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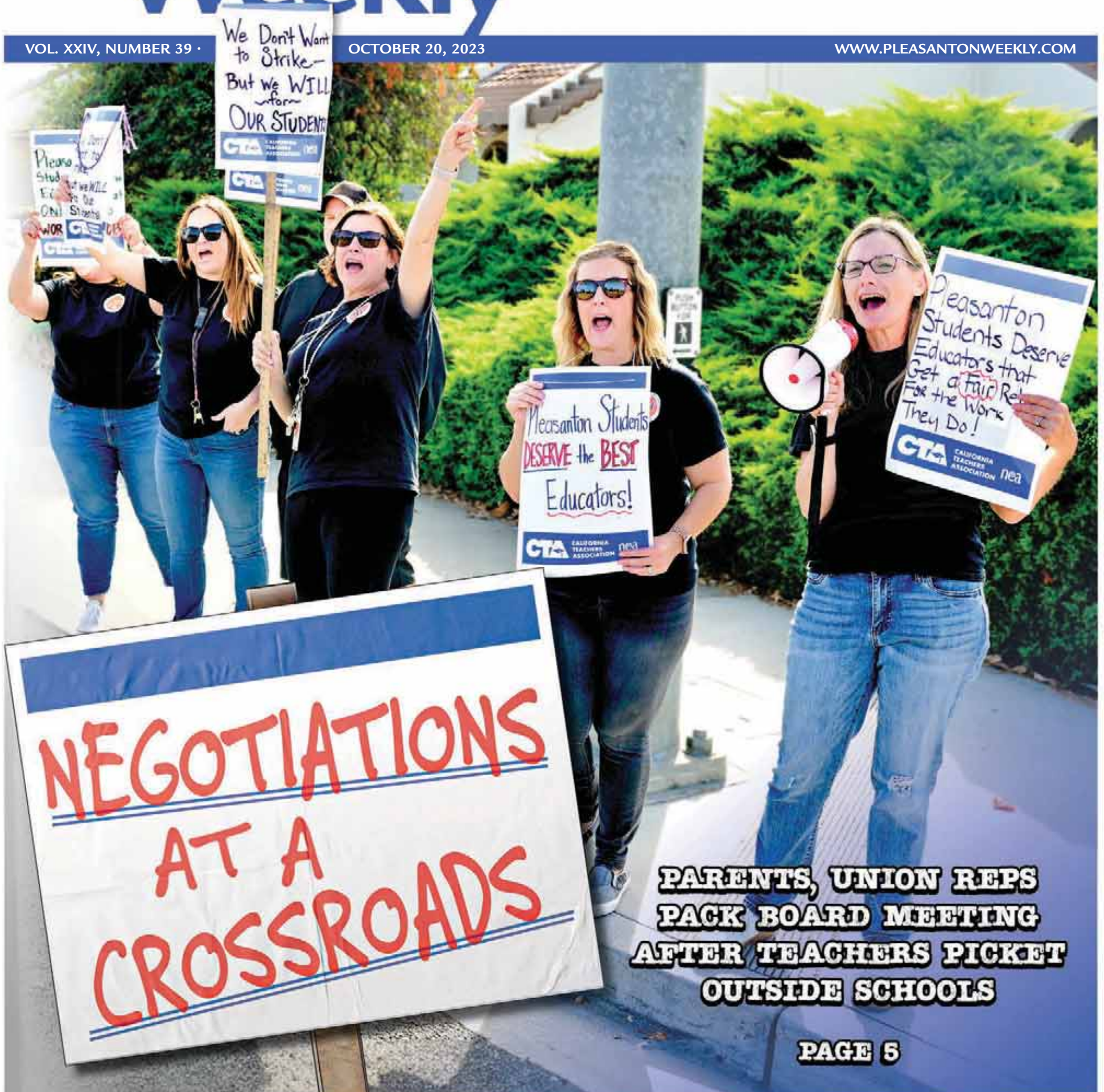
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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Never too early to plan

Although it's two weekends away, the anticipated gridlock is already on my mind.

Caltrans recently put out a press release reminding us in the Bay Area news media (and by proxy, everyone in the community) that southbound Interstate 680 will be fully closed between the I-680/I-580 connector in Pleasanton/Dublin down to Koopman Road in Sunol from the night of Nov. 3 through the early morning of Nov. 6.

This is the latest in what's been a handful of weekend-long shut-downs on one side of the freeway so far this year to accommodate major repaving work and the new express lane through this part of the Tri-Valley — in addition to recurring overnight lane closures during weeknights for roadwork and some daytime impacts on the right lanes for tree trimming along I-680.

To a degree, freeway construction has been the theme for the western side of Pleasanton in 2023. It's what I've thought about every time driving into and through town, watching the center median, shoulders and ramps change incrementally over the months.

These full-weekend closures certainly contribute to that feeling, ratcheting up the intensity for not only freeway drivers but the nearby neighborhood residents and businesses as well.

Part of the logic, as I see it, is that blocking off all of the lanes on a weekend is considered the best opportunity to get a large chunk of work area completed without impacting drivers during the work-week and ultimately shortening the overall project timeframe.

"This work will repair deteriorating existing pavements and enhance motorist safety while reducing the number of nightly closures needed on the project," Caltrans said of the upcoming weekend closure.

And while a sound argument in concept, it must be applied with caution, in moderation and by all means with public notification. Even though they aren't commute days, weekends are still very busy times for people traveling within or through the Tri-Valley.

Not to mention the fact pretty much every East Bay freeway will have trickle-down impacts.

When I-680 southbound is closed between Pleasanton and Sunol from 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, through 4 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, locally the Stoneridge Drive, Bernal Avenue

and Sunol Boulevard ramps on that side of the freeway will obviously be off-limits.

Southbound freeway drivers will be directed either east to I-580 to Highway 84 to south of the closure area in Sunol, or west to I-580 through Castro Valley to I-880 south, according to Caltrans.

Northbound lanes will be open in Pleasanton and Sunol, but I can only imagine the rubber-necking slow-downs that will occur south of Sunol as well as through the closure area.

In town, motorists on westbound Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton will only be allowed to take I-680 in the northbound direction.

Southbound Foothill Road and southbound Pleasanton Sunol Road will be closed at Castlewood Drive. Drivers on southbound Foothill can only turn left onto Castlewood Drive and only turn left again onto Pleasanton Sunol Road to northbound I-680, Caltrans said.

But the detours will be regional as well, to hopefully lessen traffic impacts for those already in the Tri-Valley.

Motorists on westbound I-80 in Vacaville and Fairfield will be told by signs that they can remain on I-80 to southbound I-880. Those on I-680 south near the Benicia-Martinez Bridge will be encouraged to take I-780 to the Carquinez Bridge instead. After the Benicia Bridge, I-680 southbound drivers will be urged over to Highway 4 (in Concord) or Highway 24 (in Walnut Creek).

People coming west on I-580 from the Tracy area are reminded of the option to take Highway 84 to get south of Sunol, rather than drive through Dublin and Pleasanton.

"Caltrans is aware that the closures will impact the motoring public and measures are being taken to minimize inconvenience. Caltrans thanks the motoring public in advance for your patience as we work to improve I-680," they said. No kidding.

My advice: To the best of your ability, consider adjusting plans that weekend to avoid driving on that stretch of I-680, or really any other freeway in the Tri-Valley or in the entire East Bay for that matter — or if it can't be avoided, ready yourself emotionally and physically for what could be a drive at slower than a snail's pace.

It's never too soon to prepare. Unless, of course, unexpected weather before or during that weekend cancels the whole thing, making it all for naught. C'est la vie. ■

About the Cover

Alisal Elementary School teachers hold up signs as part of a rally organized by the Association of Pleasanton Teachers after school on Oct. 12 amid ongoing tense negotiations with the district. Photo by Chuck Deckert.

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What types of hobbies and interests do you enjoy pursuing in your spare time?



Patrick Nguyen
Front desk

I actually don't have a whole lot of spare time to pursue my hobbies and interests, but when I do, it's most often with my family, especially my dad. I always know that whatever interest or hobby it happens to be, if I do it with my father, we'll have a really great time.



Christie Bru, with Molly
Elementary school teacher

I really enjoy gardening and sewing, and doing lots of home DIY projects. Also, I like to make decorative items by quilling, which is an art form involving strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to create beautiful designs.



Andy Bru
Aerospace engineer

I love playing guitar and participating in a co-ed softball league. I also enjoy flying small planes and have my private pilot's license. I do that as often as I can.



Alfred Bru
Retired/dog walker

I'm very interested in ancient history and ancient civilizations, particularly Roman and Egyptian. So I read a lot of books and watch a lot of documentaries about that. I'm also quite passionate about music, and making new music at home with all of the new technologies available.



Reed Zimpfer
Bartender/data analyst

COVID re-sparked my interest in video games because there were so few other activities I could do. I also like to hang out with my dog Charles. Another interest is to find and spend time at local coffee shops and beer gardens — not big chains — because I find that that brings me opportunities to meet like-minded people. Working out at the gym is something else I enjoy.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Exhibit extended

Citing its popularity, the Museum on Main has extended the run of its recent exhibit “The Don Century: Amador Valley High School 1923-2023” through the end of this year.

The exhibition, which opened in late August in recognition of Amador’s centennial anniversary, “features photographs and memorabilia from across all 10 decades of Amador’s existence, as well as video interview footage with alumni who attended Amador as far back as the 1940s and as recently as the 2020s,” museum officials said.

By extending “The Don Century,” the museum is not producing its annual “What Are You Afraid Of?” exhibit that aligns with its Ghost Walk program — but does plan to give the gallery a spooky makeover each night of the Ghost Walk and has created a scavenger hunt themed around fears and phobias.

The booking of the traveling display “Gadgets Galore!” has also been bumped from December to late 2024 instead.

Hexcel meetings

Dublin city officials are holding two community meetings next week to share information about the private project to redevelop the Hexcel building on the west side of Dublin as a new commercial life sciences complex.

Property owner Overton Moore Properties seeks to tear down the existing 62,175-square-foot Hexcel research and development facility and build a new 125,304-square-foot complex with a light-industrial, advanced manufacturing and life sciences facility, 217 parking stalls and related site improvements. The land is at 11711 Dublin Blvd., just west of the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery and Dublin Heritage Park & Museums properties.

The meetings held via Zoom, which will provide the same information at each, are set for Wednesday (Oct. 25) at 6 p.m. and Thursday (Oct. 26) at 7 p.m. Learn more at <https://dublin-development.icitywork.com/>.

Bay Area Travel Study

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is working with regional transit agency partners to conduct the “Bay Area Travel Study,” which aims to learn more about how people travel throughout the nine-county Bay Area.

“Our goal is a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and economically vibrant for all of our residents and is also a great place for all our region’s visitors to enjoy,” MTC Chair and Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza said in a statement. For more information, go to <https://bayareatravelstudy.mtc.ca.gov>. ■

Livid Fairlands parents demand answers; more details emerge in intruder’s case

District vows to hold community meeting at school to discuss situation in near future

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Fairlands Elementary School parents have been expressing their frustration about how the Pleasanton Unified School District handled the situation when an unauthorized man was found sleeping in a campus storage room with several knives nearly two weeks ago.

About 20 parents, including a former Fairlands teacher, spoke out during the Oct. 12 school board meeting to tell district officials that

they must take immediate actions to improve the school’s safety protocols and practices so that something like that never happens again.

“We need immediate accountability at the top,” Dana Borys, a mother of two children who attend Fairlands, told the board on Oct. 12. “Superintendent David Haglund and Fairlands principal Heidi Deeringhoff must take responsibility now for this lapse in security to ensure personally this won’t happen again, otherwise there may be blood

on your hands ... This was a very close call.”

On Oct. 6, Fairlands students and staff experienced a lockdown after school employees found 32-year-old Rhodney Henderson, a transient out of Berkeley, sleeping in a storage area on the second floor of the school, according to authorities.

Henderson was found wearing only his boxers and lying on a couch surrounded by open food and drinks, according to a probable cause declaration written by Pleasanton

Police Department Officer Mario Guillermo. It was later discovered that he had concealed three knives — which police believe he took from the school’s kitchen — and a hammer underneath the pillow that he was sleeping on in the storage room.

Henderson has been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office with two felony counts: having weapons on school grounds and second-degree burglary.

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Amador Valley High School teachers rally in front of the campus on the afternoon of Oct. 12, with signs expressing their views on ongoing negotiations between their union and the district.

Negotiations at a crossroads

Parents, union reps pack board meeting after teachers picket outside schools

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Pleasanton teachers rallied in front of their respective schools across the city last week and packed the Board of Trustees meeting that same night as a way to show their support for their union’s ongoing negotiation efforts for a higher raise, fully paid health benefits and smaller class sizes.

While the Association of Pleasanton Teachers has not voted to authorize a strike as of Monday, according to union leadership, teachers and parents voiced their concerns about pay and benefits at the school board meeting while many teachers held up signs reading, “We don’t want to strike, but

we will for our students.”

“We used to be considered a destination district with competitive applicants, and we had our pick of the best teachers with years of experience,” Bree Barnett Dreyfuss, a physics teacher at Amador Valley High School, told the trustees on Oct. 12. “Now it feels like our staff and admin are going through a revolving door. It’s a common joke that anyone competent will soon realize there are better places to work.”

Every year, the APT and district representatives negotiate salary, calendar and benefits as part of a three-year contract with the two parties. Each side of the bargaining teams gets the opportunity to

open to articles in the contract to renegotiate.

In May 2022, both sides approved a new collective bargaining agreement that included a 3.25% salary increase and 2% additional compensation benefits.

In addition to the salary raise, another 0.25% was added to the increase with the approval of a 2022 Public Agency Retirement Services memorandum of understanding for retirement incentive. This brought the total salary increase to 3.5% in the ratified 2022-23 APT contract.

The contract, which is open for negotiations every three years,

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Recall petition drive underway

Opponents accuse Price of being too soft on criminals

By **RUTH DUSSEAULT / BCN**

The race is on in the petition drive to recall Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price.

Representatives for the group Save Alameda For Everyone (SAFE) announced last week they have received 1,900 requests from volunteers to collect signatures and hired a professional petitioning firm that began canvassing on Oct. 9.

Price has faced backlash against her progressive policies. Her opponents consider her to be soft on crime.

“I think the ideal candidate is someone who will be willing to work as a D.A. and to rebuild what has been destroyed,” said Carl Chan, one of the group’s principals.

Chan said an ideal district attorney should be constructive and understand the needs of the county and make sure that victims’ families will be supported.

“But they must also avoid sending the wrong message to young people committing crime,” he said. “Committing crime is not OK!”

The District Attorney’s Office was



Pamela Price

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Sunol school board upholds contentious policy that bans LGBTQ+ pride flag

More speakers support prior resolution, want district to move on

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After listening to a mostly one-sided group of parents and community members, the Sunol Glen School Board of Trustees last week opted not to overturn a flag resolution that has caused a significant divide within the community in the past two months.

During last week's regular meeting, a resolution presented by Trustee Peter "Ted" Romo to repeal the past decision on limiting the school district to only fly the U.S. flag and state flag was unsuccessful as the other two members of the three-person board decided not to second Romo's motion.

Another resolution voicing support for Superintendent Molleen Barnes and the teachers at Sunol Glen — also written by Romo, who has been the lone dissenting voice against the flag ban that has been linked to support of the LGBTQ+ pride flag — did not receive a second for a vote either.

"Should either these resolutions be voted down ... there may be no other reasonable way to read this decision as other than a clear indication of the future direction of the members of the board here," Romo said during the Oct. 10 meeting. "One where we should not be surprised if when they seek other measures supported only by a minority and one where they seek to silence opposition whether it's voiced otherwise, by taking actions retaliatory or otherwise, whether it be against the superintendent directly, the teachers and the staff indirectly, or members of the greater Sunol school community."

A third resolution to shift the focus back to "educational excellence" was also on the agenda and grouped in the discussion with the other two but was also unsuccessful as the motion also failed without receiving a second.

On Sept. 12, the Sunol school board majority of Board President Ryan Jergensen and Trustee Linda Hurley voted to pass a resolution that bans Sunol Glen from displaying any flags that are not the U.S. or California state flags.

During that tense hearing, many public comments focused on the LGBTQ+ pride flag and how the resolution was only 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. Barnes allowed the LGBTQ+ pride emblem to be flown on the school flagpole in June after a previous such flag was torn down from a campus fence that month.

"In June of 2021 we hung it on

a fence. The Earth didn't stop. The Rapture didn't come. Gay kids felt more included. The end," Austin Bruckner, president of the Castro Valley Pride organization, told the board last week. "Gay kids felt safer, they felt more supported."

Bruckner also told Hurley and Jergensen that when they passed the Sept. 12 flag resolution, they added to the growing number of people around the country telling LGBTQ+ kids that "there is something wrong with them, when in fact the issue is you."

While there were a couple of voices who supported Romo's Oct. 10 resolution to repeal the flag decision, the overwhelming majority of the public speakers during the meeting focused on the fallout that has divided the Sunol community and how they need to put their focus back on the students.

Amber McKnight, a Sunol Glen parent, said that she had been trying to get more families to enroll their kids in the school — but now those families and kids are saying they don't want to go to Sunol because of how messy things have become in the small town.

"(They) have let me know that they are no longer comfortable because of the divisiveness ... they don't want to come because this is ridiculous," she said. "They don't want to come because our community is damaged beyond repair. At this point, we don't think there's actually a community to save."

She pointed out that there's a deeper issue than the flag resolution drama and that outside groups of people have been misconstruing what Sunolians actually feel about the flag resolution debate.

"You guys think this is about flags or religion? It's not. It's about our kids and our community and we are letting people come in here and treat us like we're not people ... and it's awful," she said. "Nobody cared about the flag not being on the pole ... We didn't care. It was only there because somebody stole it."

James Lowder, who ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the board last year, also touched on the harassment that Jergensen's family have said they have been experiencing when he took a moment to hold up several screenshot images purportedly from Trustee Romo's wife, Denise Kent Romo — who served as a Sunol school board trustee just a few years ago. The screenshots showed clown faces photoshopped over the face of Jergensen.

Jergensen had recently filed for and was initially granted a temporary restraining order against Kent Romo

after Jergensen alleged that her posts online have rallied people to send him threatening messages. Another court hearing in the civil case is expected soon.

"Outside organizations are threatening board members and injecting their partisan politics and influence in our local governance. This is not OK," Jergensen said in his opening remarks.

Lowder also voiced his disagreement with the Oct. 10 resolutions that Romo brought forward and how he, like many of the other public speakers, supported the original flag decision.

He said a school should only focus on educating children and it should not involve them in "partisan politics and culture wars", which he thought was what the previously approved flag resolution does.

During a tense closing comments section of that portion of the meeting, Hurley called out Romo, saying that he was the one putting fear into the community and into the teachers. She also said that any teachers worried about possibly losing their job — as Romo had previously mentioned — are getting those notions because of Romo.

"You put it out there that this was going to happen," Hurley said. "So if the teachers and the kids are alarmed, thank you, Mr. Romo, for putting that alarm out there on social media."

She also said that the resolution of support for teachers and the superintendent that was brought up on Tuesday was a blanket statement that she did not support. However, she said that any discrimination against teachers due to their political beliefs should not be tolerated and claims of mistreatment should be investigated on an individual level.

And while Hurley did blame Romo for falsely alarming people that the board and district would be taking disciplinary action on the superintendent and the teachers, she also said that the topic of Barnes was a different story.

"Of course I support the teachers," Hurley said. "We have already done a review on (Barnes) last spring and we have another one scheduled this coming spring, and we'll deal with it then. Right now is not a good time to ask me if I think she's done a really good job?"

Both Hurley and Jergensen now find themselves at the center of a potential recall effort that has been started by parents, teachers, former school board members and other Sunolians. According to the recall effort campaign website, unitedforsunol.org, the group is still in the phase of preparing paperwork. ■

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Vacant commercial buildings destroyed by fire

LPPFD, LPD officials working to determine cause of destructive blaze

By JEREMY WALSH

Flames raged through a set of empty commercial buildings in Livermore on Sunday evening, sending a major column of smoke billowing into the dusk sky and threatening an adjacent shopping center.

All told, three of the four vacant buildings in the 1500 block of Holmes Street were a total loss while the fourth was heavily damaged, according to Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Chief Joe Testa. The fire did spread to the roof of a neighboring retail building that includes

the Charming Fig among its tenants, causing some damage.

The first call came in just before 5:15 p.m. Sunday about buildings on fire just north of intersection of Holmes Street and Concannon Boulevard, according to Testa. It took firefighters from LPPFD and the Alameda County Fire Department nearly two hours to get the three-alarm fire under control at the long-vacant commercial complex.

There were no injuries to the public or fire crews during the incident, according to Testa. The cause of the fire remains under

investigation by LPPFD and the Livermore Police Department.

Access to Holmes Street and Concannon Boulevard through the area was closed to vehicular traffic during the fire response. All roadways had reopened by 9:30 p.m., according to LPD, who handled the road closures with assistance from the California Highway Patrol. ■



Firefighters work on the blaze at the vacant commercial complex on Holmes Street last Sunday. LPPFD

Viral video shows altercation involving students at LPC

Leads to statement from college decrying hate speech; investigation underway

By CIERRA BAILEY

Las Positas College officials are investigating an incident on campus that surfaced in a video online involving two students engaging in a heated verbal exchange.

The video was captured from the perspective of one person who was waving an Israeli flag and depicts another student approaching them while hurling verbal insults, including referring to the student holding the flag as a “Nazi” and accusing them of supporting genocide.

The student taking the video responded in kind saying, “you’re the one killing Jews,” among other claims.

The two engaged in a brief argument until the first student eventually walked away.

The roughly 30-second video began making its rounds on social media on Friday; however, LPC officials said they couldn’t confirm exactly when the interaction took place as it was not reported to campus safety or any other administrative office.

After being made aware of the clip, the campus posted a statement to social media that says the college “stands firmly against hate speech.”

“Harassment, antisemitism and all hate speech are unacceptable and do not reflect the mission and

values of our college. The safety and well-being of all students and employees on our campus will remain our highest priority. We will take appropriate action to support our students and their safety on campus,” the statement reads.

LPC officials said that they were not aware of any official event or demonstration that was planned for the campus in Livermore last Friday but they are conducting “a thorough investigation” to gather information about the altercation.

Some online commenters responded to LPC’s statement, calling for the suspension or expulsion of the student who is first seen

making insults in the video directed toward the person holding the flag.

The school said once it has its findings from the investigation, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with their student due process procedures. However, the outcome will remain confidential as student disciplinary records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, with limited exceptions. “In most cases, the college must obtain written permission from the student in order to release any information from a student’s education record,” the college said.

In addition to the initial statement in response to the video, LPC officials told Livermore Vine that the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has shared messages with the district community acknowledging the feelings of sadness, anxiety, grief and anger that many are experiencing.

“The district will continue to convey that there are resources available to both students and staff during these difficult times. These support services include mental health crisis resources that are available for free and are accessible through a variety of platforms,” LPC officials said. ■

RECALL

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asked for comment following the announcement but had not responded as of last week. Price’s campaign has not released a statement thus far.

According to the group, they must submit 73,195 verified signatures from registered Alameda County voters by March 5 to recall Price in a possible June special election.

They also need to raise \$2 million,

which they estimate will mostly go to pay for professional signature gathering toward the end of the drive, when canvassing will be door-to-door. Chan said “many” businesses have asked to be signature sites as well, mostly convenient stores and gas stations.

Brenda Grisham, another principal of SAFE, says she wants tougher sentencing for people who have committed murder. Grisham’s son, Christopher LaVell Jones, was killed

in the crossfire between gangs outside of a church on New Year’s Eve in 2010.

“They were never charged for my son’s murder,” Grisham said of the gunmen who shot her son. “One was killed by the police. The other killed someone else and is in prison for that, and the third has been in jail for federal gun charges.”

Grisham said she accompanies victims’ families to court.

“I also went to court with another

family where the young man has already been let go after two and a half years,” Grisham said, referring to the case of James Vega who, at the age of 28, shot Jarin Purvis in April 2020.

Vega was initially charged with murder in the case, but Price announced that she would instead seek involuntary manslaughter charges for the killing, saying it was an accidental shooting.

“And I sat there when the judge said, ‘we have to do what’s on this

piece of paper. We have to do what we’re told to do.’ So, this young man has killed someone. He’s been 2-1/2 years in jail, is a recent murderer. He does not have probation and he is not on an ankle monitor,” she said.

“We are not here trying to put people in jail,” Chan said. “What we are talking about are repeat offenders, people committing crimes over and over and over again, we cannot allow them to be on the streets hurting people continuously.” ■



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HIGHLIGHTS

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Complete Streets Checklist – 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program, I-680/Sunol Boulevard Interchange Modernization Project

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New dates set for Dublin Blvd. closures

Project installing trail overcrossing on city thoroughfare

By NICOLE GONZALES

Tri-Valley drivers can expect portions of Dublin Boulevard to completely shut down during two upcoming weekends for the installation of a new bridge overcrossing that aims to enhance pedestrian safety.

Closures of the road will take place between Dougherty Road to Hacienda Drive and are scheduled for this Saturday (Oct. 21) at 9 p.m. to Sunday (Oct. 22) at 9 p.m., and then Nov. 4 at 11 p.m. to Nov. 5 at 7 a.m. Detour signs displayed on the road will direct the flow of traffic south to Pleasanton.

The overcrossing is designed to create a safer, quicker path for pedestrians and cyclists traveling down the Iron Horse Regional Trail through Dublin. The first closure of Dublin Boulevard will allow workers to install the bridge piece, while the second will be to pour the concrete walkway on the bridge.

In their announcement, Dublin officials reminded residents that the closures may still be subject to change. "Please be aware that there is a possibility, due to unforeseen circumstances, that the dates and times of the closure may change," they said.

The installation and closures had previously been scheduled for September but were delayed after contractors at Goodfellow Bros. Sequoia detected faulty bolts in the overcrossing piece, city officials said.

The project has an estimated cost of \$14 million, supported by funds from Alameda County Measure BB and BART Measure RR. It aims to address present conditions for those traveling along the trail that are "quite skewed" and require additional maneuvering through intersections in traffic-heavy areas, city officials said. ■



CITY OF DUBLIN

The Iron Horse Trail overcrossing, as seen from above, will be installed this fall, causing closures for parts of Dublin Boulevard.

FAIRLANDS

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The criminal complaint states that he served time behind bars after being convicted for second-degree robbery in Contra Costa County in December 2009 and again in 2011. Due to those two past convictions, he was not eligible for probation.

It also states that he was on probation during the time of his arrest on Oct. 6. Henderson is being held at Santa Rita Jail without bail and was set to be arraigned on these charges on Wednesday at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin, with results pending as of press time.

Guillermo also stated in his report that when PPD received the call on Oct. 6, dispatch told officers that they had received a call that was possibly related the night before at around 8:24 p.m. of a person jumping the fence near the Fairlands multipurpose room.

"We received a call from a resident reporting someone jumping the fence. Officers responded to the school but they were not able to locate the individual," PPD Sgt.

Marty Billdt told the Weekly.

After examining video footage, it was later determined that Henderson did jump the fence and enter the school through an unlocked door while the night custodians were finishing their rounds of cleaning, authorities said.

Henderson was discovered at around 10:47 a.m. Oct. 6 and PPD arrived less than 10 minutes later to arrest Henderson before students and staff were given the all-clear notice at around 11:20 a.m., authorities said. No injuries or violence were reported during the school lockdown.

What followed after the incident were days of criticism by parents who said that the district did not provide timely details, did not provide staff with proper safety protocols and should have done more preventative measures so that the intruder could not have entered the school in the first place.

"Teachers truly put our students first to protect them before ourselves," Angela Girod, a parent of two former PUSD students and a former teacher at Fairlands from 2014 to 2021, told the board during

public comment on Oct. 12. "But did the teachers have all the tools in their training to truly protect those students? Did they have the wherewithal to actually know those kids were going to be safe? No. Not by any fault of theirs, but by the complete lack of preparedness, inconsistent training and practice provided by the district and by each school's site."

That's why Tomasz Borys said he and wife Dana organized a parent meeting on Oct. 11 so that a group of roughly 30 could brainstorm together on demands that they presented to the board the following day.

Tomasz Borys told the Weekly that he remembers when he got that initial lockdown notification on Oct. 6 and when his wife went over to the school to see what was happening, which is where she saw her daughter in the back area of the school.

"Our daughter was with a couple of friends and they ran up to the fence explaining to her that they're scared," Tomasz Borys told the Weekly.

He and all the other parents presented five demands to the school board on Oct. 12. for how the district needs to move forward with measures to prevent anything like this happening again.

The lead demand from parents was that the district needs to take immediate action to make sure that the school's doors and gates are locked at all times so that visitors have to be admitted upon approval.

"There's absolutely no excuse for the doors to be unlocked or wide open," Tomasz Borys said. "Someone from the inside can actually hit a button and unlock the doors, so I'm not quite sure why they're not actively utilizing that."

A few parents at the board meeting said that they actually witnessed the school's front gates open during school hours without any supervision.

Stephanie Mayer, mother of a 7-year-old Fairlands student, shared a story of going to the school last week and seeing its front-door wide open.

"On Wednesday I personally

witnessed the front door being wide open," Mayer told the board on Oct. 12. "I took a picture, went inside and asked what was going on and I got a BS excuse of why it was left open."

Parents also called for the district to work with PPD to do a full review of the video footage during the incident and provide a debrief to see where things went wrong so that the district can fix those issues.

They also want an overhaul of current security and lockdown processes including changing procedures for custodians when they clean the campus at night and creating a group of individuals who sweep the campus at night and in the morning before teachers and staff get there.

They said that lockdown procedures specifically need to be reassessed because, contrary to what the district said in their initial notices to parents, things did not go smoothly during the lockdown on Oct. 6.

Tomasz Borys said while the district tried to portray it as a situation where nobody got physically hurt — which is accurate — and that everything would be fine, to him it was a big deal because the breach could have been a lot worse.

"In this situation, it's kind of weird and sick that I'm saying this, but we got lucky," he said. "We got extremely lucky because this could have been a million times worse. Can you imagine if this person was armed?"

During his superintendent report out to the board on Oct. 12, Haglund did his best to address many of the concerns that parents had about the whole situation and said that while it was a difficult incident, he appreciated Fairlands staff and administration's swift response.

"I want to thank the entire Fairlands community and the team at the school site for their efforts to keep our students safe, even as they themselves were frightened," Haglund said.

He also said that while the investigation is still ongoing, the district will work on communicating any new developments in a transparent manner.

He added that while communication is not a simple task, the district tries to do so with "the utmost honesty, based on the information that we have in our hands at the time."

"If you've done communications, you know that often you give a message only to find out two minutes later that there's additional details that you didn't include," Haglund said. "That doesn't indicate that someone was trying to hide information from you. It just means that we're trying to communicate with the best information and the most accurate information that we have on hand at the time."

The superintendent did however mention that the district took notes during the Oct. 12 meeting and would be communicating back out to parents regarding the district's attempts to address some of the issues parents brought forward that night.

"These conversations are critical learning opportunities for our team, and will help to strengthen our sense — both our sense — of safety and community," Haglund said. "Please know that the district staff is committed to working collaboratively with each of our site teams to enhance the safety protocols for our staff and students at each PUSD school site."

But as PUSD works on enhancing safety protocols, Tomasz Borys made it clear that he and the rest of the parents want to continue to be a part of those discussions.

"We want to see what these protocols are ... and more importantly, what the timelines are going to be," he said.

The last demand from parents ties into that request as they called for a special meeting to be held with Fairlands administration, staff, parents, district leaders, custodian representatives and PPD so that they can look for tangible solutions.

The board collectively agreed at the end of the Oct. 12 meeting to hold a community meeting at Fairlands sometime in the near future after they review the incident more and confirm that they could get PPD out there as well. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Cruisin' Glacier Bay: The Jensen family of Kristina, Annalise, Bjorn and Sofie enjoyed a cruise of Glacier Bay in Alaska, posing here with the Weekly at the Margerie Glacier.

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TEACHERS

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covered the next three academic years and included a one-year settlement for the 2022-23 portion of the agreement and health benefits for employees in line with CalPERS health benefits — a maximum of \$5,000 including all CalPERS-required contributions.

APT President Cheryl Atkins told the Weekly that the two parties returned to the negotiation table this Tuesday but no deal was reached, with another bargaining session set for next week.

While the union has not voted on authorizing a strike and is not at an impasse with the district, they are not happy with the district's previous offer of a 6.3% pay raise, according to Atkins.

"Tuesday this week, APT and district management returned to the negotiating table," Atkins told the board during the Oct. 12 meeting. "There was very little movement on both sides and we were asked why? Why would we ask for a 15% raise as though we were being unreasonable? We say Pleasanton students deserve the best — we believe this and all of our asks support our students and our guiding principles."

District administration has not responded to requests for comments as of press time.

Atkins went on to explain why the APT is asking for the 15% raise as well as their requests for fully paid health benefits, reduced class sizes and changes to the school year work calendar, citing new ongoing money that the district has received, which could go toward paying teachers.

"Last year, the state gave an unprecedented amount of money to all districts, our district received 13.2% of new ongoing money," Atkins said. "That's approximately \$28 million of ongoing money. That means it comes every year."

Atkins referenced the 3.25% raise and \$5,000 toward medical that the APT agreed to with the district last year, saying that settlement was too small given the amount of money the district received from the state.

"APT saw just over \$3 million of the \$28 million, in increase of salary," Atkins said. "This has been the trend for the last five years."

She also talked about how the union pleaded with the district all year to reopen the bargaining agreement so that they could negotiate for better compensation given that increase in ongoing money, which the district declined due to wanting to wait for this year's round of negotiations.

"The district got a freebie for a year, but you knew we would be back. You knew we would be expecting a healthy raise like our surrounding districts were receiving and I reminded you every time I came up here to the dais," Atkins said. "I would have thought that you would have put some of that money aside to offer this year, but you haven't. We

continue to be an afterthought. Your people should be first."

She also said that at the end of this year, there was \$14 million in fallout money, which is extra ongoing money that wasn't spent by the district, that she said should have been factored into the district's offer to APT.

"You could have added the \$14 million to the 6% you already budgeted for and offered it to us, and we would likely be settled by now, but you didn't," she said. "Now this year, you've received another 8.22% of ongoing money and yet your offer hasn't even reflected that, let alone anything from last year."

She said that while the district points toward declining enrollment, deficit spending and the need to budget ongoing money from the state toward programs like special education, these are issues that other districts face and yet those districts still find ways to appropriately pay their teachers.

"Deficit spending is when you have to go into your savings account to pay your bills. We know many of our teachers have to do this repeatedly, or they need two jobs to pay their bills," Atkins said. "Budgets are projections and if there's \$14 million at the end of the year, this is not deficit spending."

Rachel Wysong, a Valley View Elementary parent, spoke to the school board in support of the teachers, saying that her daughter, who is in fourth grade, has only had first-year teachers throughout her time at Valley View.

"We lost almost half of our teachers last year," she said. "My daughter is in fourth grade and ... four out of her five teachers have been first-year teachers."

She said that while she does like first-year teachers, as they can be hungry and eager to teach, they might not be as prepared to handle classes as the experienced teachers, who she said are having to step in

and help the newer teachers.

"I'm watching all of our teachers be stressed to the limit. I'm watching them, they are tired, they are worn out," she said. "They are leaving because we are not paying them enough."

She also criticized the district for not meeting the APT's demands and that in order to keep teachers for longer than 12 years, they need to make the district a desirable place to work.

"Shame on all of you ... Enough is enough," Wysong added. "Stop dragging your feet, figure out how to fix your budget. Without teachers, we don't have schools; we don't have education." ■

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN Kiewit Property, Pleasanton, California 94556

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the **Kiewit Property (Site)**, located at **3300 Busch Road in Pleasanton, California 94566**. Historically, the Site was used as a borrow pit operation that was reportedly backfilled prior to the Kiewit Corporation (Kiewit) taking ownership of the property in the 1960s. Kiewit utilized the Site for storage and maintenance of construction equipment and materials. The draft RAW is a cleanup plan that proposes excavation to address the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons and polychlorinated biphenyls in soil at the Site. **The public comment period begins on October 23, 2023 and ends on November 27, 2023.** Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by Monday, **November 27, 2023**, and sent to: Matthew Kasjaka, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email to Matthew.Kasjaka@dtsc.ca.gov.

DTSC encourages you to comment on the draft RAW. We will consider and respond to all public comments before making a final decision on the draft RAW. A Response to Comments document will be sent to everyone who submits comments or requests a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be available on DTSC's EnviroStor database. You may review the draft RAW and other Site documents at the following information repositories:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60003462; City of Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Phone: (925) 931-3400; DTSC File Room, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826; Phone: (916) 255-4159; call for appointment.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) As a lead agency under CEQA, DTSC is required to evaluate and disclose significant environmental effects of a proposed project. DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption for the Site and determined that the project would not have a significant effect on public health or the environment.

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Bankhead books 'Theatre Festival Weekend'

'An Evening with Brian Stokes Mitchell', 'Cross That River' and star-studded 'Selected Shorts'

BY JEREMY WALSH

The essence of "theatre" entertainment will be on full display at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore for an entire weekend next month — with the big-name bill to match the occasion.

Over three consecutive days, the Bankhead's "Theatre Festival Weekend" will welcome a two-time Tony Award winner, a multi-E Emmy winner, another Emmy nominee, one of the most recognizable child stars of the '90s and a musical story about an early African American cowboy.

"These performances will bring 'theatre with an -re' alive right here at The Bankhead, with some absolute stars and stories that will entertain, fulfill, uplift and transport audiences, theatre fans both new and old," Livermore Valley Arts officials said.



Brian Stokes Mitchell

A longtime actor on stage and screen, with experience as a musical composer as well, Stokes Mitchell first gained wide prominence as a regular on the TV series "Trapper John, MD" in the late 1970s and early '80s.

Kicking off the Bankhead Presents special weekend will be "An Evening with Brian Stokes Mitchell" on Nov. 10.

As his career turned to the stage, the baritone performer became one of Broadway's leading men, earning a Tony for Best Actor in a Musical for "Kiss Me, Kate" in 2000 as well as nominations for his work in "Ragtime", "King Hedley II" and "Man of La Mancha". He received a second Tony, the Isabelle Stevenson Award, in 2016 for his charitable work with The Actors Fund.

He has amassed a range of notable credits on television, stage and in the voice booth over the decades.

"A passionate human being and a dynamic star performer, it will be a do-not-miss night of unparalleled artistry — with classic Broadway hits and contemporary favorites alike," LVA officials said.

The following night, Nov. 11, the Bankhead will host a rendition of "Cross That River: The Musical", which tells the story of a runaway slave who becomes one of America's first Black cowboys — a particularly relevant production for a community with a rich ranching heritage like Livermore. The show stars composer and co-writer Allan Harris in the lead role.

"Equal parts history and storytelling theatre follow the adventures of Blue, our protagonist, as he navigates through a world of danger and uncertainty to pursue his dreams of freedom and success, portraying a significant moment in American history where Black cowboys lived and helped



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"Cross That River: The Musical", the story of one of America's first Black cowboys, will be performed in Livermore on Nov. 11.

settle the West," LVA officials said. "This compelling tale of freedom integrates fiction with historical fact, and each song presents a different page in this complicated chapter of American history."

Closing out the festival on the afternoon of Nov. 12, three stars of stage and screen will present live theatrical readings as part of the "Selected Shorts: Let Us Tell You A Story".

"With sample themes covering everything from 'Uncharted Territories' and 'Timeless Classics' to 'New Beginnings' and 'Lovers & Strangers,' the theme(s) selected for Livermore will suit The Bankhead and the community, proving to be a truly memorable afternoon performance," LVA reps said.

The cast will feature two-time Emmy Award winner Tony Hale, of

"Veep" and "Arrested Development" fame; Jane Kaczmarek, a seven-time Emmy nominee for her work on "Malcolm in the Middle"; and Mara Wilson, known best for her childhood film credits including "Mrs. Doubtfire", the "Miracle on 34th Street" remake and "Matilda".

For tickets and more information about Bankhead Presents' "Theatre Festival Weekend", go to livermorearts.org. ■

Artists dress downtown trees for annual sweater forest

Livermore public art display running now through Nov. 19

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Under cloudy morning skies, artists installed some of the first tree sweaters for this year's downtown Livermore Tree Sweater Forest.

Designs of flowers, an autumn landscape, a giraffe and more kicked off the art installation's 10th year on Sept. 30, with each piece created using a fiber art technique like knitting or crocheting. During installations, passersby praised the sweaters and their artists with smiles and compliments, some stopping for photos and a moment of admiration.

Rachel Flory, co-coordinator of the Tree Sweater Forest and

artist behind the tree sweater named "Autumn Daisies," said she appreciates the community's positive reaction, as it reaffirms the purpose of the tree sweater forest — sparking joy.

"I love to make people smile," Cece Daly, creator of a tree sweater called "Gianna the Giraffe," said. "That's the whole reason why I do what I do with my crocheting."

Excitement for the sweaters spread from the street.

"The one outside is really fun," said Therapy Stores manager Danielle Benoit of Andie Rosendin's "Woodland Wonder" sweater, which is located outside the storefront. "I love little mushrooms and

things like that. I like seeing the trees look so cozy."

By late morning, just six of the anticipated 24 to 25 sweaters wrapped trees on First Street, two of which had been installed before the event's official start time at 9 a.m.

Nevertheless, Flory expected more sweater installations throughout the day and into the next couple weeks. This means people still have the opportunity to catch an installation in-action on First Street, between L and Maple streets.

The sweaters will remain installed until Nov. 19, after which artists can either take their tree sweaters home or donate them. ■



JUDE STRZEMP

Cece Daly, artist of "Gianna the Giraffe", poses next to crocheted creation at the downtown Livermore Tree Sweater Forest on Sept. 30.



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By DENNIS MILLER

Transfers add intrigue to Amador-Granada football showdown

Also: Highlights from girls' water polo, volleyball, tennis

When you play a football season, teams focus on one game at a time.

But, as focused as a team can be, it's impossible not to look ahead at times and circle the calendar.

For local high school football fans, it is easy for us to jump ahead and circle the calendars for certain games.

I had one last week with the De La Salle at San Ramon Valley game and it didn't disappoint, with the Wolves taking the Spartans to the limit before falling 33-27 in overtime.

This week had another circle on the calendar as Amador Valley travels to Granada.

Before the season started, I had the Mats and the Dons as the top two teams in the East Bay Athletic League Valley Division. And through the first two weeks of the league season, it certainly has shaken out that way.

Granada sits 6-2 overall and 2-0 in league. Amador is 5-2 and 2-0. They have the two most explosive offenses, with the winner all but locking up the Valley title midway through the league.

But there is one more thing that makes this an explosive game: The Granada transfers that went to Amador.

The Matadors have highly touted quarterback senior Quinn Boyd leading the way. He's got a great arm and has gotten a lot of deserving looks from Division I college football programs.

But there was another pretty good quarterback at Granada in junior Tristan Tia. With Boyd entrenched as the starter, Tia had two

options — play behind Boyd this season and then take the starting job as a senior, or transfer.

Tia, along with his cousin Paul Tia, took the latter and enrolled at Amador last spring. Due to horribly inconsistent transfer rules, the duo had to sit the first five games of the season.

Even with a sophomore at quarterback, the Dons played well enough to go 3-2 — including a 41-34 win over Monte Vista, a team that beat Granada 42-3.

Since the Tias have been eligible, it's been full steam ahead as a dynamic passing game has emerged. The Dons have beaten Dougherty Valley 70-0 and Livermore 42-7.

Granada beat a good Dublin side 21-14, then Dougherty Valley 42-7.

This all takes us to Friday night (Oct. 20). How does it shake out? That remains to be seen, but be sure of one thing: footballs will be filling the skies!

Foothill girls' volleyball

The Falcons ran off two more wins, clinching no less than a co-title and the No. 1 seed of the Valley Division for the EBAL playoffs.

The first game of the week — Foothill Senior Night — saw a 25-20, 25-14, 25-15 win over Granada.

All six of the Foothill seniors started, and all six had an impact on the game.

The highlights came from Paige Bennett (co-captain), Katie Salonga (co-captain), Nisa Kincaid, Maisha Sharma, Maddy Snodgrass and Ema Vukojevic.

The second match of the week was a 25-14, 25-17, 25-11 win over Dougherty Valley as the Falcons

ran their record to 30-1 on the season.

Highlights were provided by Kaycie Burdick (8 service points, 7 kills), Lulu Hoenninger (5 blocks, 2 kills) and Kait Vogel (7 digs, 6 service points).

Amador Valley girls' water polo

The Dons got seven goals from Susan Swyers on the way to a 14-5

win over Dublin last week. Abigail Jones had three goals, with Kate Hopkins, Olivia Vollgraf, Zahra Alami and Clare Kunich adding one each.

Goalie Deepika Suresh had seven saves for the Dons.

Amador girls' tennis

The Dons pulled out a pair of wins last week, shutting out Granada 9-0 and then easily scooting by San Ramon by a 7-2 final.

In the win over San Ramon Valley the wins came from Montana Parkinson-Lubold, Vedika Gowda, Neha Reddy, Aashvi Geddham and Megha Reddy in singles. Alayna

West and Bella Cheng took their doubles match, as did the team of Avital Belau and Rhea Anand.

Against Granada the Dons were perfect, winning all nine matches.

Parkinson-Lubold, Gowda, Geddham, Megha Reddy, Chloe Fan and Lanie Win swept the singles. In doubles, the teams of Neha Reddy/Deshpande, Ella Kuipers/Cheng and Belau/Priscilla Lam won their matches. ■

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PET OF THE WEEK



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An open letter to our readers: The changing, challenging state of local news

The seasons are changing. The leaves are changing. The local media landscape has been changing for a long time.

I started my career in journalism at a local daily newspaper in 1989, well before a number of Embarcadero Media's current reporters were born. At the time, the newsroom staff was being increased to report on communities surrounding the paper's primary coverage. They were growing an already robust roster of reporters because of reader complaints that the paper was "all ads."

Fast forward more years than I want to admit and we find exactly the opposite.

Advertising no longer supports the reporting resources necessary to do even basic meeting coverage, let alone investigative journalism and analysis. News organizations have closed, leaving "news deserts" — communities with little or no access to professional journalism and fact-based news coverage.

According to a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Hussman School of Journalism and Media study in 2020, at least 1,800 communities with a local news outlet in 2004 were without one at the beginning of 2020.

The organizations still standing are mere shadows of their former selves with thousands

of journalists being laid off or furloughed.

The consequences of losing news organizations and journalists are devastating and should alarm people who believe in democratic values.

Embracing the opportunity that comes with the challenge, our staff is looking to the future by making our own changes. We will soon introduce you to updated websites and ask for your input on ways to improve and increase our reporting.

Right now, though, our reporters and editors are working hard to keep our coverage consistent and quality high and paying these journalists continues to become more difficult.



Gina Channell Wilcox

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Gina Channell Wilcox
Embarcadero VP of Sales
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POLICE BULLETIN

School crossing guard hospitalized after being hit by vehicle

An SUV struck a crossing guard last week as students made their way to Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton, according to a district spokesperson.

Pleasanton Unified School District director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly that the collision, which occurred near Vineyard Avenue and Adams Way on the morning of Oct. 12, did happen while students were being dropped off at the elementary school located a couple blocks from the incident.

"There was an accident, unfortunately, and a crossing guard was hit by a vehicle and transported to the hospital," Gannon said. "There were unfortunately students and staff who witnessed."

Gannon said that the crash was severe and that the district was working with the Pleasanton Police Department to investigate the incident. He also said counselors and social workers were available to students and staff at the school throughout the day.

PPD Lt. Erik Silacci later stated in a press release that the collision occurred at around 7:48 a.m. Oct. 12.

"Witnesses reported a midsize

SUV struck a crossing guard who was assigned to that intersection. Officers rendered aid to the victim and he was transported to a local hospital with head injuries," Silacci stated.

PPD Sgt. Marty Billdt told the Weekly that because it is an ongoing investigation, the department is not identifying the driver or the crossing guard. He did, however, confirm that the crossing guard was "in stable condition" at an area hospital and expected to be released this week, as of Tuesday.

Silacci stated that the driver stayed at the scene of the incident and has been cooperating with police.

The circumstances of the collision remain under investigation. Alcohol, drugs and distracted driving did not appear to be factors in the crash, Silacci added.

"The city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District work in collaboration to ensure students and parents can safely walk, drive and bike to school, which includes traffic enforcement, community outreach and education and deployment of crossing guards at intersections near schools," Silacci wrote. "The city of Pleasanton reminds drivers to exercise caution while driving on city streets, especially in school zones where increased pedestrian traffic is common."

The roadways surrounding Vineyard Avenue and Adams Way in the area were closed for several

hours amid the police investigation, reopening just after 1 p.m. that day.

—Christian Trujano

In other news

- Hart Middle School was evacuated and searched last week after a bomb threat was called in but ultimately found to be not credible, according to a Pleasanton police spokesman.

Sgt. Billdt told the Weekly that the call was made at 12:24 p.m. Oct. 12, which forced the campus administration to evacuate the middle school on Willow Road.

PPD, along with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office bomb squad, searched the campus and did not find anything, Billdt said. The all-clear was issued at 1:56 p.m. after it was deemed safe for students and staff to return to the school.

He also stated that PPD does

investigate these types of threats and that the department will "try to identify the suspect to make an arrest."

—Christian Trujano

- A Livermore man died when his motorcycle was struck by a vehicle turning across North Mines Road late Tuesday afternoon, according to city police.

"The initial investigation suggests the driver did not see the motorcyclist and failed to yield to the motorcyclist. Police do not believe drugs nor alcohol played a role," the Livermore Police Department said in a statement.

The situation occurred around 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, reported to police as a traffic collision involving a red Honda CRV and a motorcycle on North Mines Road at Shirley Way. The T-intersection does not have a stop sign for either direction of North Mines Road.

Police reported that the motorcycle was traveling northbound on North Mines Road when the southbound SUV started turning left from North Mines Road onto Shirley Way and collided with the motorcycle.

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department personnel attempted life-saving measures, but the motorcyclist — identified only as a man in his 30s from Livermore — was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. His name is not being released publicly yet, with family notification pending.

The SUV driver, described as a woman in her early 60s from Livermore, remained on scene and was cooperating with the investigation, police said. Her name was also not revealed.

The circumstances of the deadly collision remain under police investigation. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 15

Theft

- 7:39 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- 8:28 a.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Oct. 14

Theft

- 1:46 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 5:01 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Oct. 13

Warrant arrest

- 10:12 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- 11:46 p.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Drive

Bicycle theft

- 10:23 a.m. on the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Oct. 12

Theft from structure

- 3:51 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 5:14 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 9:05 p.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

Oct. 11

Theft

- 6:54 a.m. at Blackbird Drive and Curlew Court
- 7:20 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 10

Theft

- 6:59 a.m. on the 4000 block Santa Rita Road

Alcohol violation

- 8:43 a.m. on the 4300 block Black Avenue

Theft

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

- 3:33 p.m., 5000 block of Case Avenue; bicycle theft

- 8:29 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

Oct. 9

DUI

- 12:14 a.m. at Muirwood Drive and West Las Positas Boulevard

Trespassing/prowl

- 3:26 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Assault/battery

- 6:55 a.m. on the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 7:32 a.m., 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue; bicycle theft
- 8:55 a.m., 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; auto theft
- 12:45 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 5:29 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 7:39 a.m. on the 5600 block of Gibraltar Drive

Richard L. Silla

October 4, 1928 – October 6, 2023

Richard L. Silla, Resident of Danville. October 4, 1928 - October 6, 2023. Rich passed peacefully at his home of 45 years, just two days after his 95th birthday. Born in San Jose, he attended Oakland schools, and upon graduation from Fremont High School, went to work for his father's business, C.G. Silla Music Company. Two years later he joined the National Guard, and a year after that, he married Gail Killian, his high school sweetheart. Before being discharged from the Guard, Rich was sent overseas to serve a year in Korea. After that, he returned home to go back to work in what later became the family business, Silla Music Company. After their father (C.G.) retired, Rich, together with his brother Joe, ran the business until they both retired in 1991.

Rich had a full life with Gail, his beloved wife of nearly 67 years. They were very active socially, until her passing in 2016. Rich greatly enjoyed boating and water skiing in the early years, but the latter half of his life was devoted to golf. An avid golfer for many years, he still met up with his golfing buddies for lunch on a regular basis.

Beloved by his entire family, Rich was also preceded in death by both of his brothers, Michael and Joe, and his niece Nancy Plummer. He is survived by his nephews Stephen Silla (Barbara), Mark Killian (Mona), niece Christine Smith (Russell), and six grand nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Vigil to be held at Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel, (1139 Saranap Avenue, Walnut Creek), on October 23, at 6:30 PM, and a mass to be held at St. Isidore Catholic Church (440 La Gonda Way, Danville), on October 24, 2023, at 10:30 AM. Reception to follow in the church hall.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of your choice, in his honor.

PAID OBITUARY

Amelia Puricelli

April 21, 1941 – October 4, 2023

Amelia passed away on Oct. 4th at home peacefully after a valiant battle with COPD with family and friends by her side.

Amelia is survived by husband George Puricelli — married for 64 years; her daughter Debbie Puricelli of Livermore, daughter Dorothy "Puricelli" Koons and her husband Jim Koons of Oceanside, CA.

She leaves behind 3 grandchildren: Ashley Vanderveen of Oceanside, CA and husband Kyle Vanderveen, Trevor Koons of Oceanside and Kyle Puricelli of Livermore. She welcomed her first Great-Grandson George Vanderveen late last year and was thrilled to have him in their life.

She was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

A service was held at Graham-Hitch in Pleasanton on Oct. 13th.

Final resting place will be at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Escalon, CA.



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Performing Arts

IMPROV PLAYHOUSE OF SAN FRANCISCO The Improv Playhouse of San Francisco highlights the premier improvisers in the Bay Area. The performers and the groups, along with their accomplishments and formats, are featured and celebrated in all that they do. 8 p.m., Oct. 20. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

MADS TOLLING & JOHN R BURR: RAMBLIN Two time Grammy Award winner Mads Tolling and Grammy nominee John R Burr perform in a live performance of their New Duo Album. John and Mads perform the beautiful piece, Ashokan Farewell. 8 p.m., Oct. 21. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

TELEGRAPH QUARTET, STRINGS Del Valle Fine Arts Presents Telegraph Quartet, strings, winners of the 2016 Naumburg competition and the 2014 Fischhoff Competition and now quartet-in-residence at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21. Tickets \$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS JOHN TESH - BIG BAND LIVE This highly anticipated concert features Tesh's signature style, blending contemporary and traditional big band music in a spectacular performance that will have you tapping your feet and humming

along. 3 p.m., Oct. 22. Tickets \$55-\$85. Visit livermorearts.org.

MISS FAYE CAROL JAZZ CONCERT Community members are invited to enjoy an afternoon of live jazz music with the dynamic Miss Faye Carol, accompanied by pianist Joe Warner. 2 p.m., Oct. 22. Livermore Civic Center Library. No registration required.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE - MAFIA-ESQUE The popular game MAFIA comes to life in this completely improvised and interactive show where Creatures of Impulse create characters on the stage, but several of them have nefarious plans. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 26-28; 2 p.m., Oct. 28. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

DISNEY'S MOANA JR. This thrilling and heartwarming coming-of-age story follows an adventurous teenager who is inspired to leave the safety and security of her island home on a daring journey to save her people and discover the truth about her heritage. 6 p.m., Oct. 26. Tickets \$25.50. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE FOUR PHANTOMS Broadway comes to the Bankhead with the Four Phantoms This stunning musical performance brings together four of the most talented Broadway actors who have each portrayed the iconic role of The Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera. 8 p.m., Oct. 27. Tickets \$90-\$125. Visit livermorearts.org.

PINK FLOYD CONCERT EXPERIENCE The Bay Area's House of Floyd performs the music of Pink Floyd and has gained a strong following for their unique ability to enthrall both the hard-core fans of the early adventurous Floyd and those who enjoy the songs and soundscapes that later brought them widespread appeal. 8 p.m., Oct. 28. Tickets \$39-\$59. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

LIVERMORE ART ASSOCIATION The Livermore Civic Center Library will showcase artwork from the Livermore Art Association, Nature's Gifts, now through Oct. 31. Visit livermoreartassociation.org.

THE DON CENTURY Featuring memorabilia and artifacts from throughout Amador Valley High School's history with clips from interviews with alumni and current and former faculty and staff. Through Dec. 31. 603 Main St. Visit museumonmain.org.

Family

PIRATES OF EMERSON Pirates of Emerson Haunted Themed Park returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for scary good fun. This walk through event is Northern California's premier haunted attraction. Now to Oct. 31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

AIA DUSSERA DIWALI DHAMAKA AIA Dussera Diwali Dhaka Celebrates Diwali (Festival of

Lights) with a Fireworks Display, Ravan Dahan, plus vendor booths featuring arts, crafts and clothing from India. There will be food booths and a Cultural program featuring Bollywood dances. Noon-11 p.m., Oct. 21. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

THE BIG BOUNCE AMERICA Spend time with family and friends in a magical, candy-colored wonderland of action-packed inflatable adventure. Individual sessions are available to suit all age groups from toddlers through to adults only. Oct. 21-22, and 27-29. Tickets \$35-\$45. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on West Angela Street. Visit pcfma.org/pleasanton.

PRIDE FEST LIVERMORE Pride Fest Livermore returns to the Bankhead Plaza with a celebration for the whole family. Free and open to the public. 12-3 p.m., Oct. 21.

PLEASANTON HARVEST FESTIVAL Featuring 24,000 American handmade arts and crafts such as fine & fashion jewelry, ceramics, original art, specialty food, decor, clothing, and much more. Oct. 27-29. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Employment

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File No.: 601130
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) EVMOD LLC, located at 37390 Cedar Blvd, Unit E., Newark, CA 94560, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EVMOD LLC
37390 Cedar Blvd, Unit E., Newark, CA 94560 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/15/2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2023.
(PLW Oct 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2023)

MA. T AFRICAN SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600386
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MA. T African Services, located at 755 Rose Avenue Apt. 13, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
AUGUSTINA A-FURHMAN
755 Rose Avenue Apt. 13 Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/25/2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 26 2023.
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DURASNARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601182
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Durasnare, located at 1807 Santa Rita

Road, Suite H128, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
Troce LLC
1807 Santa Rita Road, Suite H128 Pleasanton, CA 94566 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/19/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2023.
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DIABLO FABRICATORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600442
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Diablo Fabricators, located at 7055 Commerce Circle Ste C 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):
Kitchen Experts of Pleasanton, LLC
7055 Commerce Cir Ste. C Pleasanton, CA 94588 California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/01/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 30 2023.
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DENICA'S REAL FOOD KITCHEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600733
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) DENICA'S REAL FOOD KITCHEN, located at 4503 ROSEWOOD DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DENICA'S INC.
6058 DOUGHERTY ROAD
DUBLIN, CA 94568 CALIFORNIA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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VINOCONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600759
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Vinocons, located at 43575 Mission Blvd. #502 Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda.
Mailing Address: 44560 Montclair Ct., Fremont, CA 94539
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
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44560 Montclair Ct. Fremont, CA 94539
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FLETCHER TOWERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600974
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Fletcher Towers, located at 6088 Sunol Blvd, Suite 111, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
Mailing Address: PO BOX 70, 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 09/22/2023
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GK CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600777
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GK Construction, located at 8351 Regency Drive. Pleasanton. CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
GARY KNOWLES
8351 Regency Drive. Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 14 2023.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RAMON COLMENERO NAVARRO
Case No.: 23PR044708
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RAMON C. NAVARRO, RAMON COLMENERO NAVARRO, RAMON NAVARRO. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Susana Navarro in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that: Susana Navarro be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal

representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 27 2023 at 9:45 am in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Shack Chew Clark Hill PLC 505 Montgomery Street, 13th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111 415-984-8500 (PLW Oct 20, 27 and Nov 3, 2023)

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FALL PREVIEW 2023

Real Estate



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Searching for a 'normal' real estate market

Revealing Q&A with California Association of Realtors senior VP/chief economist

By DAVID STARK

Changing mortgage interest rates, limited choices for buyers and rising prices. Will residential real estate ever get back to "normal"?

Jordan Levine, senior vice president and chief economist for the California Association of Realtors, had several answers to this question during our recent conversation.

We started with a national issue that has a strong influence on local real estate: mortgage interest rates.

Question: CAR analysis that goes back to 1971 indicates sub-6% rates seem to be an exception. Let's start there. Is there a normal mortgage interest rate?

Levine: There is no normal mortgage interest rate. Rates are always going either up or down, and even when they're flat, that's a change from when they're going up or down. If you look back historically, except for the 2008 financial crisis, and the jobless recovery that followed it, rates have almost always been at or above 6%, so that's more the norm than anything else.

Q: Research from the California Department of Housing and Community Development tracks housing need based on population trends and housing production. Is there a "normal" supply of new housing or is the normal that we are normally undersupplied?

Levine: Unfortunately, normal has become far too little housing. The HCD say we need 180,000 units permitted each year to tread water on housing affordability. If you look at what we've done lately, we've been stuck around the 100,000-unit mark. In fact, we've been lucky to get over 100,000 over the last handful of years.

Q: Is there a normal supply of existing units for sale?



David Stark

Levine: We used to say six months of supply was normal. Unfortunately, if you look at where we've been, not just over the last couple of years but since the end of the financial crisis and subsequent bounce back, housing inventory has been tight.

Even before the pandemic, 2-1/2 months was the average. Now it's plunged even further.

We were in the sub-two months of supply range there for a bit last year when rates were still very low. But we remain below three months of supply. We're not even back to those kind of pre-pandemic levels of under supply let alone the six months that used to be normal. There's just simply not enough homes out there.

Q: Is there a normal number of units that are sold on an annual basis statewide?

Levine: Since 2010 when the market crashed to super low levels and then subsequently rebounded, sales have been about 400,000 annually. They've been a little higher, a little lower and pretty much stuck at that level for the last 10 years or so. Currently, they're down in mid-200,000 range.

I don't want to say 400,000 is normal because that's less than what we used to do in the 1970s, '80s, '90s, even early 2000s. Now we're significantly below that, but we have clawed back a few of the losses that we were suffering more acutely at the end of last year.

Q: What's a normal price for residential real estate in California or in the Bay Area specifically, if you can get that granular?

Levine: The normal price, and maybe this is wishful thinking, is one that folks can afford. But unfortunately, prices have gone up so much over the last couple of years, on top of another decade of growth.

Prices are high in the spring when everybody's buying homes, and they're always a little bit lower in the winter before they start rebounding.

Prices have been on a constant uptrend for the last 10 to 15 years, particularly in the Bay Area. They were hit hard by the financial crisis but have rebounded.

It's been almost constant growth to levels that, at one point when rates were still 3%, were in excess of \$2 million as a median price. There's no normal price, all we can hope is that incomes keep up with what happens on the price.

Q: Is there a normal real estate market?

Levine: There is no normal real estate market. Sales are always going up or down. Interest rates are always going up or down. There's no normal real estate market, not even in terms of inventory. It's never in that perfect equilibrium.

Q: How would you bring normalcy to the real estate market?

Levine: I would dramatically increase housing supply so that we don't have these wild swings one way or another. We'd have a housing stock that was more available, more affordable, still generating wealth and income for individuals and a little bit more resilient to these macroeconomic shifts that are inevitable. ■


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

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 11-15 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Sept. 18-22 for San Ramon

Pleasanton

- 4170 Angela Place** Bogert Family Trust to S. & T. Polapragada for \$2,175,000
- 1960 Brooktree Way** Adams Family Trust to P. & V. Duggineni for \$1,650,000
- 7860 Canyon Meadow Circle #G** E. Demaciel to Nim Family Trust for \$720,000
- 7671 Desertwood Lane** Kristof Family Trust to V. Quan for \$1,850,000
- 7866 Flagstone Drive** Passin Living Trust to Agrawal Living Trust for \$2,030,000
- 2934 Garden Creek Circle** Foreverhome Properties LLC to A. & A. Vimal for \$1,240,000
- 4159 Graham Street** K. Watson to H. & B. Deng for \$1,670,000
- 5108 Hummingbird Road** S. & M. Smith to D. & P. Nataraj for \$2,050,000
- 7844 La Quinta Court** Wechsler Trust to K. Gulati for \$1,625,000
- 4045 Moselle Court** Peters Family Trust to J. Wu for \$1,595,000
- 1500 Purisima Terrace** S. Taviloglu to S. & S. Kannan for \$1,190,000
- 575 Rowell Lane** R. & G. Yount to M. & J. Lam for \$1,800,000
- 2802 Vizzolini Court** B. Kim to P. & S. Ramineni for \$3,470,000

Livermore

- 1187 Aster Lane** D. & D. Terrill to D. & S. Tadinada for \$940,000
- 5597 Berwind Avenue** Holmes Family Trust to J. & R. Gandhi for \$1,237,000
- 1986 Cornflower Common** S. Silva to D. & S. Jadhav for \$1,040,500

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- 474 El Caminito** N. & M. Bryant to F. & E. Long for \$1,290,000
- 870 South G Street** A. & M. Sears to Scherbarth Trust for \$1,800,000
- 1342 Hudson Way** Three Z Investments Inc to Fernandez Family Trust for \$1,540,000
- 4893 Marcella Court** Vingo Living Trust to V. & G. Ganesh for \$1,300,000
- 3682 Oregon Way** N. & F. Hisbar to T. & A. Garcia for \$923,000
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- 11586 Alegra Drive** I. Chang to C. Owens for \$1,600,000
- 8500 Briarwood Lane** A. & D. Morris to Z. & D. Ng for \$1,315,000
- 11159 Brittany Lane** Ford Family Trust to Bala Trust for \$1,775,000
- 3622 Capoterra Way #58** Pietsch Family Trust to M. Zheng for \$1,171,000
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- 3330 Cydonia Court** Kanchana-Bandaru Family Trust to Ash Family Trust for \$2,323,000
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- 9664 Ashby Way** Fankhauser Family Trust to S. & V. Lanke for \$1,480,000
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- 6193 Lakeview Circle** Y. & B. Ashurov to N. & A. Chauhan for \$1,200,000
- 2058 Lemonwood Court** D. & J. Jackson to B. Sadanandan for \$1,950,000

- 1230 Mateo Miller Circle** Toll West Coast LLC to S. & D. Varanasi for \$2,082,000
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- 7506 Sedgefield Avenue** E. & V. Guaglianone to A. & S. Kalimuthu for \$1,705,000
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Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Sept. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$720,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,470,000
Average sales reported: \$1,774,230

Livermore (Sept. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$670,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,227,333

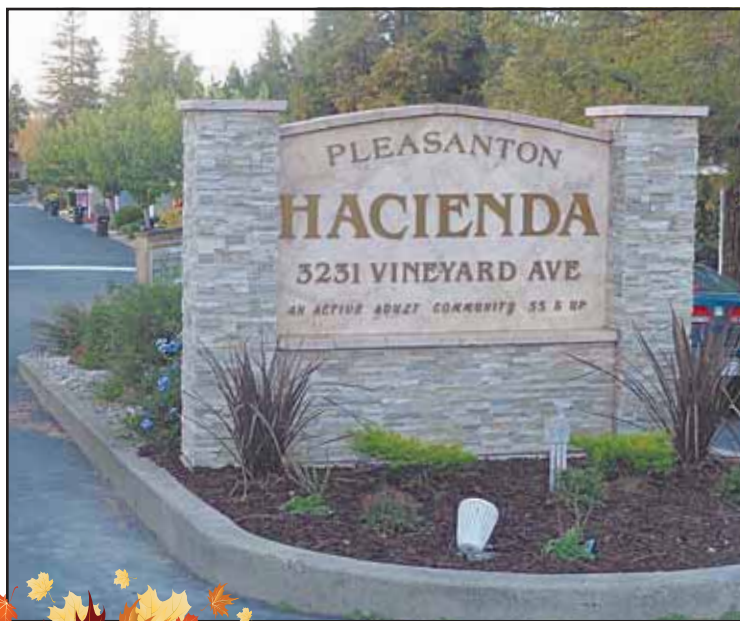
Dublin (Sept. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$862,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,432,000
Average sales reported: \$1,463,909

San Ramon (Sept. 18-22)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$680,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,157,000
Average sales reported: \$1,612,500

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Newsom signs 56 housing bills to boost affordability, help tenants

Residential developments will now be more streamlined, density laws can be overruled in the interest of housing

By **KATY ST. CLAIR / BCN**

California Gov. Gavin Newsom last week signed multiple housing bills aimed at tackling the state's lack of affordable housing and making it easier for tenants to rent a home in the first place.

Newsom signed a whopping 56 bills into law which he said "incentivize and reduce barriers to housing and support the development of more affordable homes."

Housing developments will now be more streamlined with less red tape, density laws can be overruled in the interest of housing, and institutions like colleges or religious organizations can now use portions of their property to build housing. Newsom also signed a bill that will please anyone who has tried to rent in California on a limited income: Landlords can now only collect one month's rent as a security deposit instead of two.

State Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) is especially pleased with the signings, as several of the bills were his, including creating a tax increment financing structure to replace 5,800 affordable homes in San Francisco that have been lost to redevelopment.

"California desperately needs to ramp up

housing production and the Governor's action today helps put us on a path to that goal," Wiener said in a statement on Oct. 11.

Of Wiener's bills, Newsom signed Senate Bill 423, which accelerates the development of affordable housing by strengthening the provisions of SB 35, which will sunset at the end of 2025. SB 35, another bill from Wiener back in 2016, allows projects to go through a simplified and expedited housing approval process in areas that are not on track to meet their housing production goals.

SB 423 continues the momentum of 35, but also includes "strong new labor standards," such as higher wages and health benefits for workers on housing developments.

Wiener also put forth the San Francisco Replacement Housing Act, or Senate Bill 593, which aims to mend the mistakes of the past by adding affordable housing to neighborhoods that were demolished for growth, displacing their lower-income residents. According to Wiener, examples of these neighborhoods are Japantown, SoMA, and the Western Addition. SB 593 will create 5,800 affordable homes in the city, Wiener said.

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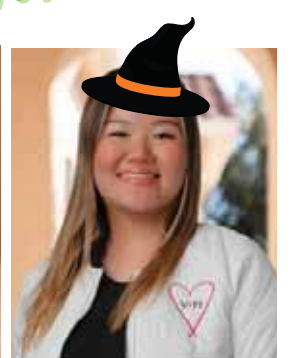
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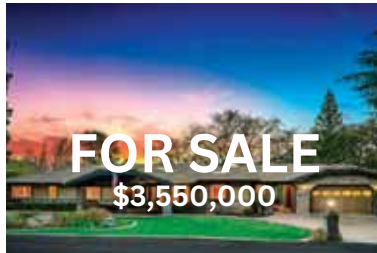
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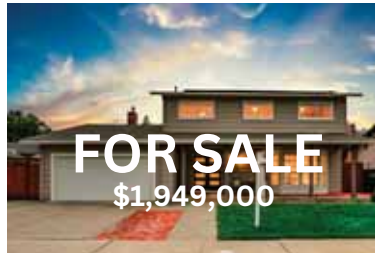


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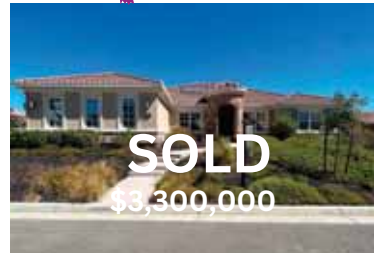
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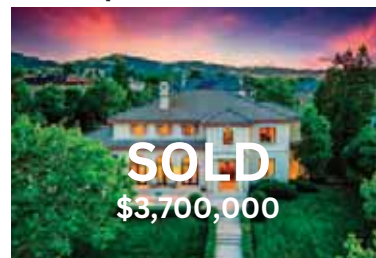
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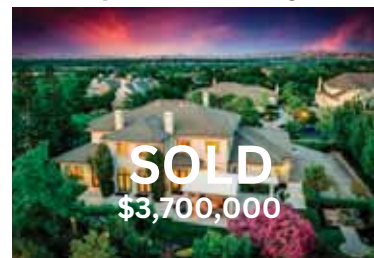
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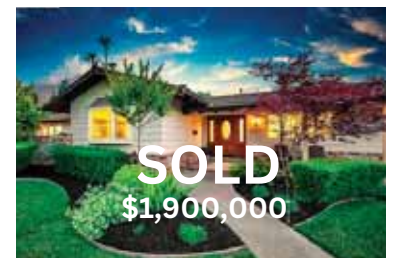
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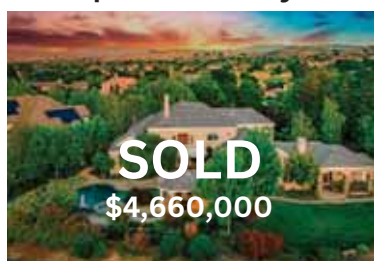
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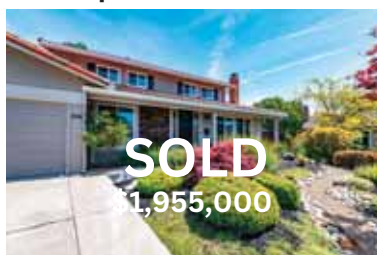
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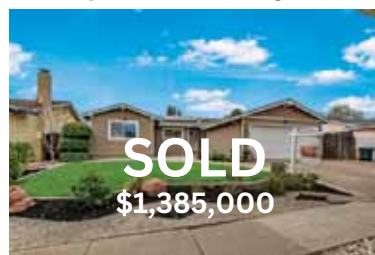
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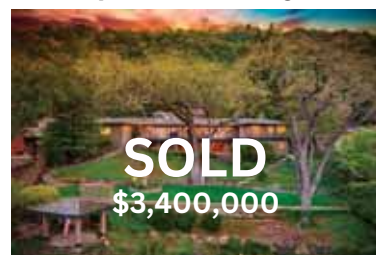
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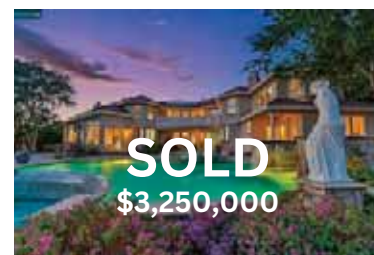
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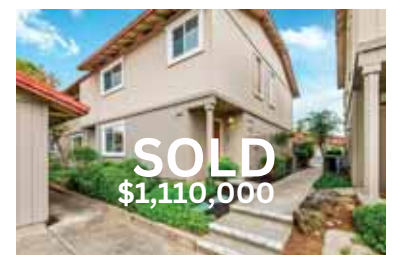
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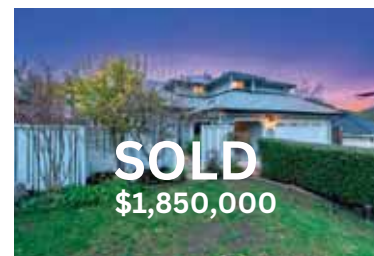
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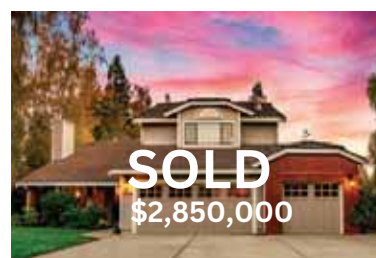
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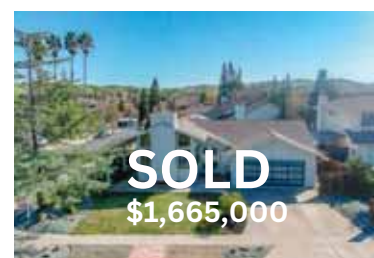
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Sunset Development President and CEO Alex Mehran Jr. and Belmont Village President and CEO Patricia Will pose at the site of the luxury senior community's San Ramon location in celebration of construction reaching its peak.

Belmont Village reaches construction milestone in San Ramon

Reservations underway for senior community set to open next year in Bishop Ranch

By JEANITA LYMAN

Belmont Village Senior Living in San Ramon is coming closer to fruition, with officials holding the topping-out ceremony this fall while reservations are now being accepted for the under-construction community and a showroom is set to offer a hands-on glimpse into its amenities opening next month.

The six-story, 177-unit project is being built in Bishop Ranch as part of Sunset Development's and city leaders' vision to revamp the area to include a range of housing, shopping and recreation options.

Construction on the project reached its peak this month with the topping-out ceremony, which recognizes the placement of the tallest and final beam in the structure, according to an announcement from developers on Oct. 6.

"We're excited to see Belmont Village reach this construction milestone and watch the progression of the beautiful building that will soon welcome residents and seamlessly integrate into our thriving Bishop Ranch community," Sunset President and CEO Alexander Mehran Jr. said. "This development represents our dedication to bring a diverse blend of residential offerings in San Ramon, and this partnership will undoubtedly further elevate the community."

To be located at 6151 Bollinger Canyon

Road, the Belmont Village complex is on track to open in late 2024 with a mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units for senior residents.

There are currently 15 Belmont Village communities throughout the state, including San Jose and Sunnyvale, that provide assisted living and memory care options as well as housing and luxury amenities for seniors.

For the San Ramon location, those amenities will include cuisine from a kitchen staff led by an executive chef throughout multiple dining venues, an art studio, full gym, heated pool and sports lounge.

"Belmont Village San Ramon is not just another senior living community; it's a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing high-quality care and support for older adults," said Patricia Will, founder and CEO of Belmont Village Senior Living. "We look forward to becoming an integral part of the San Ramon community and providing a warm and inviting place for seniors to call home."

Prospective residents can get a closeup view of what the community will look like starting in November, with a showroom and sales set to open next to the project site. ■

Editor's note: Embarcadero Media East Bay editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.

NEWSOM

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Assembly Bill 12 was signed by the governor as well. Assembly member Matt Haney (D-San Francisco) backed the bill, which expands tenant protections by limiting security deposits to one month's rent in instead of up to three times the rent.

"Massive security deposits can create insurmountable barriers to housing affordability and accessibility for millions of Californians," Haney said on social media last week. "Despite skyrocketing rents, laws on ensuring affordable security deposits haven't

changed substantially since the 1970s. The result is that landlords lose out on good tenants and tenants stay in homes that are too crowded, unsafe or far from work."

Other bills signed by Newsom establish penalties for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) abuse, allowing affordable accessory dwelling unit (ADU) condos, and expanding density bonuses, which give developers the ability to increase density above the maximum allowed in a municipality's General Plan.

"It's simple math," Newsom said in a statement released by his office. "California needs to build more housing and ensure the housing we have is affordable." ■

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