview staff members. The probe would not exceed between \$25,000 and \$100,000, Cherrier stated.

Keoki Yee, DUSD computer technician and president of the local chapter of the California

School Employees Association, shared concerns during the meeting's public comment portion.

"We cannot have an investigation going on now. This needs to stop because this is harassment," Yee told the board. "We are here for the students; they should be the No. 1 priority on every level."

"With this money, we can have another campus supervisor to help out securing our campuses, we could have another food service worker, we could have another secretary in the office," Yee said. "This would be a waste of taxpayer money."

Monica Lewis, a seventh-grade English teacher at Fallon Middle School, also spoke against the motion.

"The board of education vows to work proactively to identify practices, policies and institutional barriers that negatively impact student learning and perpetuate achievement gaps — standards-based grading does just that," Lewis said.

"Board policy states that board members will ensure that stakeholders are provided opportunities to challenge practices that deny equitable instruction without fear of retribution. I want to remind you that staff are stakeholders too, teachers are stakeholders,"

she added. "If we can't challenge the traditional grading system that we are part of without fear of an investigation, you are breaking board policy. Board policy also says that employees' skills and knowledge are valued. We are not feeling that."

Board President Gabi Blackman expressed support for the investigation.

"Obviously this is upsetting to have to come back to this item time and time again," Blackman said. "As much as I want to support staff and what they're trying to do, I do think there are grading issues. I do find that I'm a little bit concerned with how this grading committee has morphed into something different."

"I would like to find out how it got to where it did. I think an investigation would help us understand where we came from, how we got here and maybe how we lost sight of what we were supposed to be focused on," Blackman said. "\$25,000 or \$100,000 is not a lot of money when you think about 13,000 students ... this is a drop in the bucket."

"The money and investment may reveal some truths and help us recalibrate," she added.

Student Trustee Anika Yu, a senior at Dublin High School,

shared her opposition to the investigation.

"As a district we should make decisions that help students," said Yu, who holds a non-voting position on the board. "On our campus there are a lot of things that could be done with that money, rather than this motion."

Board members Speck, Kristin Pelham and William Kuo gave comments that did not support Cherrier's proposed investigation.

"We're not going to find anything useful there. This investigation won't find anything that isn't already out there. I think the community still needs to hear more about it," said Kuo, who was part of the board majority to discontinue standards-based grading in July.

Prior to the vote, Cherrier made an announcement to his fellow board members and the public that he was dissatisfied with the way the conversation and discussion had been handled.

"After we take the vote and see what it's all going to be, I'm going to be leaving. I don't understand our role in being here if leadership doesn't follow anything we decide. It seems like we are wasting time," said Cherrier, who left the boardroom without returning for the rest of the business on the agenda that night. ■

Pleasanton solicits feedback for urban forest planning

Initiative part of implementing city's Climate Action Plan 2.0

By JUDE STRZEMP

From now through the end of October, the community is invited to offer its thoughts on Pleasanton's trees, using an online survey conducted by the city.

The responses and future input the city receives are set for consideration in the 25-year Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP), a developing framework for the long-term care, preservation and expansion of the community's urban forest.

Scheduled for completion between late-2024 and mid-2025, the UFMP will be an important tool for addressing the impacts of climate change, population increases and strains to infrastructure and resources, according to Heather Tiernan, communications manager for the city of Pleasanton and Matthew Gruber, a manager of the UFMP and landscape architect for the city.

"The City of Pleasanton has long valued the importance of trees and our urban forest to the beauty, value, health and welfare of our community and neighborhoods,"

Tiernan wrote in a statement. "(It) is looking to reinforce our commitment to the community and our urban forest by developing our first Urban Forest Master Plan."

An urban forest comprises all of the trees throughout the city that exist on streets, parks, homes, commercial properties and other locations, according to the city's UFMP webpage.

In terms of policy, the plan is being created to implement Pleasanton's Climate Action Plan 2.0 (CAP 2.0) and update the city's tree preservation ordinance.

CAP 2.0 is Pleasanton's plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, ultimately for improving the city's resilience to the impacts of climate change and improving quality of life and public health.

By 2030, CAP 2.0 targets the city with a 70% per capita reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, as compared to 1990. And by 2024, it plans for Pleasanton to become per capita, carbon neutral.

About 40% of the planned emission reductions will come from addressing transportation and

buildings' energy use.

Implementing state policy on waste reduction and recovery and creating a UFMP, which aims to increase carbon stores in the landscape, account for most of the remaining reductions, according to city officials.

Another catalyst for creating the UFMP was community concerns about the tree preservation ordinance, which includes rules regarding heritage tree preservation and removal. Updates to the ordinance will be guided by the UFMP, according to city staff.

The city is working with Dudek — an environmental, planning and engineering firm — to develop the UFMP.

The plan will inform its management recommendations with completed research, an updated inventory of city-managed trees and an analysis of canopy cover for the entire urban forest. The research will be used to analyze carbon sequestration (the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storage as carbon), average pollutant capture, avoided emissions and more, city officials said.

In addition to the current UFMP survey, Gruber said the city will conduct more outreach over time.

Community engagement regarding the UFMP was extended at the Pleasanton Farmers' Market last Saturday. The City Council is set to discuss the plan this fall. Plus, in early 2024, the city plans to open another community

survey regarding the UFMP.

"The more public feedback we have, the more relevant our recommendations in the master plan are going to be," Gruber said.

The approximately three-minute survey is available at ptowntrees.com. All questions are voluntary and participation is anonymous. City residence is not required. ■

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Meet Vicky

A brilliant and spirited girl with a personality as unique as her striking looks, Vicky is a bundle of energy and intellect, always seeking adventure and ready to outwit any challenge that comes her way. Her intelligence shines brightly in everything she does. If you're ready to embark on an exciting journey with a smart, energetic and independent companion, this Belgian Malinois might be the dog for you. Meet Vicky at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center; visit eastbayspca.org.

Hospital quietly changes CEO for second time

Acquisition decision looms in the fall for San Ramon Regional

By JEREMY WALSH

San Ramon Regional Medical Center has a new interim CEO for the second time in less than a year, all while federal regulators continue to review the proposal for John Muir Health to fully acquire the local hospital from its current majority owner.

Chief financial officer Beenu Chadha was promoted to interim

CEO earlier this summer, although no formal announcement was made publicly spotlighting the leadership change. The news was confirmed to the Pleasanton Weekly this week by Krista Deans, spokesperson for Tenet Healthcare's Northern California Group, which owns a majority interest in the San Ramon hospital.

Chadha took the reins in June

upon the retirement of Warren Kirk, Tenet NorCal's CEO who took on the role of interim CEO at San Ramon Regional when former CEO Ann Lucena resigned last October — another executive transition that was not publicized at the time.

"We typically don't distribute press releases for interim roles," Deans told the Weekly on Monday.

Lucena, who was hired in April 2018 and led the hospital through the COVID-19 pandemic, stepped down as CEO last fall in order to spend more time with her family, according to Deans.

The latest CEO change comes while the Federal Trade Commission continues its review of the proposal from John Muir Health, which owns 49% interest

in San Ramon Regional, to acquire the remaining 51% from Tenet for \$142.5 million and become sole owner.

The deal, which requires regulatory approval, was first announced this January. "We expect a decision in the next six to eight weeks," John Muir Health spokesperson Ben Drew told the Weekly on Tuesday. ■

WATER RATES

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its way to becoming insolvent in the next two years, as in not enough money to do the work that needs to be done."

"For as much as we could say tonight that we don't know what we're up against. We know that when we haven't done a citywide master plan in 30 years for our water system. And when we have PFAS contamination and we're trying to get 3,500 acre-feet out of the ground, we know we have tens of millions of dollars on the horizon to address those needs," Beaudin added.

The proposed rate structure from staff would have seen rates increase by 30% beginning Nov. 1, followed by another 20% increase beginning Jan. 1, 2025 and a 12% increase the following year.

According to the staff presentation, the first proposed rate increase would raise the average homeowner's bimonthly bill by \$33, which equates to an approximately 30% increase in the total water portion of the utility bill, or about a 13% increase to the overall utility bill.

This would also mark the first

rate structure overhaul since 2011 — water rates have only been adjusted for inflation since 2011, except for 2017, 2020, 2021 and 2022 when there weren't any increases at all, according to staff.

That all led to the water fund becoming unsustainable, which needs to be addressed in order to move forward with future water-related projects and operations in the city, according to Beaudin.

The council voted 4-1 in July, with Vice Mayor Jack Balch in dissent, to initiate the public notification process ahead of final rate increase consideration Tuesday night. However, Balch had initially asked the city to push pause and to actually wait until November so that more analysis could be done and so that more residents could weigh in on the discussion.

"This is welcome news, because on July 18, that's exactly what I asked for to happen, so I appreciate the willingness by the council to do it," Balch said.

While many residents had issues with not understanding how the rate increases would affect them and where the money generated from the increases would go toward, city officials held on

to their claims that some type of increases will be necessary in order to help accomplish several water related goals.

Those goals, according to city officials, include executing immediate city infrastructure system upgrades, increasing funding for the water supply alternative project design work, increasing funding to purchase water from the Zone 7 Water Agency for the next couple of years, increasing staffing to help implement solutions for the water distribution system and restoring the water enterprise fund.

Beaudin also said that the rate increases, along with the city's water supply alternatives study which the council discussed Tuesday night as well, are both part of a more comprehensive effort to reboot the city's water program.

However, many of the residents who spoke during Tuesday's meeting continued to say that the city has not done enough due diligence in informing residents on the specifics of the rate increases.

"Many of the messages you've heard here tonight, if you've been truly listening to people, should indicate to you that you haven't

been clear enough," Pleasanton resident Dean Wallace told the council. "It isn't a matter of you repeating yourselves. It's a matter of actually making yourselves clearer than you have been up to this point, engaging with the community the right way, being fully transparent, with straight-forward and clear language."

Even though the city only

received 202 validated written protests against the increases as of Tuesday night — in order to table the recommended rate increases the city would have had to receive 11,243 protests, or a majority of property owners in the city — the council agreed with delaying the decision so that staff could appropriately respond to resident concerns. ■

Stephen Lawrence Pinto

December 7, 1952 – September 14, 2023

Steve Pinto was born as the second of six children to his parents Larry and Ruth on December 7, 1952. He grew up in Oakland and graduated from Skyline High School in 1971.

As the son of a 35-year veteran of the Oakland Fire Department, Steve joined the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPPFD) in 1974. His younger brothers Mark and Chris would end up working as firefighters as well (Alameda County and Berkeley) to cement a Pinto family legacy committed to fire protection in the East Bay. On



February 26, 1978, Steve would marry the love of his life (Stella), and would remain happily married for 45 years. They moved to Livermore and had two daughters (Stephanie and Kristina) who attended Livermore schools and would follow their mom's lead by ultimately working as educators for LVJUSD. As a man of faith, Steve was generous with his time assisting on projects both big and small at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley. In his spare time, Steve loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter who also enjoyed fishing, water skiing, and playing golf. Additionally, Steve was an accomplished bass guitarist who played in various bands and loved listening to music (often on full blast if he thought nobody was around). After retiring from a distinguished career at LPPFD in 2007, Steve continued to remain active. He maintained the same part-time job repairing violins that he started at the age of 12, but his favorite past-time was going on trips and spending quality time with his family and friends. He especially loved being around his grandchildren. Steve was surrounded by family and friends at the moment of his untimely passing on September 14, 2023. He was loved deeply by all who knew him and is remembered for his friendly and gracious nature, spirit of service, and sense of humor. Steve is survived by his wife Stella, daughters Stephanie (Tim) and Kristina (Nick), grandchildren Sophia (age 9) and Liam (age 2), along with 3 sisters, 2 brothers, and 16 nieces and nephews. May his memory be eternal.

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COMMUNITY

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have activities for all ages from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Oct. 7, the plaza will host the 11th annual Taste of Africa Festival, in partnership with the Cheza Nami Foundation. Founded in 2011, the Pleasanton-based nonprofit aims to promote cultural diversity and awareness in the Tri-Valley.

Local artists will show off dance, music, art and food from African cultures — plus an African marketplace will offer handmade crafts and trinkets from regional vendors.

The Filipino Barrio Fiesta on Oct. 8 celebrates Filipinx American customs through art, food, music and dance. The one-day event is timed to coincide with Filipinx History Month that runs throughout October.

The acknowledgement was instituted in 2009 when a national law was passed declaring October as National Filipino American History Month.

New for LVA this year is the Pride Fest Livermore happening Oct. 21.

"Livermore Pride is the sponsor for this event; they are an amazing homegrown hometown group of local residents dedicated to building LGBTQ+ community, equity and inclusion in Livermore and the Tri-Valley," LVA officials said. "We strive to have all LGBTQ+ people feel seen and heard as valued members of our community. Love is love in Livermore."

LVA will close out the fall cultural celebrations with the Diwali Festival of Lights taking place Nov. 5.

Diwali is an ancient Hindu festival marking the start of the Hindu New Year; it is celebrated near autumn in South Asian countries

such as India or Nepal. It typically marks the last harvest of the year before the start of the winter season.

"Spiritually wise, (Diwali) signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair," according to LVA.

LVA invites the public to take part in the downtown Livermore celebrations, sponsored by Las Positas College.

"The public is invited to share in these free events and activities, all are welcome, to not only celebrate these beautiful and varied cultures from around the globe and from our own community but also to learn and grow from our shared history as Americans and, more greatly, as human beings," they added.

To find out more about the LVA cultural celebrations series, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Frank Laurence Uhler

June 29, 1937 – August 30, 2023

Longtime Pleasanton resident, and Amador Valley High School teacher, Frank Uhler passed away on Wednesday August 30th, 2023. Surrounded by his loving family, Frank passed in the Pleasanton home where he raised his family since 1967. He is survived by his wife Sharon Uhler, daughter Dana Pluck, son Kurt Uhler, grandchildren Trevor Pluck and Madeleine Pluck, his sisters Barb Lenmark and Pam Redstone and Brother-in-Law Jim Redstone.



while at Amador Valley High School in 1997.

Although he was born in 1937 he always said he felt he grew up during the Depression and was known to repurpose and value everything. The “original recycler” he would find second and third lives for most anything. He “reclaimed, repurposed, and recycled” long before the rest of the world became environmentally conscious. He had an unsuspecting eye for art, found beauty in ev-

Frank was born and raised in Bakersfield, California to Frank R. and Dorothy A. Uhler. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School where he excelled in academics, played clarinet in the marching band, and competed on the varsity swim team. After high school, Frank attended Bakersfield College, graduating in 1957. He spent the summer of 1956 as a volunteer fire fighter in Tehachapi. He then went on to Fresno where he worked in his Uncle Jim Rosetta’s hardware store, Fresno Ag, while attending Fresno State University. Graduating in 1959, he received a degree in Industrial Arts, with the plan of teaching his passions. His first years of teaching were at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia. The move to Visalia was fortuitous. Not only was the school the name of his favorite place to spend his free time — in the High Sierras — but Visalia was also where he met Sharon, his wife of 60 years.

His career path brought him to Hayward where he taught Shop at Sunset High School. His time serving honorably in the Air National Guard brought him to Fresno and back to Visalia where he continued his courtship of Sharon. They were married in August of 1963. In 1967, unable to afford a home in Hayward they ultimately moved “way out” to Pleasanton, a town with only one stop light. Frank left Sunset High to teach in the Pleasanton Unified School District, initially at Dublin High School, opening Foothill High School and finally retiring

everyday items, and rarely found a problem too impossible to solve. These traits were perfect for educating future wood shop, metal shop, auto shop, drafting, electronics, small engines, drivers’ education, math, and California history students.

To say he had hobbies is an understatement. So much of life interested him. Frank was an avid backpacker who loved the high country of the Sierra Nevadas. He was proud to have grown up in Kern County with easy access to Sequoia National Park, Yosemite National Park, and the Eastern side of the Sierras. He fished the streams and rivers as he hiked. He was a private pilot and aviation enthusiast, bragging to his son he actually heard history (sonic booms) as a kid. He loved to learn about history and could not be dragged out of a museum or hardware store. He helped his son restore a classic Mustang. He invented “take your daughter to work day” and claimed to be the first to throw a frisbee and have the family dog catch it. And through it all, his love for photography documented it all.

While Frank has left many people mourning his passing, we are all celebrating his contributions to our lives. As a father he was ALWAYS a teacher. He wouldn’t answer a question straight away but show you how to find the answer. As a family man, his relatives enjoyed his taco tray invention, or napkin holders. As a teacher he would always teach you “the right way” to do it, to not cut corners, to be patient, to take your time. He had a gift for passing on knowledge and was humble about accepting the credit. When moving about town, he would often run into former students, and they would say, “I still have that dust-pan I made in metal shop.” Recently, a former student wrote him, stating:

“Mr. Uhler, I have no words sufficient to thank you for your contributions to my life. I am telling you your contributions are carried forward to persons, companies, government agencies, and are in fact on Mars, the Moon, and in deep space. No one ever knows what the effects of our teachings are. I want to make sure you understand what you have done for me, and I suspect hundreds of others. ... I have considered it a privilege to have known you Mr. Uhler.”

A memorial inviting all who knew him and would like to share memories of Frank’s life will be held on October 14th at 1:00 pm at Valley Community Church located at 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton.



Photo taken by Frank L. Uhler, Mt. Whitney Trail

POLICE BULLETIN

Inmate accused of killing cellmate at Santa Rita Jail

A homicide investigation is underway after a 39-year-old inmate at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin died last week, authorities said.

Yuri Brand, of El Cerrito, was found unresponsive in his cell about 12:23 p.m. Sept. 13 during a routine check by deputies, according to the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office. Life-saving measures were performed by deputies and paramedics, but Brand died at the scene.

A homicide complaint has been submitted against Brand’s cellmate, Bryson Levy, 33, of Oakland, the sheriff’s office said in a news release.

The cause of death is unknown and will be determined by the Alameda County Coroner’s Bureau.

Brand was being held at the jail after being arrested Sept. 8 by Piedmont police for trespassing and violating his post-release community supervision, the sheriff’s office said.

Levy had been jailed by Oakland police on Sept. 12 for vandalism and violating conditions of his parole.

—Bay City News Service

In other news

• A local teenager was taken into custody in San Ramon on Sept. 14, following a shooting on one of the city’s main roads that police responded to late the night before.

The arrest came amid an investigation that was spurred by the report of a shooting on Bollinger Canyon Road near Harcourt Way — north of Windemere Ranch Middle School and Diablo Valley College’s San Ramon campus — with officers

responding shortly after 10 p.m. Sept. 13, according to a press release from San Ramon police.

Police determined that a shooting had occurred upon arriving at the scene, with multiple shots being fired by someone inside one vehicle at another vehicle carrying a driver and four passengers inside. No significant injuries were reported by the driver or passengers despite the vehicle being struck by several bullets, police said.

The ensuing overnight investigation led to covert surveillance tactics being employed by the department’s Investigations Division early the next morning to track a suspect’s vehicle, following review of evidence at the scene and from the city’s camera network, according to police.

The suspect, a 17-year-old San Ramon resident whose name was not released, was arrested within the city limits on suspicion of attempted murder after 1 p.m. Sept. 14 and subsequently booked into Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall, according to police. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 12

Theft

■ 8:33 a.m., 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; theft from structure

■ 8:05 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Fraud

■ 9:53 a.m. on the 4100 block of Cid Way

Vandalism

■ 11:16 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Assault/battery

■ 7:27 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Sept. 11

Theft

■ 8:11 a.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; auto theft

■ 10:13 a.m., 1200 block of Vintner Way; auto theft

■ 9:20 p.m. on the 7000 block of Valley Trails Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 3:06 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

■ 3:36 p.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road

Sept. 10

Domestic battery

■ 12:22 a.m. on Railroad Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 11:26 a.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 1:01 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Missing person

■ 12:22 p.m. at Paseo Navarro and Hopyard Road

Theft from structure

■ 1:01 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Sept. 9

DUI

■ 4:13 a.m. at Main and West Neal streets

Auto theft

■ 2:12 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation

■ 4:47 p.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Assault/battery

■ 7:47 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard



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GUEST OPINION

BY BRYAN GILLETTE

Come on Sunol, you can do better

Forty-one years ago I graduated from Sunol Glen School having attended kindergarten through eighth grade. I felt proud of my education and loved the town.

My teachers were outstanding and we were deeply involved in the community. My dad organized and designed the school's playground and handball court that stood well past our time in Sunol. My mom volunteered in every classroom during my nine years.

We have all contributed to the district in times of need. And, my family trust has a large financial donation to the school upon my death. No longer.

After graduating from Sunol Glen in 1982 and then moving on to Foothill High, I saw how insular the thinking was in our small town. I have come to realize the amount of racism and homophobic behaviors that were endemic

in the community.

At that time in the late '70s and early '80s, this behavior was more accepted. Not right, just accepted. There were no Black kids, no Asian kids and definitely no gay kids (that we knew about). Our diversity came from the two outsiders who drove in from Pleasanton and the one Hispanic kid living on the outskirts of town.

I can only imagine that any kid not identifying as a heterosexual during those years would have been beaten up on the playground. While we have made some progress since then, we still have a long way to go.

As I watch the debate rage on about whether a Pride flag should be flown below Old Glory and our state flag, I am disappointed with the stance the Sunol Glen School Board took. They missed an opportunity to raise awareness on a topic that needs to be more openly discussed. I am not suggesting that any flag be flown, but we should look at ways to represent those who need more representation.

The principal put the flag on the

fence, but someone tore it down. That is the crime and where our anger should be targeted. She then explored a way to safely display this symbol until people complained. I fully understand that by allowing any symbol to be flown on the flagpole, we run the risk of someone wanting to raise something hateful or inappropriate. It is a slippery slope. But, couldn't there be another solution?

I have two high school boys and hear about how kids are exploring their sexuality. It wasn't the case when I was in school and, to be honest, sometimes it confounds me. But then, sometimes older generations going, "Hmm, that is different" is progress. Remember when Black people couldn't ride in the front of the bus?

We need to be more inclusive. It doesn't mean that we have to like or agree with them, but at least accept their views.

I am Agnostic but still believe Christians, Jews and Muslims should be able to pray. I am not gay but still believe they should be able to marry, raise kids and openly display their affection without

retribution. It used to make me feel uncomfortable but that wasn't their problem, it was my ignorance. As a favorite quote of mine says, "Growth and comfort do not coexist."

They should also be welcomed into society just as I am every day as a white, middle-aged heterosexual male. Just because we raise a flag for a few weeks to give them a voice doesn't mean they are showing their views down our throats. It just means we are showing they are part of this society when for so many years we have shunned their lifestyle.

Come on Sunol, you can do better. Until then, I will remove the Sunol Glen School District from my will. And while my contribution may not change things, if others do the same, it just may. If you don't believe me, ask the Boy Scouts. ■

Editor's note: Bryan Gillette spent his entire childhood in Sunol and graduated from Sunol Glen School in 1982 before going to Foothill High School. He has lived in Pleasanton since 1995 and is actively involved in the community where he and his wife are raising their two teenage boys.



TAKE US ALONG



With cousins in London: Pleasanton's Debbie Faria (left) and her cousins Eileen and Kathleen met up with cousins from Ireland to celebrate their uncle's 90th birthday. The trip included a day of sightseeing in London with the Weekly.

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Pleasanton Senior Center celebrating big anniversary



How the Tri-Valley institution keeps visitors feeling active and connected

BY NICOLE GONZALES

Around noon everyday, dozens of seniors meet in the Pleasanton Senior Center dining hall to see what new greetings will find them. The daily lunch service offers much more than just food; it's a chance for friends, family and newcomers to mingle and offer support to one another.

Local residents have been gathering at the center — and finding community and purpose inside its walls — for three decades now.

Having opened its doors in 1993, the city-operated Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard reached its milestone 30th anniversary this month. Over the years the center has been established as a Tri-Valley institution, offering vital resources to its visitors.

“The Pleasanton Senior Center has been a dedicated space for

seniors to discover, connect and thrive,” said Zack Silva, city recreation supervisor. “For 30 years now, seniors have visited from all over the Tri-Valley to experience our stable opportunities for recreation, resources and socializing.”

“The center offers informational presentations, fitness programs and socially driven drop-in programs — these offerings serve as the backbone of the Senior Center community and help achieve the center’s mission,” Silva added.

Year-round, the staff and volunteers work to organize trips, outings and classes for local visitors. The center offers dozens of exercise classes, from zumba to yoga to core training. Most of these activities are provided for free or at a low cost.

The center is made up of a library, large dining hall, gift shop and various recreation rooms.

In one room visitors can play an intense game of ping pong, while in the room next door a group of women may be leading a crocheting class, and tucked away to the side is a one-room woodshop where guests can come in to create handmade trinkets.

Ken Morgan, a woodcarver, oversees the woodshop’s drop-in hours. Morgan spends most of his free time in the shop, along with fellow shop supervisors Cindy Pitner and Frank Hartley.

“The old rule was that folks couldn’t come in here unless they were 55 and older. Then the center opened up to younger and middle-aged adults,” Morgan said. Although primarily in the woodshop, Morgan has enjoyed using the center’s other resources like the exercise classes.

Hartley, who comes from an engineering background, builds woodworking items like a fully



At top: The Pleasanton Senior Center, which opened in 1993, celebrates its 30th anniversary this month. Over the years, the center has proved to be a vital institution for local seniors, offering resources, support and activities. (Photo courtesy City of Pleasanton). Above: An archival image of the Pleasanton Senior Center during its construction. (Photo courtesy City of Pleasanton)



NICOLE GONZALES

The Pleasanton Senior Center features a library, dining hall, various recreational rooms and The Peddler Shop gift and trinket store.

functional wooden pinball machine with complete electrical wiring and a timer.

“We work on projects like this. It’s interesting to see all the new tools and creations people come up with,” Hartley said. “Before COVID-19, more people came in here and then it started to slow down. But now slowly it’s starting to pick back up.”

Silva shared that the center has recently introduced a new list of activities to be offered at the center.

“The city plans to continue its role as a popular Tri-Valley destination for seniors by offering innovative programs,” he said. “Recently we have introduced new programs such as calligraphy, ikebana flower arranging and pickleball workshops.



NICOLE GONZALES

Ken Morgan, woodcarver, sits in the Senior Center woodshop with a selection of his creations. Morgan runs the shop during its drop-in hours, welcoming any new or familiar visitors.

We strive to offer something of interest for all seniors in Pleasanton.”

In celebration of the milestone anniversary, the center has organized a series of events throughout the month. This upcoming Thursday (Sept. 28) the center plans to host its anniversary social at 2 p.m.

Music, games and crafts will be available for free at the celebration.

Visitors can also look over a selection of resources related to transportation, health care and recreation.

“We understand the importance of the Senior Center to the community. Its attendance is consistently high; over 7,500 visits or deliveries are managed each month through the Senior Center,” Silva said. “We have dedicated staff, volunteers and

participants who bring the center to life.”

The Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., less than a mile from downtown Pleasanton. Regular operating hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. To learn more, visit cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 925-931-5365. ■

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Pleasanton woman sets age-record for Tahoe swim

Susie Krause, 81, completes 1-mile Sharkfest for third time

By JEANITA LYMAN

While Pleasanton's Stoneridge Creek senior living community offers its residents a range of fitness opportunities, its facilities might not be the first that come to mind as the daily training grounds for record-setting open water swimmers.

But that is what they have been for Susie Krause over the past several years and three competitions in the Lake Tahoe Sharkfest.

Organizers of the annual 1-mile open water swim near the northeastern shores of Lake Tahoe emphasize that the endeavor is for experienced swimmers only, specifically those who are able to swim a mile in a pool in 40 minutes or less — something that has come easily to 81-year-old Krause as the result of her daily fitness routine at Stoneridge Creek.

"I started doing it three times a week in our pool here, and I would swim a mile each time," said Krause, who set the record on Aug. 13 by becoming the oldest woman to ever complete the Sharkfest, with a time of 43 minutes, 13 seconds.

Her son, who lives and works near Lake Tahoe, was the one who initially encouraged her to put her swimming skills on display at the open water swim six years ago.

"He came up with this idea of doing the Sharkfest, and that's how that came about," Krause said. "And here I was 75 years old at the time."

That was 62 years after Krause's first and only open water swimming competition when she was 13 — which she won, despite approaching it as a casual experiment. However, growing up in the pre-Title IX era during which there was no women's swimming team for her to compete on as a teen led her to put her skills to use in synchronized swimming.

"It's more of an artform, but it's difficult," Krause said. "There's a lot of sculling and going underwater and slips and turns and so forth. I really enjoyed synchronized swimming, so that was more my expertise."

But timed, competitive swimming is in Krause's blood.

"My father had been a very good swimmer on the Yale team back in the 1920s," Krause said. "He was on the intercollegiate champion team in 1923, and he was very good at doing the breaststroke."

Decades later, Krause learned to swim with her father via his strong breaststroke abilities.

"I would swim on his back, and he would do the breaststroke and then I would let go and he'd just kind of let me paddle along," Krause said.

Krause's own children, including her son, were also drawn to the water.

"Our son and daughter were both on the swim team, and they were both competitive swimmers when they were young, and then our daughter did some swimming in high school," Krause said.



COURTESY SUSIE KRAUSE

Susie Krause poses with her family, including her son and grandson who also earned medals in the most recent Lake Tahoe Sharkfest. It was her son who first discovered Sharkfest and encouraged Krause to compete amid her regular lap swimming at Stoneridge Creek.

Both of her children are also Sharkfest competitors, with her grandson joining their ranks for the most recent event.

"My son took second; before he had taken first in both of them," Krause said. "Our grandson last-minute kind of signed up, and he'd been on a swim team for about two summers.

We got a first, a second, and a third place in this last Sharkfest. It's been a family affair."

While it had been five years since Krause last competed in the event for her second time at 76 years old, she said that she felt physically up to

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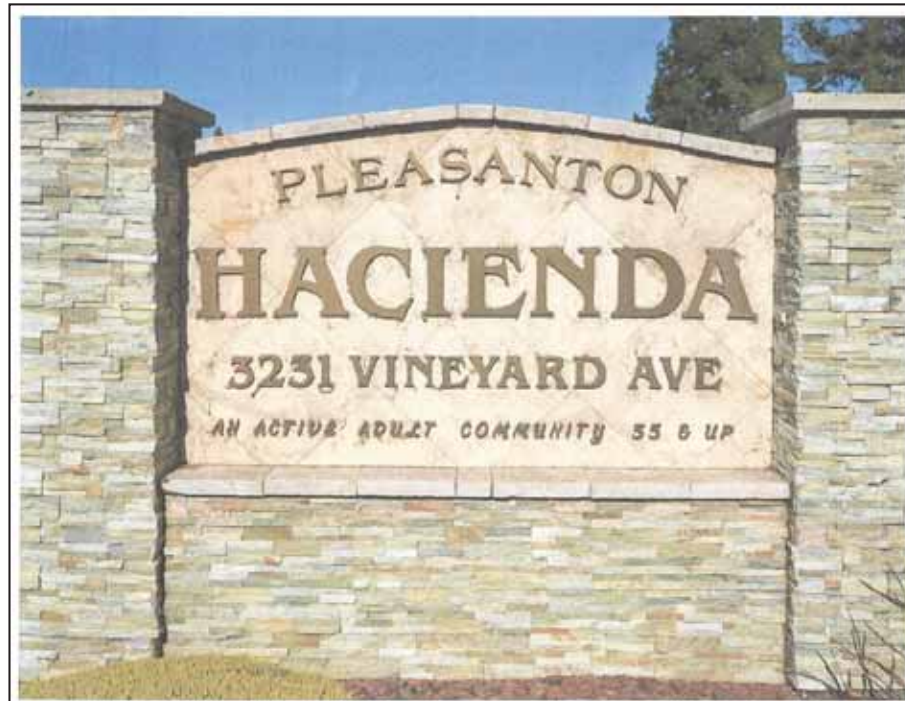
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Real estate in Pleasanton: 'There's still a lot of competition'

Some buyers not scared of rising rates, accepting 'new reality' of local market

By DAVID STARK

While buyers are faced with fewer choices and higher interest rates, they still want to call Pleasanton home.

"Most homebuyers still want to be homebuyers, and the mindset now is they are going to bite the bullet and make that payment," said Steve Medeiros, 2023 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

Medeiros was referring to the impact that higher mortgage interest rates and the lack of homes for sale are having on sales prices and buyer behavior.

Prices in Pleasanton peaked at more than \$2 million during March 2022. During that same period, interest rates were beginning to increase from the mid-3% range to the high-4% range.

Over the following months, prices dropped as mortgage rates continued to climb. By January 2023, the median sales price was approximately \$1.4 million while mortgage rates were in the mid-6% range.

The current interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is hovering in the 7% range. Rates were in the 5% range a year ago. Strong demand reversed the declining price trend. During August, the median sales price for a single-family detached home was approximately \$1.8 million.

Medeiros said higher mortgage interest rates kept buyers out of the market, "until they came to the conclusion that rates aren't going to go down anytime soon and they understand they have a new reality."

The buyers currently in the market are pushing prices up again. "There's still a lot of competition because there is less inventory. There are just more buyers than sellers," Medeiros said.

The seller's reaction to rising interest rates has resulted in fewer homes on the market. Sellers literally stayed home during the first two years of the COVID-19 crisis, which resulted in months of extremely restricted supply. Market conditions changed during 2022

as the world reopened and homeowners in Pleasanton began taking advantage of low interest rates and rising prices. By July 2022, with interest rates in the mid-5% range, there were 86 single family detached homes listed for sale in Pleasanton — which was more than double the number of homes for sale during July 2021.

As rates increased, sellers realized moving could mean significantly higher mortgage payments. They opted to stay home and enjoy their existing monthly payment. As a result, there were only 32 homes listed for sale in Pleasanton during August 2023.

Those who do have their home on the market have had to be realistic. "It's not like it was a year ago; sellers now have to be mindful that there may be buyers priced out of the market," Medeiros said.

He added that the limited supply of homes for sale does not negate the need for sellers to do some prep work. "You can't just throw an as-is on the market now," Medeiros said.



BAY EAST

David Stark reflects on the current state of the Pleasanton real estate market in his latest column for the Weekly.

"Some people do but they're not going to get the price point they want. If you want to get that price point, you're going to have to put a good product out there."

Circling back to homebuyers, Medeiros referenced the basic concept of supply and demand. Even as rising rates make it challenging for some buyers to act on their demand for homeownership in Pleasanton, complicated by a limited supply, they are still making it happen.

Buyers continue to be drawn to Pleasanton and are willing to make larger mortgage payments because it is still an attractive community. "Pleasanton will always be a marquee market because it is considered to be the perfect small town," Medeiros said. "There will always be high demand for Pleasanton." ■

Editor's note: David Stark is chief public affairs and communications officer for the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.

What Type of Home Matches Your Vision of Retirement?

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1. FOCUS ON FAMILY
If family plays an extensive role in your life, you'll probably need space to accommodate them. That might mean an extra bedroom or a play area for weekly grandchild visits. Or a multi-generational floor plan that carves out a living suite for an adult child's family—or yourself.

2. TRAVEL AND TAKING IT EASY
Perhaps home is where relaxation is the name of the game, and it's easy to travel because the property "takes care of itself." In this case, look for a home that minimizes maintenance and landscaping chores, perhaps focusing on townhomes or condos with homeowners' associations.

3. SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
If you thrive on social interactions, an age restricted community may be an excellent fit. Often, they offer a full schedule of activities and events where residents can easily make new acquaintances and build relationships.


4. STAYING PUT
Moving is hard work! If you want to minimize moves, focus on finding a "forever" home that will continue serving your needs if your health and mobility falter. Many buyers age 50+ prioritize one-floor living and aging in-place amenities.

5. EATING AND ENTERTAINING
Maybe you love cooking or hosting gatherings. In this case, prioritize a home with adequate entertaining space indoors and outside. And if you view retirement as a time to let your culinary skills shine, make sure your next home also includes the kitchen of your dreams.

6. STILL WORKING
If you aren't ready to relax into full retirement or need to continue working for financial reasons, make sure your next home can accommodate remote work (a dedicated office, quiet location, etc.) or is near appealing, in person job opportunities.


7. HAPPY HOBBYIST
Will retirement provide more time to devote to a favorite hobby—or to tackle new skills? Make sure your home includes space for your pursuits, such as a woodworking shop, a painting studio, or a crafts room. Outdoor enthusiasts may need room to store large equipment, like a fishing boat.

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County agency seeking input from older adults

Needs assessment to help direct staff on what services are most vital

By Christian Trujano

The Alameda County Area Agency on Aging is continuing to ask older adults to respond to its 2024-28 Countywide Area Plan for Older Adults survey so that the agency can determine their needs and identify issues that matter specifically to senior communities.

"It's really important that older adults respond so that the county, and government in general, can have a contemporary understanding of what the concerns and needs are for older adults," Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley told the Weekly.

"People are living longer," Miley added. "So it's important that the government understands what the needs are of older adults so we can begin to provide services that are meeting those needs ... we want to make sure that they age successfully and age gracefully."

The Area Agency on Aging, also known as the AAA, is a county department that uses federal money from the Older Americans Act federal initiative to fund programs such as the Meals on Wheels program,

which delivers food to senior citizens. It is also one of the major funding sources for senior centers across the county and helps fund other services such as transportation, case management and family caregiver support.

But the agency doesn't just offer these different services at random.

Every four years, AAA sends out a needs assessment survey to its older communities so that it can collect the data and incorporate it into its Countywide Area Plan for Older Adults. This year, there has been a bigger emphasis on collecting that data due to the fact that the last update to the plan happened before the pandemic.

"We're really looking at the lens of lessons learned," Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, director for the AAA, told the Weekly. "We want to take what we have found out in COVID ... and we want to make sure that we are addressing those issues in this plan."

Stephens-Pierre, who has led the agency for the last four years, said that as someone who champions elder justice and older adult services, it is important for her to hear directly from older adults about

their current needs given how much has changed in regard to how the county provides and offers services thanks to the pandemic.

She also said it's important to know what services need to get updated or reimagined because the fact is that older adults were the most impacted population from COVID.

"We need our older adults to tell us if we're on target, or to help us identify issues that we may not be aware of," Stephens-Pierre said.

She said that the countywide plan, which is a living document that gets used by different departments throughout the county, will be looking to mainly address food insecurity, disaster preparedness and social isolation, which has been a huge issue for older adults prior to and after the pandemic.

However, one of the biggest challenges that she said the agency will also have to address is the digital divide that has come out of the pandemic.

Older residents have considerably felt the impact from the sudden shift to online and virtual services, according to a journal

published in the National Center for Biotechnology Information titled "Overcoming the Digital Divide in the Post-COVID-19 'Reset': Enhancing Group Virtual Visits with Community Health Workers".

According to the journal, "less than one-third of Medicare beneficiaries aged over 65 years have reported digital access at home, and those aged over 75 years and with less than high school-level education are less likely to use technology for health care needs."

Stephens-Pierre said that while her agency has done things like providing older adults with iPads and helping them install Google speakers, there is still a huge educational divide in that a lot of seniors don't have access to Wi-Fi and don't know how to navigate the online world.

"As a result of the pandemic, a lot of things have switched over to online," Miley said. "If older adults don't have a sense of technology, have the devices to get connected and understand this, then they're going to be at a place where their needs aren't being responded to digitally and it's going to make them even more vulnerable as a population."

So Miley and Stephens-Pierre really stress how important it is for older adults to respond to the county survey, which will also incorporate data collected from July to August from the California Department of Aging's first ever statewide needs assessment for adults 55 years and older.

"There's a plethora of concerns out there and the issues of older adults can be minimized if they aren't speaking out and speaking up," Miley said. As someone who's a champion of older adults, I really feel it's important that we value and recognize the contribution that older adults have provided to our society, to our communities, to our families, and others and we can't do that if we don't understand their needs and concerns."

"We need to hear from you," Stephens-Pierre said. "don't let us guess what's best for you ... this is the chance for older adults to be at the table to tell us what their needs are."

The county's survey has been extended until Oct. 31 and can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACCWAP24-28. ■

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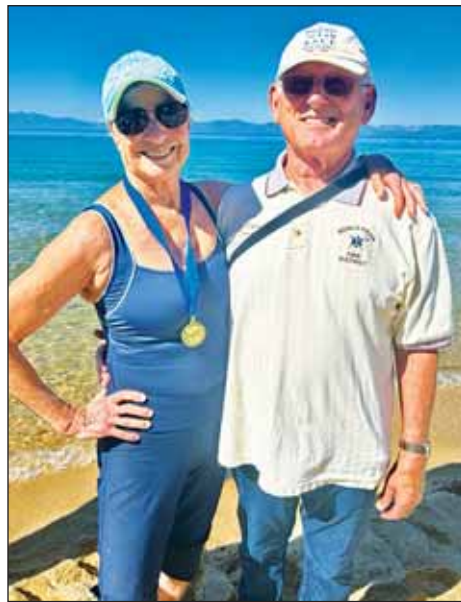
the challenge for the most part, with one exception being the elevation at Lake Tahoe and its impact on breathing.

“Strength wise, I felt physically really strong, really in good shape, but the thing that’s difficult is here I’m in a much lower altitude, and up in Tahoe I go up to 6,000 feet to do the swim,” Krause said. “I had to breathe every stroke instead of every three or four strokes.”

Krause said that the most recent Sharkfest would likely be her last, given the difficulty she faced with the altitude change compared to past years. However, she continues to challenge herself at the pool in Stoneridge Creek, as well as taking advantage of the other fitness facilities and a wide range of classes on a daily basis.

This has included an “Oceans 7” challenge — meant to replicate 150-mile distance and time spent swimming the seven open channels that are the peak of many open water swimmers’ careers — within the Stoneridge pool, which Krause was eight miles from finishing upon speaking with the Weekly on Sept. 6.

“That’s kind of been motivating me, and kind of keeping me challenged and so forth, and that’s another thing that I did to keep me in the pool and swimming the laps,” Krause said. “I’m probably doing as much physically as I used to, except I’m doing classes which I never used to do. Before, I was cycling and kayaking and skiing and running, and I played a lot of tennis, did that kind of thing, and I never really went to a gym until I came in here.”



COURTESY SUSIE KRAUSE

While Krause’s husband hasn’t competed in Sharkfest, the couple do enjoy many outdoor activities together.

With her daily presence at the Stoneridge fitness facilities, Krause said she aims to inspire her neighbors at Stoneridge, and that she is hoping to pass the Sharkfest torch on to her granddaughter.

“I’ve got a granddaughter who’s also been doing some swimming, and maybe I can hand it over,” Krause said. “I try to encourage people here because a lot of people are very supportive of me and they’ve been saying that I’ve been an inspiration to them. So I’m just trying to encourage people to keep exercising and keep going.” ■

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill girls' volleyball wins Bay Area Classic

Also: Amador inducting new Hall of Fame class

The Foothill High girls' volleyball team kept crushing it last week, taking a pair of East Bay Athletic League matches as well as winning the Bay Area Classic.

In a sweep of Livermore, the Falcons got highlights from Sophia Burdick (8 kills on 8 attempts), Kaycie Burdick (10 service points)

and Paige Nelson (5 kills).

Next, the Falcons beat Carondelet 3-0, getting great play from Katie Salonga (33 assists, 11 service points), Kait Vogel (16 service points, 12 digs) and Paige Bennett (15 kills, 5 aces).

In the tournament, Foothill beat Aptos (2-0), Sequoia (2-0), Central Catholic (2-0) and Monte

Vista in the final, 21-25, 25-8, 15-6. Highlights came from Salonga (105 assists, 32 service points, 20 digs), Bennett (46 kills, 37 digs, 26 service points), Kaycie Burdick (28 kills, 19 kills, 11 service points) and Vogel (31 digs, 22 service points).

Amador Hall of Fame

The Amador Valley Sports Hall of Fame will induct another deserving class this Friday (Sept. 22) before the Amador-Foothill football game.

Rick Sira, Greg Kragen, Jean Zedlitz, the 2010 baseball team, Art Morley and Neil Sweeney are the six new members.

Following is information on each of the inductees from the Amador HOF committee:

Rick Sira: Sira was at the helm of the Amador football team for 30 years, from 1985-2015. Coach Sira instituted one clear and emphatic credo to all his players: Big Team, Little Me.

Under his direction, the Amador Valley Dons won EBAL titles in 1996, 1997 and 2004; shared titles in 1994 and 1990. His teams reached North Coast Section playoff championship games in 1996, 1997 and 2004. Sira retired as the longest continuously tenured East Bay high school varsity football coach with one school. His wife Rita, son Brian and daughter Carley (both Amador grads) were very instrumental in Rick's success.

Greg Kragen: Kragen was a 1980 graduate, playing three years of basketball and four years of football. During his football career Kragen was named All-EBAL his senior year. He attended Utah State University and played defensive line for four years.

Kragen went on to the NFL where he spent the most time with the Denver Broncos, also playing for the Kansas City Chiefs and the Carolina Panthers during his 12-year career. Kragen played in the Pro Bowl in 1989, was part of five conference championships, and earned three Super Bowl berths.

Jean Zedlitz: Zedlitz graduated in



COURTESY DUSTY COLLINS

The Foothill Falcons girls' volleyball team won the 2023 Bay Area Classic tournament.

1986 and played varsity golf all four years. She won the 1985 EBAL title as a female competing against the boys and beat them all. Zedlitz attended UCLA on a golf scholarship and won three collegiate events in 1989. She played for 10 years on the LPGA Tour.

2010 Amador Valley baseball team: Coached by Lou Cesario, Vince Albanese, Erik Ekstrom, Tony Battilega and Kirk Ekstrom, the team accumulated incredible stats. They were the first baseball team to earn the title of EBAL champions in 30 years and the first team to win the NCS Championship in school history. They won 16 straight games and finished No. 1 in the state. This team was also ranked No. 1 in the nation for two weeks.

Art Morley: Morley lived in Pleasanton for 30 years. His six children attended Amador from 1985 to 2005 and participated in athletics. For 20-plus years, even after his kids graduated, Morley was a dedicated booster and supporter of Amador athletics.

Through these years he served in many capacities spending hours volunteering including Booster Club member, Amador Valley boys' and

girls' basketball announcer, helped construct the current stadium snack bar, gave inspirational speeches to teams, helped scouting upcoming football opponents and participated in countless booster fundraisers to help fund Amador athletics.

Neil Sweeney: Sweeney came to Amador in 1951 and was the varsity football coach from 1951-57. In 1957, he became an administrator at Amador and stayed in that role until 1972. As an administrator, Sweeney made it a point to attend as many Amador sports games as possible to support the coaches and athletes. He emphasized the importance of high school athletics and wanted the Amador sports teams to be successful.

Some of the current Hall of Fame coaches and teachers that Sweeney hired include Skip Mohatt and Don Underwood. All eight of Sweeney's children went to Amador, covering from 1951-1983. Three of Sweeney's grandchildren are also Amador alumni. ■

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

Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Senior DevOps Engineers in Pleasanton, CA. May Telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to backg. check. \$149,252 - \$196,500/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: R. Oliver. REF# 0801RA

Kunai Inc. in San Ramon, CA is seeking A) Sr Technical Architects to dvlp & dsgn SW solut'ns to enhance app perfrmnc & capability. Salary: \$183,310/yr; B) Sr. iOS Engineers to dvlp & dsgn mobile apps. Salary: \$183,310/yr. Both post'ns no trvl & WFH benefit. Send resumes to: Kunai, Inc., Attn: HR, 2603 Camino Ramon, Suite 200, San Ramon, CA 94583

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Interested applicants submit resumes by mail to: J. Thurston at Workday, Inc., Attn: Human Resources/Immigration, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code.

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Live football on TV30

Broadcasts start with Pleasanton rivalry game

BY JEREMY WALSH
Tri-Valley Community Television's award-winning coverage of local high school football returns for the 2023 season with three live broadcasts on the schedule starting with this week's Pleasanton rivalry game: Foothill at Amador Valley.

Featuring "Tri-Valley Sports Final" host Ian Bartholomew as the game announcer, the live broadcast will

begin at 6:45 p.m. Friday (Sept. 22) on Comcast Channel 30, AT&T U-verse Channel 99 and livestream on the TV30 website. The game will then air on repeat throughout the ensuing week.

"TV30 provides information from our local government and non-profits but we also recognize the importance of highlighting the community spirit at events like these games," TV30 Executive Director Melissa

Tench-Stevens said in a statement. "Televising these games is just a small part of Tri-Valley Television's commitment to the residents of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton."

The other two featured games for TV30 this season will be Amador at Dublin on Oct. 27 and Granada at Livermore on Nov. 3, with the same broadcast start time and plan for reruns that week. To learn more, visit tv30.org. ■

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File No.: 600741

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

1.) Value Printing Company, located at 4552 Alhambra Drive Fremont, CA 94536, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MICHAEL DARDIS

4552 Alhambra Dr.

Fremont, CA 94536

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2000

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 13 2023.

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COLES MARKET

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600563

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

1.) Coles market, located at 4277 First St. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

B MAROK ENTERPRISES INC

600 MARIE ANGELA DR TRACY CA 95377

CA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2023

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(PLW Sep 22, 29, Oct 6 and 13, 2023)

SUPERIOR FENCE AND RAIL OF EAST BAY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600572

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

1.) Superior Fence and Rail of East Bay, located at 6678 Sierra Lane Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

CAL EAST LLC

670 Sycamore Rd.

Pleasanton, CA 94566

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/25/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 06 2023.

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MILI'S HANDCRAFTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600618

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

1.) Mili's Handcrafts, located at 3932 Alma Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

SRYAM LLC

3932 Alma Ct.

Pleasanton, CA 94588

CA

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

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GOUS TOUR AGENCY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600591

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

1.) GOUS TOUR AGENCY, located at 7660 GLENBROOK CT PLEASANTON ,CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

HYUNG KEUN KIM

7660 GLENBROOK CT

PLEASANTON ,CA 94588

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

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ALLG SOLUTIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600751

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

1.) ALLG SOLUTIONS, located at 4349

DIAVILA AVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588,

ALAMEDA.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

PINHAO QIU

4349 DIAVILA AVE

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

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HEARTS FORWARD

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600597

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

1.) Hearts Forward, located at 600 Canyon

Oaks Drive, unit D, Oakland, CA 94605,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

CHARLIE REBICH

600 Canyon Oaks Drive, unit D, Oakland, CA

94605

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business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

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ABA SHINE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600307

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

1.) ABA SHINE, located at 44093 S Grimmer

Bldv, Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ABA SHINE

44093 S Grimmer Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538

Fremont, CA 94538

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/08/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 24 2023.

(PLW Sep 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

LIONSUN INTERNATIONAL LLC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600523

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

1.) Lionsun International LLC, located at 236

Rachael Pl, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

LIONSUN INTERNATIONAL LLC

236 Rachael Pl, Pleasanton CA 94566

California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

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(PLW Sep 15, 22, 29 and Oct 6, 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)

HOLIDAY ORCHARD

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599820

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

1.) Holiday Orchard, located at 6088 Sunol

Bldv Suite 111, Pleasanton, CA 94566,

Alameda.

Mailing address: PO BOX 1705, Pleasanton,

CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

PHILLIPS YEE

6865 Corte Munras

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/03/2023

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(PLW Sep 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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)

PR-2023-00113-A CITATION BY PUBLICATION

Juli Luke Denton County Clerk 3900 Morse

Street Denton, TX 76208

Applicant's Attorney: Christene Krupa Downs

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THE STATE OF TEXAS OF DENTON COUNTY

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be

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To Karen Elizabeth Morant & All Unknown

Heirs, And/Or Persons Interested In the

Estate of Barbara Elizabeth Morant Cause

No. PR-2023-00 113- A Probate Court #1 of

Denton County 3900 Morse Street Denton,

TX 76208:

Leslie Charles Morant, Applicant, in the

above numbered and styled estate filed an

Application for Probate of Copy of Will and

Issuance of Letters Testamentary on the 26th

day of January, 2023.

Said Application will be subject to be heard

and acted on by said Court at any call of the

docket on or after the first Monday after

the expiration of ten days of the date of this

publication of this notice. Accordingly, any

objections, intervention, or response must

be filed with the clerk of the above Court in

writing at or before the above referenced

time and date.

All persons interested in said estate

are hereby cited to appear before said

Honorable Court at or before said above

mentioned date and place by filing a written

answer contesting such application should

they desire to do so. Said written contest

or answer should be filed in the County

Clerk's Office, Probate Court #1, in the city of

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County Clerk, Denton County, Texas.

(PLW Sep 22, 29)

TO ALL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

McKnight v. Mcknight CH216881 as follows:

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Order on behalf of Respondent should not

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objection at least nine court days before the

matter is scheduled to be heard and must

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HEARING: October 16, 2023 at 9:00 am, Dept:

507 Family Law. filed on: August 11, 2023

(pub dates: Sep15, Sep 22, Sep 29, Oct 6)

(PLW Sep 15, 22, 29 and Oct 6, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

STEVE SOVIERO, STEPHEN V SOVIERO

Case No.: 23PR043171

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