

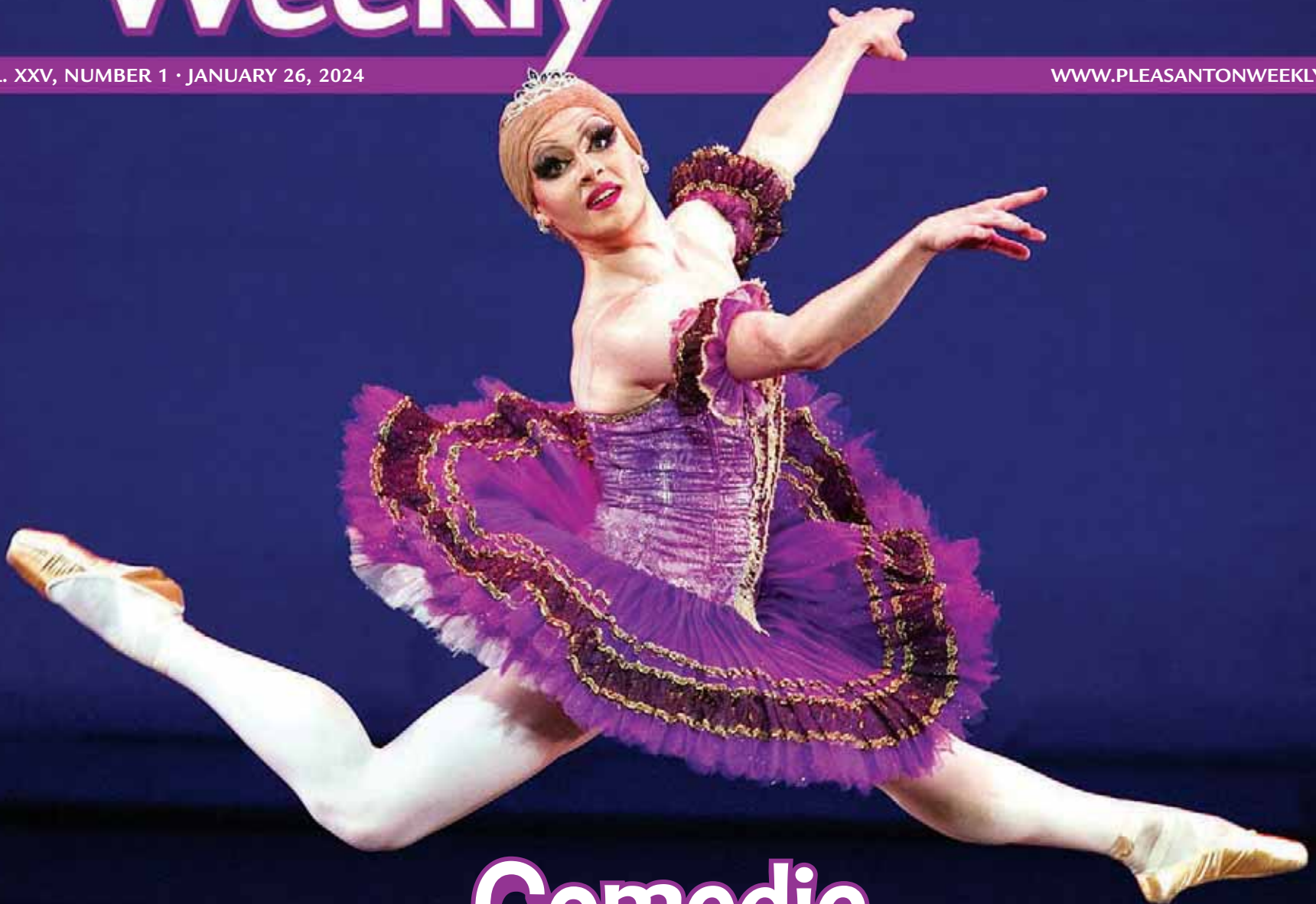
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

What a legacy

It was a fond farewell, albeit with mixed emotions, as the Tri-Valley community commemorated the 15-year run of the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

Completing the arc I wrote about last October, the nonprofit organization has now formally dissolved after the retirement of its namesake founder. The board opted it was best to close their doors rather than find a “replacement” for Wing, and with that decision made quietly nearly three years ago the charity switched its focus to winding down operations and issuing as many grants to patients as possible before its end.

The final months of work also included identifying a peer in the area to receive its remaining assets. That was the one piece of news announced at the goodbye dinner hosted by the foundation at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard in Pleasanton, which my wife and I attended on Jan. 18.

Wing proudly revealed that the last \$65,000 was being presented that night to Culinary Angels, another grassroots nonprofit committed to supporting cancer patients in the Tri-Valley.

“We make the promise and the pledge to be amazing stewards and to always honor Sandra’s legacy,” Culinary Angels founder and Executive Director Lisa McNaney told us in the audience.

Like Wing, McNaney’s personal experience with cancer motivated her to create a nonprofit to help others going through the same type of battle — her Culinary Angels provides nutritious meals to cancer patients (and their caregivers), whereas Wing’s foundation focused on complementary therapies for patients amid their medical treatments.

“It really takes an incredible amount of funding, of dedication, of fortitude, to be able to take something, an idea, a vision, and turn it into something that actually has meaningful impact. And I think that is part of what it has been about for you, 100%,” McNaney said speaking to Wing from the stage.

“And when you told me that you were passing this on, my heart was so sad because I couldn’t imagine how that must feel for you,” McNaney added. “But she’s turned it into a celebration with lifelong friends and supporters.”

I can attest it certainly was a little different vibe that night than the

usually upbeat events Wing and her foundation came to be known for over the years — and that was totally OK in my eyes.

It should have felt different because it was different; everyone was saying goodbye to what they’d poured their hearts into with such inspirational results. To use Wing’s own word during her closing speech as CEO and president: “bittersweet.”

“We have a lot to be proud of” echoed over applause during Wing’s remarks as she listed out the accomplishments of the grassroots nonprofit she created from the ground up with the support of people in that room to support so many others (including some in that room).

“Cancer is expensive, and we were able to provide therapies to cancer patients that would have out-of-pocket, an added cost to their already hefty expenses,” Wing said. “We provided wellness therapies that offered relief from the toxic side effects from chemo and radiation. And we received many, many heartfelt messages from our beneficiaries describing the impact that we had on their lives and in their families lives.”

“We heard that healing meant going from feeling stuck to feeling empowered, going from feeling anxious and tense to feeling relaxed and grounded, even if it was just for that session of acupuncture or meditation,” she added. “It meant going from feeling drained and exhausted to feeling energetic and refreshed, and going from being poked and cut to feeling the caring human touch.”

Wing’s foundation granted more than \$1.1 million to cancer patients. Around 2,300 grants in all. Nearly 16,000 sessions of healing therapies.

The organization grew from 12 grants in the first year (one per month) up to a peak of two grants per day (60 per month), Wing said, beaming.

In its final years, the foundation expanded from just focusing on residents in the Tri-Valley communities to all of Alameda and Contra Costa counties in a push to grant all of its remaining funds.

I hope you enjoy retirement, Sandra. You have a lot to be proud of. ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Is there a particular food that you know a lot of people really love but you just really can't understand why?



Gerri Berger
Genetic genealogist

Oh yes, absolutely. I don't like tiramisu. Wet cake. Yuck. I also can't stand tapioca pudding. It's a texture thing — there's just something about it that triggers my gag reflex. Also, liverwurst. Gross!



Stephen Yale
Store manager

Well, I know a lot of people slather it all over their bread and use it elsewhere, but I really can't stand mayonnaise. I also don't like hard-boiled eggs. The combination of hard-boiled eggs and mayonnaise creates a smell that literally makes me gag. So no egg salad for me!



Luis Vidal *Manager*

I would have to say lengua (tongue) and other "organ meats" like tripa (intestines) and sesos (brains). The reason is that as a child, I was once playing with a baby goat in my yard before heading off to school. When I got home from school, it had been killed and gutted for its meat and was a stripped, empty carcass. That was very traumatizing for me. So to this day I cannot eat anything that reminds me of that experience.



Sonia Vidal
Operations manager

I would have to say veal. I could never feel comfortable eating an animal that only got to live for a few days, at most, and was then killed for its "meat" while it was the most "tender". And all that baby cow ever knew while it was alive was the inside of a cage, living in total darkness, after having been taken away from its mother. Horrible.



Brandy Pittl, with Rupert
Office manager

As a child, I was a pretty picky eater. I especially hated sushi. I hated even the idea of eating sushi! But as an adult, I just love it and as a family, we eat sushi regularly. Probably at least once a week.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Cyclist dies on Encino

A Livermore man died after an apparent mechanical issue with his bicycle caused him to crash over the handlebars while riding in town on Tuesday afternoon, police said.

The solo crash occurred just before 3 p.m. Tuesday with a 58-year-old cyclist traveling east-bound on Encino Drive near Laguna Street, according to the Livermore Police Department.

Investigators reviewed video footage from the neighborhood and preliminarily determined that the cyclist “appeared to have a mechanical issue with his bicycle causing him to be ejected over the handlebars,” LPD said. “There was no vehicle involved and it does not appear speed was a factor.”

The man, who was wearing a helmet, was critically injured, police said. A passerby found the cyclist and began CPR until LPD officers and paramedics arrived to take over life-saving measures. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The name of the cyclist has not been released publicly, with next-of-kin notification from the coroner still pending.

‘American Nightmare’

A newly released documentary explores the shocking story of the 2015 kidnapping case initially and mistakenly deemed a hoax by the Vallejo Police Department before the crime was ultimately solved with key investigative work by Dublin Police Services.

“American Nightmare” includes interviews with the kidnapping victim Denise Huskins and her now-husband Aaron Quinn, who were cast into the national spotlight when Vallejo PD publicly accused them of fabricating the report of a home break-in and Huskins’ 48-hour kidnapping in March 2015.

But the crime had occurred, and Dublin police along with the FBI cracked the case by connecting it to a similar home invasion robbery in Dublin three months later. Matthew Muller, a former U.S. Marine, was soon arrested in the Huskins’ case and convicted over one year later after accepting a plea deal in federal court.

Redesigned site live

The Pleasanton Weekly and the rest of the Embarcadero Media Foundation news family unveiled our redesigned websites on Wednesday, which also included the much-anticipated refresh of our daily Express email and other newsletters.

Our team has worked so hard for months and months with our new host Newspack to bring you a more user-friendly online news experience for your mobile device and your computer. Check it out at PleasantonWeekly.com. ■

Staff provide update on implementing DEI Strategic Plan within city

Efforts aim to create inclusive workplace for all employees in Pleasanton city government

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The City Council reviewed an update last week regarding the city’s efforts to develop a sustainable organizational culture that would help create an equitable and inclusive employment environment and make Pleasanton a more desired workplace destination.

The presentation specifically revolved around advancing the city’s diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB) program and operationalizing that work by implementing a Diversity, Equity

and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan.

“Building a strong foundation of inclusion and belonging is critical to ensure that our city organization is well positioned to attract and retain top talent so that we can continue to deliver the high quality services that we know our community wants and expects,” deputy city manager Alexa Jeffress told the dais on Jan. 16.

“The inclusion of these really organizational focused goals and strategies in our strategic plan, which reflect the broad council

staff and community input, really just again reflect how important it is to continuously improve our organization,” she added.

In 2022, the council authorized staff to complete a DEIB study that was customized to look into the specific needs and culture of the city organization. The assessment included surveying staff, holding focus groups and evaluating city policies to identify strengths and challenges regarding the city’s organizational culture.

Those study assessment findings and series of recommendations

were then used to develop a DEI Strategic Plan, which was included in the city’s 2019-20 priorities work plan. The development of the DEI plan was put on pause due to the pandemic but restarted in 2022.

“I remember during our listening sessions in 2020, a lot of requests from community members asking us what DEI programs were being done and what we had planned. So this being on council priority really came from

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JEREMY WALSH

The newly renovated Pleasanton City Council chambers includes new videoboards and an ADA-accessible ramp, among its many changes unveiled at the Jan. 16 council meeting.

Pleasanton meetings return to council chambers following renovations

Improvements include ADA accessible ramp, assistive hearing devices, new video screens

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After six months of holding its meetings at the city’s Operations Services Center, the Pleasanton City Council moved back into its newly renovated council chambers at 200 Old Bernal Ave. last week.

Among the list of improvements to the room, the main ones include four new accessible seating locations, a ramp to give people with mobility issues easier access to the dais and assistive hearing devices

that people can connect to upon request.

“Our council chamber was last updated in the 1990s and so after about 30 years, it was due for a refresh,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin told the council during the Jan. 16 meeting, which was the first meeting back in the chambers.

The council first moved out of the chambers back in July and had been meeting out of a conference room at the city’s Operations Services Center,

located at 3333 Busch Road.

“It is nice to be home,” Vice Mayor Julie Testa said during the meeting. “It feels really good to be back here.”

She also added that it was more important that the renovations, like the ramp and hearing assistance devices, were done for Americans with Disabilities Act and technology requirements.

“It’s so much more than kind

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Trustee announces bid for council

Wang running for Livermore’s D4 with Carling terming out

By CIERRA BAILEY

Kristie Wang, a policy advocate and current Livermore school board member, is running to represent District 4 on City Council, a seat currently held by Vice Mayor Bob Carling, who is terming out.

Carling expressed his support for Wang’s run to fill his seat in a statement.

“I supported Kristie’s candidacy for school board and can now offer my unconditional endorsement for city council from District 4. She is always well prepared, thoughtful, and devoted to improving the quality of life for all residents of Livermore,” Carling said.

Wang, who was recently elevated to clerk, is serving her fourth year on the school board with her term set to expire in November. Her run for City Council means at least one seat on the board is guaranteed to change hands; however, another will also be up for grabs as fellow board member Yanira Guzmán’s first term is also expiring. Guzmán



Kristie Wang

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Danville man arrested for assaulting father last weekend, revealed to be driver in 2021 crash that killed NFL coach

24-year-old wasn't charged criminally in death of cyclist Greg Knapp, but he does face wrongful-death lawsuit from family

By JEANITA LYMAN

A Danville man who is now charged with allegedly assaulting his father and spurring a police search of the neighborhood last weekend has been confirmed as the same local resident who was investigated as the driver who fatally struck NFL coach Greg Knapp as he rode his bicycle in San Ramon more than two years ago.

The Danville Police Department announced on Facebook on Monday evening that they had been successful in the search and apprehension of Kevin Xu, 24, who allegedly fled the scene on Glasgow Circle on Saturday following the reported assault.

DanvilleSanRamon was able to confirm Tuesday that Xu was the driver at the center of the Knapp investigation in 2021 — his name had never been released publicly by authorities because that case did not yield criminal charges. Xu is among the defendants in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Knapp's family in the wake of the fateful crash.

Attempts to contact Xu's legal representation in either case were unsuccessful as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office filed five charges against Xu on Tuesday in the wake of last week's arrest, consisting of assault with a deadly weapon and

assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury — both felonies — plus misdemeanor charges for resisting, obstructing or delaying a police officer, aggravated trespassing, and simple battery.

Each of the two felony counts could result in up to three years in prison, with the three misdemeanors potentially resulting in 2-1/2 years of prison time — meaning Xu could face a maximum sentence of eight years and six months in state prison if convicted on all charges.

Danville police said they responded to the incident in the 200 block of Glasgow Circle at 2:18 p.m. Saturday, in which they believe Xu used a deadly weapon to assault his father. A DPD spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment on the type of weapon used or the victim's condition as of Tuesday afternoon.

DPD issued a warrant for Xu's arrest after their response Saturday and searched the area, ultimately locating him at 6:38 a.m. Sunday morning. Xu was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility following his arrest, with bail set at \$30,000.

It's not the first time the DA's office has reviewed recommendations for criminal charges against Xu, DanvilleSanRamon has learned.

Following Knapp's death in the summer of 2021, the office declined

to pursue a vehicular manslaughter charge against Xu, following the San Ramon Police Department's investigation into the driver who struck Knapp while he was bicycling on Dougherty Valley Road in San Ramon.

Knapp, 58, was critically injured and never regained consciousness following the collision within the designated bike lane on July 17, 2021, ultimately succumbing to his injuries at the hospital on July 22, 2021.

That fall, the DA's office confirmed that they would not be pursuing charges against the driver in the fatal collision, attributing the cause to distracted driving rather than criminal action or intent. Central to the decision was the assertion that the driver was found to be looking at his cellphone as the crash occurred, but the device was in a hands-free position and not in his hand as expressly prohibited by law.

Knapp was a longtime NFL assistant coach who had just been hired by the New York Jets as a passing game specialist. His career started as part of the coaching staff for the



Greg Knapp

San Francisco 49ers in 1995, later serving as their offensive coordinator from 2001 to 2003. He held the same position at other teams throughout his career, including two stints with the then-Oakland Raiders as well as the Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Seahawks.

He was spending the offseason at his home in Danville with his wife Charlotte and three daughters prior to his death that summer.

With no criminal charges filed in the Knapp case, the driver's identity was not released publicly by authorities — other than police saying at the time it was a 22-year-old man from Danville. However, a spokesperson for the DA's office confirmed to DanvilleSanRamon on Tuesday that Xu was previously the subject of a vehicular manslaughter charge recommendation to the office that they had declined to pursue.

It has also been learned that Xu is a defendant in a civil complaint filed in Contra Costa County Superior Court on Jan. 24, 2023 by Knapp's widow and children, which consists of a wrongful death claim against Xu, the city of San Ramon, Faria Preserve LLC, Calatlantic Group Inc., Lennar Corp. and numerous unnamed "Doe" defendants.

The complaint names Xu as the driver who struck Knapp in the crash that ultimately led to his death, but it also alleges that

conditions on the bike lane Knapp was in on northbound Dougherty Valley Road near North Monarch Road — which was narrowed in order to accommodate construction in the area — and negligence on the part of the city and developers including a lack of safety measures for bicyclists were largely to blame for the collision and Knapp's death.

"Defendants City of San Ramon, Faria Preserve LLC, Calatlantic Group Inc., Lennar Corporation, and Does 51 through 100, inclusive, otherwise failed to warn motorists and bicyclists of the unsafe configuration of the subject roadway, including, but not limited to, the deficiently sized bike lane and traffic lanes, thereby creating a dangerous condition and foreseeable risk of injury to normal users of the roadway," attorneys for the Knapp family wrote in an amended complaint filed on July 11.

"Said conditions were allowed to exist unremedied," they added. "This was inherently dangerous and created a trap, peculiar risk, and nuisance."

The civil case is currently active in county court, with a case management conference scheduled for March 6. Attorneys for the Knapp family did not respond to a request for comment as of Tuesday afternoon. ■

DIVERSITY

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our community," Vice Mayor Julie Testa said during the meeting.

"It took a while to get to it and I'm glad we're getting it done," added Testa, who led the night's meeting with Mayor Karla Brown absent in Washington, D.C. "I think there's a lot of value that comes from it and I do look forward to seeing how it then grows more into our community as well."

Jeffress said that the DEI assessment and planning effort included input from an interdepartmental team that had more than 20 members from all city departments and was meant to serve as a comprehensive effort that reflects the input of the entire city workforce.

The DEI work, she added, advances several key strategies in the city's five-year ONE Pleasanton Strategic Plan by developing employee recruitment and retention strategies to "position the city of Pleasanton as an employer of choice for the region and expanding our efforts around onboarding professional development and performance management."

Lamont Browne, a consultant

who specializes in DEI work with his firm Triangle Advising Group, went over his work over the past year to advance the implementation of a DEI strategic plan and why this work is critical for the city to continue pursuing.

"Any diversity, equity, inclusion work is really to ensure that every staff member feels like they can be their authentic selves, which helps them be their best selves at work, which obviously is going to help the community, help their peers, help their teams and help the city really be the best they can be and truly an employer of choice throughout the region," Browne said.

He also stressed the difference between equality and equity, saying that equality gives everyone the same opportunities while equity gives people what they need to be successful. He also said that equity isn't just about race or gender; it is about a range of attributes applicable to people being able to be their best selves in the community and at work.

As for the actual work of implementing a DEI strategic plan, Browne said that the DEIB assessment was focused on internal staff and that he and his team

spoke with more than 150 staff members throughout the process of gathering input and creating an action plan.

From all of the assessments and discussions, four main priorities were identified, which would be implemented into the strategic plan.

Those are embedding a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion in the fabric of all city of Pleasanton work; creating and implementing a comprehensive DEI training plan with participation from all staff members; strengthening talent recruitment, selection, development and retention; and aligning external facing work with the city's DEI mission core values and strategic plan.

"When you have a strong culture, it is easy to hire people, it's easy to hold on to people," Browne said. The opposite is also true. If you don't have a strong culture, if people don't feel valued, if people don't feel like they can be their best selves at work, regardless of who they are, people won't want to apply to work."

Councilmember Jack Balch's comments during the meeting revolved around hiring and retention, as he said the council should

prioritize looking into specific needs current or prospective staff might have like housing affordability, childcare and any other barriers that might be out of the city's control.

"Looking at recruitment and retention and the other barriers or challenges that achieving these results, and having a diversified workforce, typically comes down to the challenges people face in real life," Balch said.

"Whether that's being a single parent or no childcare, long commutes, affordable housing, sufficient adequate school resources after school care, things of that nature that I think that are within the purview of our land use policies of this city as well as budgeting and priority decisions ... we should have an eye on (those) because they're more systemic, in my opinion, that haven't been able to be achieved," Balch added.

Browne said that is why staff are working on developing a progress dashboard sometime in the spring so that they can tackle the most important goals one at a time and that the most important first steps will be developing DEI and DEIB task forces and having them identify what next steps the city wants

to take to make sure that action plan becomes operationalized.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin said that as they move forward, there will be things within the city's control and things outside of its control but right now, looking inward and making sure staff are comfortable in their positions is a crucial first step in being able to better serve the overall community.

"The market is shifting dramatically," Beaudin said. "So culture and a sense of belonging, and that team camaraderie is going to be ever more important."

He also said that the city wants to fairly pay people and have a workplace culture where everyone feels like they belong to a collaborative team.

"It's not just about race; there's so many factors that you can consider when thinking about belonging in an organization," Beaudin said. "What I really want our employees to hear and our community to hear is when we're thinking in this way, we're delivering the services, programs and work that we do in our community at a higher level and meeting people's needs meeting people where they are." ■

KRISTIE WANG

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has not yet announced whether she plans to run for reelection.

Wang is the first to announce her candidacy for the open council seat in District 4.

The District 3 council seat currently held by Brittni Kiick is also up for election this fall as well as the at-large mayor seat. Neither Kiick nor Mayor John Marchand have announced plans for reelection as of yet.

A longtime Tri-Valley resident,

Wang has lived in the region with her husband and two children for 25 years, 17 of them in Livermore.

“Our city continues to face challenges with housing affordability, traffic, and maintaining our infrastructure. Housing affordability affects all of us. I see first-hand how it hampers our ability to attract and retain quality teachers, first responders, service workers, and national laboratory employees,” Wang said in a statement announcing her run for council.

“I have a track record of working

with people from differing perspectives to solve problems and make progress on challenging issues. My City Council and School Board endorsements reflect that, and I am humbled by their support,” she added.

Wang is a trained public policy professional who has worked at every level of government and as a community organizer. She has been active in several community organizations, including more than 12 years as a volunteer advocate for Tri-Valley Haven.

Since 2018, she has successfully

worked to pass local tobacco control policies to combat the epidemic of youth vaping. She has served on Livermore’s Intergovernmental Committee since 2020, representing the school district in working with the city of Livermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and Las Positas College on issues of mutual interest. She also currently serves on the Delegate Assembly of the California State School Board Association.

“As councilmember, I will be ready

on day one to apply the knowledge, experience, and networks acquired through my community service, activism, and school board trustee work. I will be a strong representative for District 4 and will work with my fellow councilmembers and regional leaders to ensure Livermore is a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive,” Wang said.

To learn more about Wang’s campaign, visit www.Wang4Livermore.com. She can also be found on Instagram and Facebook @Wang4Livermore. ■

CHAMBERS

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of sprucing things up and making it more functional. The renovation was really focused on a few really critical needs for us — accessibility was probably one of the main drivers,” Beaudin said. “We did not have a ramp or a way for anyone who had mobility issues or needed any kind of assistance to get up to the dais. That is an improvement that needed to be made.”

Apart from the ADA improvements, the chamber dais table has been expanded, the room has been repainted, new carpet was installed and the lighting was replaced with energy efficient lights.

The rest of the public seats will also be replaced sometime between

the spring and summer as Beaudin explained how, due to supply chain issues, delivery of those new seats have been delayed.

There’s also a significant amount of new technology or other tech improvements including larger display panels for the public audience and new monitors for the council and staff to use during meetings and for presentations, which are all connected to an integrated system that will allow city and Tri-Valley Community Television staff to change monitors more efficiently, Beaudin said.

The chambers’ telecommunications equipment, Wi-Fi signaling, cabling to the sound system and electrical system have all been upgraded as well and have been connected to the integrated system for efficiency purposes, according to city staff.

Beaudin also pointed out that the city did not use any of its general fund money on the chamber renovations; instead it used public education and government funds, which are designed to allow the city to “deliver public meetings and broadcasting on Tri-Valley Community Television.”

Most of the new technology was fully functional as it was tested out during the first meeting but Testa did point out that there was a bit of disconnect between the council in the room and Councilmember Jack Balch, who had to join the meeting virtually — such as those on the dais not being able to see him on their screens although the live audience and home viewers could.

Because Balch joined virtually, which is allowed per state law and council policy, members of the public

were also allowed to join and provide public comments remotely even though the council recently voted to stop allowing remote comments from residents, requiring them to be in the room in person.

The one person who did speak during public comments, which was longtime resident Vicki LaBarge, saw a similar issue when Testa couldn’t tell whether or not she was there virtually.

Beaudin said that staff were still waiting on one more monitor to be added to the room so that the public and anyone joining remotely can be seen there.

LaBarge joined virtually to address an issue during non-agenda comment that she brought up to the council last month regarding Pleasanton police staffing levels and

what the status of the department’s traffic, crime prevention and student resource officer units were as the department continues to face low staffing issues.

She asked whether Beaudin would be providing an update or not, as he previously said he would in December. As Testa began to talk about there possibly being misconceptions on the issue, LaBarge — whose mic feed was left on — loudly uttered an expletive in response to Testa’s comment.

LaBarge was immediately placed on mute after Testa acknowledged the comment with a “hello” before Beaudin explained how he would be working with staff on drafting a data-driven memo, which should be available to the public later this month. ■

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New SF sheriff's inspector general uncontested on ballot for Alameda County judge

Concurrent candidacies converge for Wiley, who vows final decision by fall

By JEREMY WALSH

The newly anointed leader of San Francisco's Sheriff's Department of Accountability - Office of Inspector General and the clear front-runner for one open seat on the Alameda County Superior Court bench will face a tough choice soon.

That's because they're the same person.

Terry Wiley told Embarcadero Media Foundation on Monday that a confluence of circumstances led to him qualifying for the March primary ballot uncontested for judge in Alameda County within weeks of getting hired as the inaugural inspector general in San Francisco.

"I have time to think things through, but I don't have to make a decision until November," said Wiley, the former longtime prosecutor in Alameda County who catapulted to prominence as the internal candidate for district attorney who ultimately lost the

election to Pamela Price in 2022.

"I'm fully committed to the city and county of San Francisco as the inspector general," he added.

Wiley found himself with options open after stepping down from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office last February, weeks after Price's tenure began.

"I was enjoying retirement and starting my own little practice," Wiley said, noting he had taken on just a few cases as a private attorney to that point. "And then bam, all at once everything hit ... and sometimes that's how life goes."

"I was aware of an opening on the bench and I was interested so I filed to run," Wiley said. "And as I was going through the process ... I was made aware of the



Terry Wiley

election to Pamela Price in 2022. I was encouraged to apply."

After entering his name for the nationwide recruitment San Francisco's Sheriff's Department Oversight Board was doing to hire its first-ever inspector general, Wiley said he found himself among the three top candidates selected for final interviews.

"And while all of this was going on, no one filed to run against me (for judge)," Wiley said.

Wiley ultimately qualified as the only candidate for the Alameda County Superior Court judgeship assigned on the ballot as "Office No. 5" when the deadline passed on Dec. 13.

His appointment as inspector general in San Francisco was announced exactly one week later.

"Terry brings a sharp legal mind who is experienced with the criminal justice system and has a lauded history of working on reforms," oversight board President Julie D.

Soo said in a press release on Dec. 20. "Just as important, he has a demonstrated deep commitment to serving diverse communities. We were looking for someone who could hit the ground running and engage well with constituents."

"I am very excited about the new challenge leading the Office of Inspector General and continuing my commitment to public service," Wiley added in the press release. "I bring 33 years of experience and look forward to addressing reforms and accountability with the San Francisco Sheriff's Office."

Wiley said he has been "extremely busy" during these first weeks as inspector general, as he and his team are essentially creating a new department and are in the middle of the budget cycle, which is particularly difficult this year for San Francisco like many other jurisdictions in California.

In the meantime, he will appear on the March 5 ballot as the only

candidate for Alameda County's judicial "Office No. 5" — which represents the bench seat opening up with Judge Don C. Clay not seeking reelection and retiring in March. Wiley couldn't remove his name even if he wanted to, because the candidacy withdrawal deadline passed on Dec. 8.

Wiley said he is under the impression that the judicial term for which he is effectively a shoo-in would start on the normal six-year cycle in January 2025, so he plans to make a decision about what to do by the fall.

Each is a full-time position that would seem like the same person could not hold simultaneously — although a definitive answer on that legality question is still pending for Embarcadero Media Foundation. For its part the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office said, "Our office is not aware of any law stating if he can or cannot legally hold both positions." ■

Crews airlift woman trapped on top of her vehicle in Livermore

ACFD says small pickup was submerged in water for nearly 15 hours in Del Valle Park

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

California Highway Patrol helicopter personnel airlifted a woman who was trapped on top of her overturned small pickup truck, which was submerged in flood water for almost 15 hours deep in the Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, an Alameda County Fire Department spokesperson said Tuesday.

ACFD public affairs manager Cheryl Hurd said that on Monday around 7:30 p.m. a woman who lived in the 7000 block of Del Valle Road area in Livermore was driving across a scenic bridge that was flooded with water from the recent rain.

The woman had underestimated how deep the water was, according to Hurd, and in a series of photos provided by ADFD, her pickup was seen to have overturned, leaving her stranded.

It wasn't until the following morning that Hurd said a camper who was walking in the area noticed the woman sitting on top of her overturned vehicle and called authorities.

Hurd said that ACFD responded to the call and arrived around 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Firefighters were

originally planning on using a fire truck ladder to get the woman to safety, but after calling the CHP for assistance, CHP instead used a helicopter to lift the woman off the truck.

"The weather cooperated, allowing CHP helicopter to do a short lift, successfully getting the woman out of the water," Hurd said in a press release on Tuesday.

She said that the woman, whose name was not released, will be OK and was taken to a local hospital to be checked out. No other injuries were reported, Hurd said.

Hurd also said she believes the pickup truck is still there and that another agency like East Bay Regional Park District Fire Department would probably be in charge of towing it off the bridge. ■



A CHP helicopter airlifts a woman who was stuck on top of her truck for nearly 15 hours.



LPFD firefighters with the aid of ACFD crews work a residential fire in Pleasanton on Jan. 18.

Pleasanton family displaced by fire that started in home's attic

Second-story main bedroom and closet also damaged

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A fire that started in the attic of a home in Pleasanton displaced a family on Thursday night, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Firefighters responded at 10:20 p.m. to the one-alarm fire reported on the 5000 block of Genovesio Drive, where they found smoke coming from the attic of a two-story house, battalion chief Kurtis Dickey said.

Crews entered the home and found that flames had spread from the attic into the master bathroom and closet on the second floor. After determining no one was still inside the home, firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, Dickey said.

The displaced residents, a family of four including two children, are not expected to move back into the residence soon.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but it is not considered suspicious in nature. ■

Holocaust survivor ‘The Honey Girl’ to speak in Danville

Q&A session to follow Basch’s presentation on tale on surviving Auschwitz and life after the war

By JEANITA LYMAN

Danville’s Village Theatre is set to host an exclusive appearance from one of the increasingly few Holocaust survivors still living and speaking in the present day nearly 80 years after World War II.

Esther Basch is set to share her story of survival and forgiveness — the topic of an upcoming documentary film currently in production — with the Tri-Valley this weekend, with a question-and-answer period at the end set to put her in conversation with the local audience that evening. The 95-year-old’s appearance is being hosted by Chabad of Danville and San Ramon.

“It’s an honor for us to host Esther and we’re so fortunate

that she has agreed to come to Danville in person to share her riveting story,” said Rabbi Shmuli Raitman of Chabad of Danville and San Ramon. “I encourage everyone who can — young and old — to come hear this remarkable person tell her incredible story of courage, faith, and survival.”

Basch’s 16th birthday was spent on a cattle car on its way to the notorious Auschwitz death camp, later being among the prisoners sent on a “death march” in 1945 to the all-women’s Salzwedel concentration camp that imprisoned more than 3,000 ahead of its liberation by the U.S. Army on April 14 that year.

The experience and the lessons learned in her life since are the subject of the upcoming

documentary “The Honey Girl” about Basch’s life following the Holocaust and later speaking career aimed at sharing lessons she’s learned along the way about “resilience, tolerance, and forgiveness,” according to a preview of the film.

Now an Arizona resident, Basch is in the midst of a coast-to-coast speaking tour with appearances earlier this month in Connecticut. Danville is so far set to be the only West Coast date on her tour, with all other appearances set for the East Coast, Arizona and Montana.

Basch is set to speak in Danville’s Village Theatre at 233 Front St. on Sunday (Jan. 28) at 7 p.m. Tickets and more information are available jewishdanville.com. ■

Pleasanton company, union reach settlement with employee after labor complaint

Inspector will be reimbursed for union dues, plus lost wages and benefits

By JEANITA LYMAN

A fire safety inspector at the Pleasanton-based Construction Testing Services has been reinstated to her position and seen union dues and back pay returned to her as part of a settlement with the company and an employees’ union following a federal complaint she brought forward last year.

Alexandra Le alleged in the complaint filed with the National Labor Relations Board in October that she was not notified of her right to pay reduced union dues to the International Union of Operating Engineers representing employees at the company given her decision not to join the union, and that she was ultimately laid off from her position as a result of that decision.

“My absence significantly set me back from a financial standpoint and has led to the stressful process of having to fight for my rights via the legal process,” Le said in a written testimony submitted to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension for a hearing on a proposed national right to work law introduced by Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) on Nov. 30.

“And while the union fees cause a notable decrease in my

hard-earned take-home pay, the time lost and stress incurred by asserting rights that I had to discover independently has been equally detrimental,” Le continued.

Representatives from CTS and IUOE did not respond to requests for comment as of publication time. The settlement sees Le drop her complaint in exchange for the financial terms, while the company and the union admit no wrongdoing.

Le received pro-bono legal representation from the National Right to Work Foundation, who described the settlement agreed to on Dec. 21 as a victory for the organization as well as Le herself, but pointed to limitations in the organization’s mission in states such as California that don’t have laws against security agreements that require non-union members to contribute to union costs.

“While we’re proud to help Ms. Le prevail in her case, the fact is that the very IUOE bosses who so callously instigated her illegal firing are still authorized to collect mandatory union fees from her because California workers lack the protection of a Right to Work law,” foundation President Mar Mix said in a Jan. 4 announcement. “Workers themselves — not union bosses — should be in charge of determining whether a union is worthy

of receiving their hard-earned cash, which is why all Americans deserve the protection of Right to Work.”

Le and the company separated as of Oct. 2 — two days before she filed NLRB complaints against CTS and the union — with her employment being reinstated on Oct. 24. The company is set to pay back supplemental union dues that were deducted during her employment but not distributed to the union, amounting to \$675.41.

With the IUOE agreeing to waive fair-share initiation and monthly fees required from Le and other non-union employees through October, she will be billed quarterly by the union for fair-share fees retroactive to November.

In addition to repaying supplemental union dues, the union and the company agreed to reimburse back pay and fringe benefits to Le from the 22 days between her separation from CTS and her reinstatement to her position, amounting to \$5,515.52 in wages and \$4,220.16 in benefits.

For her part, the settlement sees Le agree to waive and withdraw unfair labor practice charges brought forth in her NLRB complaints in October, as well as any and all other claims against the union and CTS contained in those complaints. ■

No more NYC pizza: Amici’s in Dublin to close

Pizzeria will not extend lease in Tassajara Road center

By NICOLE GONZALES

Tri-Valley pizza lovers will soon have one fewer option for a cheesy, savory and authentic bite to eat. The New York-style restaurant Amici’s East Coast Pizzeria plans to close its Dublin location this weekend.

Staff members of the Dublin site in the mixed-use center at 4640 Tassajara Road confirmed by phone that they will not be renewing their lease and closing their doors on Sunday.

Amici’s will continue to operate its remaining Tri-Valley location in Danville. The chain runs other sites in the greater Bay Area such as in San Francisco, Mountain View, Oakland and San Jose.

Peter Cooperstein, a Boston

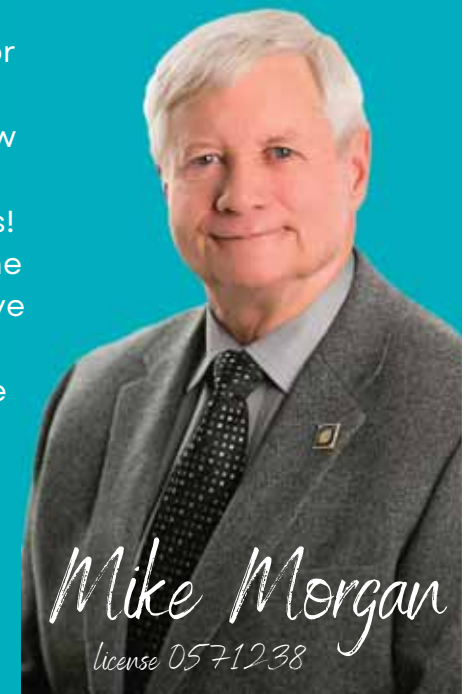
native and professional in the technology industry, co-founded the chain of restaurants with his partner Mike Forter. Cooperstein previously said he was inspired to open the chain restaurant because he had a strong appreciation for the East Coast pizza he grew up with.

The pair opened the first-ever Amici’s location in San Mateo in 1987, and other sites in the state quickly followed. Cooperstein named the restaurant “Amici” because it loosely translates to “friend” in Italian.

The Dublin site has been in operation for almost 20 years, opening in 2005. It is unclear what entity will take over the restaurant space once Amici’s closes its doors. ■

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Environmental groups sue to block Delta tunnel project

Plaintiffs argue state failed to consider ecological, wildlife harms

BY ALY BROWN / BCN

Environmental groups on Friday sued the California Department of Water Resources for approving a plan to divert water from the environmentally sensitive Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta to Central and Southern California.

The lawsuit says the water agency failed to consider ecological and wildlife harms in giving the go-ahead for the giant tunnel known as the Delta Conveyance Project taking water from Northern California.

Advocates say the project will modernize the state's aging water system, which is currently not equipped to capture water amid climate change conditions. Opponents say the tunnel would

divert billions of gallons of water from the Sacramento River, harming delta smelt, Chinook salmon and other imperiled fish.

"The last thing California needs while fighting the climate emergency is a gigantic tunnel wreaking havoc on a sensitive ecosystem and the communities that rely on it," said John Buse, senior counsel at the Center for Biological Diversity. "Instead of doubling down on this disastrous project, the state needs to take a hard look at groundwater storage, water conservation and other alternatives that don't leave a trail of environmental destruction."

The Delta Tunnel, known by a variety of names over the decades, would construct two water intakes in the North Delta and one underground tunnel. The system would

pull water from the Delta and connect it to the Bethany Reservoir on the California Aqueduct, before delivering it to homes and farms in Central and Southern California. The single-tunnel project replaces the twin-tunnel California Water Fix project, which was abandoned in 2019.

The tunnel will have the capacity to carry about 6,000 cubic feet of water per second, or about a third of the average Sacramento River flow at the point of diversion.

Under the state's assessment, climate change is expected to profoundly alter snowpack and reduce the freshwater flows available for diversions. California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot explained that the state will get more and more of its water from winter storms and atmospheric rivers than it has in the past.

When the Department of Water Resources released its final environmental impact report last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom called the project essential in the effort to update California's water system for millions of residents.

"Climate change is threatening our access to clean drinking water, diminishing future supplies for millions of Californians — doing nothing is not an option," Newsom said in a statement Dec. 8.

While the project still requires further approvals from other regulatory agencies before construction can begin, the DWR's December approval was that body's final decision.

The project proposal will now move ahead for approval from the California State Water Resources Control Board, along with various federal agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On Friday, the Center for Biological Diversity joined more than a dozen other groups in the lawsuit filed in Sacramento Superior Court. Environmentalists say the DWR violated the California Environmental Quality Act when it approved the project's final EIR in December.

"The Department of Water Resources' environmental impact report is profoundly deficient," said Robert Wright, an attorney for the Sierra Club. "Perhaps the most astonishing of these deficiencies is the report's acknowledged omission of the changes to surface water resources that will undoubtedly result from the tunnel project."

Chris Shutes, executive director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, said his group is suing the DWR to stop its tunnel project from destroying one of the world's greatest estuaries. ■



FILE PHOTO BY BCN

Part of the State Water Project, the delta's Clifton Court Forebay serves as ground zero for the starting point of the California Aqueduct.

Francis Xavier Fitzgerald

August 26, 1940 – January 15, 2024

Francis Xavier Fitzgerald was born in Rockaway Beach, NY on August 26, 1940 to parents George Fitzgerald and Ellen Conlin Fitzgerald. Francis had two older brothers, George Jr. and Edward, and a younger brother Paul. All three brothers and his parents have preceded him in death. The family lived in the same house for nearly 70 years, seeing Francis commute into Manhattan every day to attend Xavier High School. He earned his BS from Fordham University.



Following graduation, Francis worked as a staff counselor at Lincoln Hall, a juvenile reform and educational campus, which is where he would meet his first wife, Patricia A. King. Ms. King was a social worker at the campus and their love blossomed there.

A couple years later they would wed in Manhattan, but move shortly to California. Francis found his first career of 25 years with Travelers in insurance and financial services. Their first son, Francis Jr. was born in New York, but their children Michael and Christine were both born in Southern California. A promotion, to run an Oakland and Walnut Creek office for Travelers, would move the family to Northern CA, to the town of Danville.

Upon early retirement from Travelers, Francis pursued a life long hobby and dream of opening his own sports card and memorabilia shop, Triple Play Sports Cards in Walnut Creek. He then opened a second store in Moraga. Following the death of Patricia in July 1990, Francis met his second wife Sandra Warren at a church mixer for young widows and widowers in 1995. When they married in 1998 Francis moved to Pleasanton and opened his third shop, Pleasanton Sport Cards where he enjoyed working with young people, hosting contests and tournaments until it's closing. Ever an entrepreneur, he managed H&R Block offices for several years before settling into retirement. Sandra and Frank loved to travel and had many wonderful adventures throughout Europe, China, and South America. Frank was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Augustine's in Pleasanton.

He is survived by Sandra, his 3 children Frank, Michael, and Christine and his grandchildren Margaret and Matthew, parented by Francis Jr. and his wife Monica. He was also a doting grandfather to Sandra's grandchildren Michael and Ben Warren, Michaela Banh and Ainsley Mellor.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Augustine's Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton on January 26, 2024 followed by burial at Oakmont Cemetery in Lafayette.

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Donna Reed

June 20, 1926 – January 15, 2024

Donna Bartley Reed, born June 20, 1926 in Waterloo, Iowa passed peacefully at home on January 15th at the age of 97. She was the daughter of John and Ella Bartley. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Business Administration where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Her first job after college was selling children's clothes at Neiman Marcus in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas. She decided to return home to Waterloo where she met and married Dale Reed on April 16th, 1955. After many work transfers which included Peoria, IL, Washington DC, and Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, she, and Dale settled in San Leandro, California in 1963. Donna was more than just a housewife. She managed their group of apartment buildings. Donna was active in the community serving for over 25 years on the Library Historical Commission where she headed up fundraising campaigns, worked on the restoration of the Casa Peralta House and helped the library to obtain much needed grant money. She was a 75-year member of PEO. She was also a member of the Alta Mira Club and the Friends of the Library. In her free time Donna enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting, playing bridge and traveling. Donna always had a positive attitude about life and enjoyed a good laugh. She was always there to help a friend. Donna was proud of her family and always made them feel loved and cherished.



She is survived by her 3 children, Kathy (Jeffrey) Narum, Richard (Kellee) Reed, and Ann (Alan) Fagan. She was the proud grandmother of 5 grandchildren: Jennifer (Rob) Hardy, Elisabeth (Andrew) Olson, Jack Reed, Helen Fagan and Bradley Fagan and two great grandsons and her sister Ann Sackett. She was preceded in death by her husband Dale, and her parents John and Ella Bartley.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 28th between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Marriott 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd. Pleasanton, CA. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the San Leandro Library.

<https://www.sanleandro.org/552/Friends-of-the-San-Leandro-Library> or the Pleasanton Museum on Main.

<https://www.museumonmain.org/donate.html>

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POLICE BULLETIN

Three suspects facing 100+ charges for alleged series of organized retail thefts

Three people are facing dozens of felony charges after allegedly going on a spree of organized retail thefts in the Bay Area from September to November, including in Dublin, California Attorney General Rob Bonta said last week.

Quinn Jamari Edwards, Alejandro de Jesus McDonald and Robert Lee Johnson were charged with 104 felony and misdemeanor counts of various crimes related to retail thefts, including burglary, vandalism, weapons charges, and selling and receiving stolen goods.

The most publicized of their alleged thefts was the ramming of a stolen Land Rover into the Louis Vuitton store in Walnut Creek's Broadway Plaza just before 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 3. An estimated dozen people made off with more than \$246,000 worth of merchandise.

Law enforcement officials said the suspects are responsible for stealing at least \$650,000 in cash and merchandise.

The suspects are also accused of using vehicles to ram into law enforcement vehicles, injuring at least one officer. They also allegedly ripped at least one ATM from its moorings to get to the cash inside.

"Organized retail crime is a top priority for our California DOJ, for my team and for me. We're not just here to talk about it, we're here to do something about it, to act, as our action shows today," Bonta said at a press conference announcing the charges on Jan 17.

Bonta alleged the organized crime ring stole over \$650,000 worth of goods in Alameda, Contra Costa, and other counties, including San Diego, and targeted ATMs in at least two locations.

The robberies were often committed at night and mostly targeted smoke shops, liquor stores and retail stores. Many of the robberies were stopped while they were in progress, but the suspects fled in getaway cars in each instance.

"These weren't one-off smash-and-grabs at your local big box store. We're talking about a series of coordinated, organized crimes that took place over the course of two months," Bonta said.

The arrests were made with the help of a task force made up by representatives from the Concord Police Department, Walnut Creek Police Department, Oakland Police Department, Brentwood Police Department, Tracy Police Department, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

"Walnut Creek detectives worked diligently and thoroughly on this investigation," said Walnut Creek Police Chief Jamie Knox in a statement. "We appreciated the partnership with the Concord Police Department, FBI Safe Streets, and the Attorney General's Office among others to bring this complex case to a successful conclusion."

Bonta said a legislative change made by Assembly Bill 1613 in 2022 that allows the attorney general to charge crimes committed in different jurisdictions together cleared the way to charge the crimes in Contra Costa County.

The thefts allegedly committed by the same suspects include the Land Rover-involved robbery in Walnut Creek on Oct. 3, when more than \$246,000 worth of merchandise was taken by a group of 10-15 people, as well as a robbery of a Discount Cigarettes store in Dublin on Oct. 18, and a burglary of a Vallejo smoke shop on Nov. 14.

Edwards faces 47 counts, including burglary, vandalism, attempted burglary, grant theft, and receiving stolen property. He also faces three special allegations related to a prior violent robbery, allegedly

committing theft of assets exceeding \$100,000, and committing robberies while on probation.

McDonald faces 25 counts of various crimes, including burglary, vandalism, attempted burglary, receipt of stolen property, grand theft, carrying a loaded and unregistered firearm in public, organized retail theft, and conspiracy to commit organized retail theft.

McDonald is also accused of unlawfully entering a San Diego Nordstrom and stealing six Chanel purses valued at \$120,000. He also faces two special allegations for prior convictions and being on probation while allegedly committing the crimes.

Johnson faces 32 counts of alleged burglary, vandalism, attempted burglary, grand theft, receipt of stolen property, organized retail theft, conspiracy to commit organized retail theft, and reckless evading for a Nov. 14 police chase in Solano County.

The prevalence of organized retail theft involving groups of people who plan repeated large-scale robberies and resell stolen goods has spurred a series of actions from the state, including a California Highway Patrol task force that partners with local law enforcement, more funding from the state, legislation and the creation of an Assembly select committee to make recommendations on how to combat the issue.

—Thomas Hughes and Tony Hicks, BCN

In other news

- Police in Tracy arrested a 27-year-old last Friday on suspicion of murder in connection with the shooting death of a former Granada High School student one week earlier.

Tracy resident Victor Vera was booked into San Joaquin County Jail after being taken into custody on an arrest warrant, according to the Tracy Police Department. Authorities have not publicly

confirmed a motive behind the fatal shooting of David Cantero Valdez.

"The incident is believed to be an isolated incident, and there is no risk to the community at large," Tracy police wrote in a social media post on Friday evening announcing Vera's arrest.

The investigation began unfolding around 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 when police received a call about a vehicle crash in the area of Sugar Road between Tracy Boulevard and Holly Drive. Arriving officers found a teenage boy suffering from multiple gunshot wounds inside a vehicle.

The victim — later identified as Cantero Valdez, 17, of Tracy — was taken to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his injuries, police said. Cantero Valdez previously attended school in Livermore.

During a week of investigation, police identified Vera as a prime suspect in the case and secured a warrant for his arrest and to search a residence in the 1600 block of Court Drive in Tracy, according to police. The warrant was served around 10 a.m. Friday in coordination with the department's crisis response unit, special investigations unit, special enforcement team and patrol officers.

Vera was placed under arrest on suspicion of first-degree murder and booked into jail that day, according to police. It was not immediately clear when Vera is scheduled for arraignment or whether he is represented by an attorney yet.

—Jeremy Walsh

- An investigation into the abrupt death of longtime San Ramon Valley Aquatics head coach and former U.S. Olympic Team member Richard Thornton in Santa Cruz earlier this month has determined that the 65-year-old died by accidental seawater drowning.

A spokesperson from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office confirmed the cause of death to the Weekly last week, with no

additional details available related to the Jan. 4 incident during which what would be Thornton's final attempt at surfing was cut short when he collapsed while getting into the water according to his family.

Richard Thornton's son Marc Thornton posted an announcement about his father's death on a memorial Facebook page for his grandfather, Nort Thornton, who died in 2021. He said that his father died "doing what he loved" at a popular Santa Cruz surf spot earlier that day.

In a post on the same page later that day, Kirra Thornton clarified that her father had not died while surfing or in a surfing accident as some news reports had stated, noting that he had instead been stepping into the water to go surfing and that he "would not appreciate this erroneous report."

In addition to impacting his friends and family, Thornton's death has left a chasm at SRVA, where he had been head coach since 1984. An accomplished swimmer himself, Thornton qualified for the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team that ultimately did not compete as part of the country's boycott of the Moscow Games that year.

"Rich was a well of passion and knowledge for the sport of swimming," SRVA assistant coach Jake Medford said. "He would go out of his way to share that knowledge with anyone who would listen, be they a parent, coach, or a swimmer. That passion he had will be missed by everyone in the swim community. He loved the sport of swimming more than anyone I have known."

A funeral for Thornton is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. with a subsequent reception at St. Joan of Arc Church at 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 20

Warrant arrest

- 8:30 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 10:54 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:58 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 8:41 a.m. at First Street and Stanley Boulevard

Domestic battery

- 10:28 p.m. on Solandra Court

Jan. 19

Theft

- 4:11 a.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue
- 9 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
- 9:26 a.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 10:59 a.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

- 4:35 p.m., 3100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; auto theft

Warrant arrest

- 6:13 a.m. on the 3300 block of Norton Way
- 11:27 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Domestic battery

- 7:02 p.m. on Denker Drive

Weapons violation

- 8:58 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Jan. 18

Warrant arrest

- 1:43 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive
- 9:45 a.m. on the 800 block of Main Street

Theft

- 4:11 a.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

Jan. 17

Burglary

- 6:34 a.m. on the 9500 block of MacDonald Court

Theft

- 7:55 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 8:14 a.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; auto theft
- 11:11 a.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Fraud

- 10:52 a.m. on the 1800 block of Cortez Court

Jan. 16

Warrant arrest

- 1:39 a.m. at Owens Drive and Owens Court
- 2:04 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive
- 7:55 a.m., 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 7:30 a.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 9:47 a.m. on the 5800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 9:22 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

- 11:38 a.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

- 1:02 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue
- 8:22 p.m. on the 600 block of Romeo Court

Alcohol violation

- 9:21 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Jan. 15

Domestic battery

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Comedic ballet with

The Trocks



All-male troupe combines dance and humor in 'gender-skewering' performances

By JUDE STRZEMP

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, an all-male comic ballet company, is set to perform at the Bankhead Theater next week as part of its 50th anniversary season.

The Trocks, as they're also known, will perform a retrospective of ballets they've performed through the eras of their existence. They perform these as parodies to entertain, infusing the ballets with humor that ranges from subtle to exaggeration — all the while, they defy historical, gender classifications in classical ballet, by performing "en pointe," meaning on tip-toe in pointe shoes, and "en travesti," meaning in theatrical drag.

To deepen an understanding of the company, including its roots in LGBTQ+ history, the Livermore Public Library will host a screening of a documentary about The Trocks called "Ballerina Boys" and a Q&A with the film's co-director, Martie Barylick, one day prior to the performance.

On their return to the Bankhead, The Trocks will perform "Yes, Virginia, Another Piano Ballet," "Swan Lake, Act 2" and "The Dying Swan," according to artistic director Tory Dobrin. Later in the year, The Trocks will premier a new work, made specifically for them by choreographer Durante Verzola.

Throughout the Bankhead show, the audience will witness a variety of music, colors of costume and personalities, according to Dobrin.

"The performance is fun. It's a comedy show," Dobrin said. "People come because they want to have a good time and they walk away not (having) expect(ed) the dancing to be as good as it really is."

The Trocks dancers infuse comedy into ballets through exaggeration, subtle jokes in choreography and/or adjustments to well-known characters' personalities, according to Dobrin. For example, the ballerina in "Swan Lake, Act 2" is assertive, rather than stereotypically submissive. Meanwhile, the swans react campily and the prince takes on a foolish personality.

"I hope that both people who have some knowledge of ballet and those for whom it is their first introduction to the world of dance will enjoy the show and leave the theater with great joy and a desire to see it again soon," wrote Salvador Sasot Sellart, performing ballerina at the company.

The Trocks are one of the top in their field, they've been around for 50 years, and they're all about equality, celebrating pride and sharing their love of dance world-wide, according to Ruth Eggherman, director of marketing at Livermore Valley Arts. She spoke for LVA when she said this is the kind of thing they



COURTESY LVA

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo is bringing its unique blend of dance and comedy to the Bankhead Theater on Jan. 29.

want to share with the Tri-Valley community.

A closer look into the company's history, from after the 1969 Stonewall Riots to modern day, is available through a free, public screening of the 2021 PBS Masters documentary "Ballerina Boys" at the Livermore Public Library. The film, being one of two recent documentaries about The Trocks, tells the company's story through original interviews and performance footage, according to the event press releases.

"I think if people see the film before the performance, the performance will be a richer experience for them," Barylick said. "If you

know about the real dancer behind the makeup, wig and the costume, it gives you a whole other gleeful appreciation."

The Trocks will be performing Monday (Jan. 29) at 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater.

The free screening of "Ballerina Boys" — made possible because of a partnership between LVA and the city library — will take place on Sunday (Jan. 28) at 2 p.m. in the Civic Center Library Storytime Room at the Livermore Public Library.

For more information, visit the LVA's website at livermorearts.org or the Livermore Public Library's website at library.livermoreca.gov. ■



COURTESY LVA

Learn more about The Trocks at a screening of "Ballerina Boys" at the Livermore Public Library this weekend.

Genre-bending 3 Redneck Tenors taking to Bankhead stage

Founder reflects on breaking musical norms ahead of Livermore Valley Opera benefit show

BY NICOLE GONZALES

The 3 Redneck Tenors describe themselves as “three singing songbirds of the trailer park.” With their eclectic sound that mixes elements of country music, Broadway showtunes and classical opera, they aim to break genre stereotypes one performance at a time.

Now consisting of Matthew Lord, Grace Lord (Matthew’s 23-year-old daughter) and Blake Davidson, the group promises audience members will be entertained and engaged with their hilarious operatic “twang.” The group is set to take over the Bankhead Theater stage for the upcoming Livermore Valley Opera benefit concert next month.

“We like to say we’re a little mix of country twang and that classical opera style people know. We sing with that traditional operatic sound but with a comedic twist, so folks who like opera will really enjoy the set,” said Matthew Lord, a California native who lived in the Tri-Valley for part of his childhood.

Lord, a veteran opera vocalist, has performed with a number of groups across the nation such as the San Francisco Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and the New York Metropolitan Opera. Davidson, also a longtime opera singer, has performed at the Tokyo Opera House and Carnegie Hall.

On the group’s founding, Lord said he was inspired to form a musical act that was unlike anything the opera world had ever seen. The 3 Redneck Tenors, under their original lineup, gained national recognition after competing on “America’s Got Talent” in 2007.

“There was just really no other group that was doing this sort of act, you know. It’s a very interesting intersection of music, and I like to think we are pushing those musical boundaries, pushing people to explore what opera and other traditional types of music mean,” Lord said in a recent interview.

Lord said his favorite part of being in the 3 Redneck Tenors is entertaining people and seeing their connection to the music.

“For me, I love seeing some of the laughs that people have, seeing that people are entertained, and seeing people let go and enjoy themselves — it’s one of the best parts of performing,” he said.

“People might find unlikely genres mix well together, or that they like a certain kind of music they never thought they would because it’s shown in such a different way,” he added. “You can always be expanding your musical taste.”

Tri-Valley residents can catch the group during their set at the Livermore Valley Opera benefit concert. Held on Feb. 17 at the Bankhead, proceeds for the show



COURTESY 3 REDNECK TENORS

The 3 Redneck Tenors Blake Davidson (left), Matthew Lord (center) and Grace Lord (right) are shown onstage. The group is known for musical performances that include elements of country and opera.

will go toward continuing LVO’s mission.

Growing up, Lord lived in Pleasanton during his middle school years. This made their performance at the Livermore venue all the more special, he said. When LVO inquired about having the 3 Redneck Tenors as the main act for February’s concert, Lord and his bandmates were eager to oblige.

“We’re excited about the show for the Livermore Valley Opera benefit concert. Anything that supports or encourages music and art in the community is wonderful for us to be a part of,” Lord said of the upcoming performance. “We were happy when they reached out and asked us to partake in the event because we’ll have a chance to reach new audience members while also

helping out the cause.”

“I hope the audience will find themselves having a good time, enjoying the concert and of course supporting the Livermore Valley Opera,” Lord added.

To find tickets and more information about the LVO benefit event, visit the organization’s website at livermorevalleyopera.com. ■

Bridging the past and present of East Asian art

New Bankhead exhibit celebrates blend of contemporary and traditional styles

BY NICOLE GONZALES

Art hailing from East Asia often features intricate visuals of landscapes, animals, flowers and architecture. Aside from visual art, these regions — particularly China, Korea and Japan — are known to produce aesthetically rich statues, textiles, ceramics and other creations.

Livermore Valley Arts has compiled an exhibit to highlight these complex and striking styles of art. “Poetic World: East Asian Art” is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater now through March 10. Work will also be shown in the Founders Room of the theater.

The exhibit celebrates a blend of contemporary and traditional East Asian art styles. LVA officials said viewers will be transported into “a realm where traditional techniques harmonize with modern interpretations.”

“Many of the pieces in this exhibit come to us on loan from the Chinese Art Association of San Francisco. We’re happy to partner with this organization and offer a platform to display these art

pieces,” said Anne Giancola, LVA representative.

Founded in 1982, CAASF aims to preserve and honor the various styles of Asian art — from China and beyond.

“Composed of artists from different cultural regions around the world, (CAASF) has been devoted to promoting Chinese culture and meaningful East-West intercultural exchange,” according to LVA.

“They are also highly motivated by multiple cultural influences, finding the content of this art exhibition is superior to that of past years, with the scope of techniques and styles broadened, covering East-West art media such as landscape, flower-bird, human-figure, calligraphy and the live-view point, as well as in various aspects of art expression and different individual art characters,” LVA reps added. “Both older masters and young talent are represented, providing context and allowing the viewer to observe the evolution of styles and the continuity of certain traditions.”

Gallery artwork features intricate brush work, experimental techniques and ink washes from international and local artists alike.



COURTESY LVA

Artwork by Peter Zhang are among those on display in “Poetic World: East Asian Art”, a new exhibit in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater.

“The pieces in ‘Poetic World’ emphasize tradition but also welcome contemporary and modern elements of Eastern Asian art,” Giancola added. “Art is always a powerful tool to bring together different communities, countries or cultures together.”

East Asian art typically features many strong recurring symbols representing values in their given culture. The tiger, which is known as a symbol of heroism, courage

and valor, is featured in “Poetic World” by the works of Zhong Liang Zhuang and Peter Zhang.

From the private collection of Foster Goldstrom, Feng Jin doors are on display. Other pieces in the exhibit are courtesy of Hillcrest Gardens residents of Livermore; supplemental pieces are also provided from local Tri-Valley artists.

“The art display is free and open to members of the public. We encourage all community members

to visit and view these captivating works of art,” said Giancola.

On Feb. 24 from 2-4 p.m., LVA will host a reception featuring live Asian calligraphy and ink art demonstrations, lead by Tri-Valley artist Wei-Ting Chuang. Live guqin music and tea will be provided courtesy of CAASF.

To find out more about the “Poetic World: East Asian Art” exhibit currently on display, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Opinion

GUEST OPINION

BY KEN MANO

Festival overwhelmed with student volunteers

Hundreds of student volunteers overwhelmed the Pleasanton Make A Difference Festival on Jan 13. However, unlike many press reports where students are disruptive, these students were there to provide service for others.

For the first time, organizers prepared service projects for those wishing to actually perform service at the festival. Three projects were available on the Senior Center stage:

1. Tying of 16 blankets for the Serenity House of Oakland for abused women and their children.

2. Sorting of used crayons for The Crayon Initiative of Danville, who melt them down and make brand new crayons for children in hospital.

3. Making of thank-you cards for Pleasanton

Military Families who send them in packages to local military serving throughout the world. (By the way: they need donations for their March packout, go to www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org to see a listing of their needs.)

Apologies to the students who were not able to find as many service hours as they expected: Your response completely overwhelmed us! To find additional service projects, go to www.JustServe.org.

Denise Harper, president of Pleasanton Military Families, was thrilled with nearly 100 handmade cards. The cards will be added to the Easter/Spring packout on March 2.



Pre-festival publicity was far more effective than anticipated and at the beginning of the festival, organizers were overwhelmed with the number of students who showed up — and although there was enough room for up to 40 students working on the projects, many more showed up than could work on the projects at the same time. In addition to local media and Facebook pages, the PUSD newsletter also brought many students seeking service opportunities.

Students could also talk to local nonprofit leaders about service at their organization. Exhibitors were thrilled with the turnout and the number of volunteers on their signup sheets.

The leader of the American Association of University Women said they get more new members at this event than any other time of the year. A first-time participant, the Muslim Community Center, was excited over the pages of names they collected.

Although it was crowded and noisy, it just added to the excitement of the festival. Many volunteers signed up for the Special Olympics events, which will be held in Pleasanton in March and May. Their sports manager announced that due to participation of Tri-Valley volunteers, the spring games will be expanded to include

swimming and tennis in addition to track.

Many thanks to the nonprofit exhibitors and leaders, who give so much to the community. They provide food for the needy, housing for the homeless, assistance for seniors, clothing for babies and children, safety for the abused, activities and homes for those with special needs, even those training police dogs, helping save dogs and horse rescue by Big Bay Ray.

These nonprofit leaders and volunteers are some of the most wonderful people in our community and give so much of themselves to help others. For a listing of the nonprofits: go to www.MAD4P.org.

Thanks go to Ron Sutton and Jerri Long, original founders of the festival 25 years ago and to our sponsors: The City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Community of Character, Karlson and Lane, Livermore Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Ron's company and nonprofit, Accusplit and their Make a Difference Programs. ■

Editor's note: Ken Mano was one of the organizers of the 2024 Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival, held on Jan. 13. He originally submitted this thank-you letter on the Pleasanton Weekly's Town Square online commenting forum.

LETTERS

Centennial Park

I live across from Centennial Park in Livermore. When we moved

here, the park had a lot more trees, but many have been lost due to their age and the big storms we've had. Some of them were replaced, but not all.

Some that were lost were thick, low-growing pine trees that did a

beautiful job of blocking some of the lights and traffic from Holmes and Fourth/Murrieta. However, the few trees they've replaced are all deciduous, so the park still looks incredibly bare.

I've talked with our neighbors, and we all feel much more exposed to the lights, traffic and dust than in years past. Also, the big cement base that held the totem pole, now gone, helped block lights from the corner, but now the lights are shining into the bedrooms and disrupting everyone's sleep.

Is it possible that you could look into the city adding more evergreen, non-deciduous, low growing and thicker trees to mitigate the lights, sound and dust we get from these busy streets please? Even some hedges/bushes along the sidewalk on Holmes and some nice native bushes on the high spots between us and the corner would be a game changer. It would also make our park more inviting

It's bad enough that the employees

from the offices across Holmes park at Centennial Park during the day, so more greenery, trees and bushes would be greatly welcomed. Several of us have contacted the city, but we would appreciate you looking into this too and for any help you can offer.

—Gail Olney

Tribute to Chris Miller


Thank you to Jeremy Walsh for your excellent and moving tribute to Chris Miller! Many years ago I became acquainted with Chris. We were involved in a variety of volunteer activities. He also would wander by our home to pass out real estate flyers. These always included us visiting about our mutual civic activities.

As a daughter and wife of the military, we were definitely bound by our pride and loyalty to the armed forces and our country. His untiring activities for our town and its citizens will be cherished in our memories.


Chris' family was often mentioned during our talks with pride and love. I appreciate their willingness to share and support his patriotism and caring for the Pleasanton community.

—Sandra Dibiase

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- Receive the February 2024 Pleasanton Public Library Events Calendar
- Provide Input and Direction on the Library Commission Outreach Presentation

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

3-0 victory over Granada highlights up-and-down week for Amador girls' soccer

It was a mixed bag of results for the Amador Valley High girls' soccer team last week.

The Dons started the week with a 3-0 win over Granada. In the opening moments of the game, Angel Akanyirige delivered a beautiful pass to Maylen Montoya, who in turn dropped the ball right in front of the goal for Alden Hofstede to tap in.

The second goal came off a great pass from Hailey Morec to Akanyirige for the score. The final goal when Keira Barker stepped up to tap Hofstede's assist in traffic in front of the goal.

On the defensive end, Sydney Head stopped a penalty kick that was awarded for a hand ball in the box. Morec and Kaia Hoyman were outstanding as defensive backs.

Two days later the Dons fell 1-0 to San Ramon Valley in an intense, physical game. Midway through the second half the Wolves got the lone goal. The Dons pressured the rest of the half and had a few chances to tie the game, but the SRV goalie made the saves.

Montoya, Akanyirige and Hofstede

pressed the SRV defense throughout the game. Hoyman and Ava Haviley also played well for the Dons.

Amador boys' soccer

The Amador varsity started last week with a 2-0 loss at Granada, and then two days later was right there with San Ramon Valley until giving up some late goals to fall 4-2.

The Dons made things right last Saturday, getting a 3-1, non-league win over San Marin. The star of the show was Henry Beatty, who netted a hat trick. Ryan Bell earned player of the game honors for his two assists and relentless attacking presence.

The junior varsity team went 1-1-1 last week, starting with a 0-0 draw against Granada. Xander Poulios was the player of the game for the Dons for his defensive performance.

Two days later the team fell 3-1 to San Ramon Valley. Mateo Eichler was the top player for the Dons, getting the lone goal and playing well throughout the game.

Rounding out the week of play, the JV Dons bounced back taking

out San Marin 3-0. Eichler continued his hot streak with two goals, while Ryan Smiley added another to the tally. Avi Gorrepati, Smiley and Tate Hess provided the crucial assists, showcasing the Dons' well-rounded offensive attack.

The freshman team opened last week's action with a 4-0 win over Granada. Matthew Sun led the charge with two goals, while Leo Wiedemeyer and Andrew Ku added another. Ekansh Samanta and Nico Baylosis provided the assists, and the Dons peppered the goal.

The Dons faced a tougher challenge against San Ramon Valley last Friday, falling 1-0 in a closely contested match.

Just 15 hours later, the Dons bounced back in style on Saturday with 4-0 win against San Marin. The scorers for this game were Noah Camp, A'Rayaan Faris, Joey Prunty and Oliver Heid.

Amador boys' basketball

It was another tough week for the Dons as they dropped games at Granada and San Ramon Valley.

The Mats got the best of the Dons

by a final of 66-57. Three players scored in double figures for the Dons with Kasen Krueger (15), Jaylen Smith (15) and Cade Krueger (12) leading the attack.

In a 68-50 loss to San Ramon Valley, Kasen Krueger had 13 points, Nate Jetter adding 12, and Cade Krueger scoring 11 points.

Amador girls' basketball

The Dons dropped a pair of East

Bay Athletic League games last week before ending a 10-game losing streak with a 54-28 win over Skyline.

The week started with an 89-25 loss to San Ramon Valley. Addison Leomiti had 12 for the Dons, with Megan Hoang adding eight points.

Next up was a tough 49-45 loss to Granada. Leomiti, Hoang and Ellie White had 10 points each in the loss. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.

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TAKE US ALONG



Milestone for these Giants fans: John and Georgette Whitbred of Pleasanton, devoted San Francisco Giants fans, have had the goal of visiting all 30 Major League Baseball parks — and they accomplished it in September. Watching the Giants play their rivals, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the whole family joined them at Dodger Stadium to finish with No. 30 (well, No. 31 including Candlestick Park). Here they are joined grandson Declan with his parents Erin and Sam, and their son Matthew and girlfriend Erica. (Their other daughter Meghan also attended.)

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

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Entertainment

GET IT? JOE KLOCEK Be a part of a stand-up comedy game show with Joe Klocek. Test how well you understood a stand-up-comic's set in real time. 8 p.m., Jan. 26. Tickets \$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE COOLTONES The CoolTones Big Band is Pleasanton-based with vocalist Kathy Blackburn. Expect uniquely inspired arrangements of big band, jazz, swing and blues music with a little rock, funk and fusion mixed in. 8 p.m., Jan. 27. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Featuring the Matt Finder's Group and guest vocalist Sandra Aran. Seating is limited. Reserve by email to info@pleasantonjazzsociety.com. 6 p.m., Jan. 27. 533 Main St., Pleasanton.

LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL Join Elle Woods on her unforgettable journey from sorority sweetheart to Harvard Law's most dazzling star. 8 p.m., Jan. 27. 2 p.m., Jan. 27, 28. Tickets \$45. Visit livermorearts.org.

BALLERINA BOYS SCREENING The Livermore Public Library in partnership with Livermore Valley Arts invites community members to a free screening of *Ballerina Boys* followed by a Q&A with co-director Martie Barylack. 2 p.m., Jan. 28. Civic Center Library.

LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO With their unique blend of humor and exceptional ballet skills, this all male ballet will leave you entertained and amazed. Join for an evening of world-class ballet and non-stop laughs. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29. Tickets \$90-\$120. Visit livermorearts.org.

DEEP RIVER WITH ALEX TAITE Experience this one-man show exploring an often neglected part of American society, the Negro Spiritual. Take a journey with Alex through this lecture recital to deepen your knowledge and your humanity. 8 p.m., Feb. 2. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

STICKY FINGERS BY THE ROLLING STONES With meticulous attention to detail, *Classic Albums Live* brings this classic album to life like never before, making it a must-see event for any Rolling Stones fan. 8 p.m., Feb. 2. Tickets \$45-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE CALIFORNIA FEETWARMERS The California Feetwarmers bring their boisterous stage presence to the Firehouse so bring your dancing shoes to this unique Dance Hall event. 8 p.m., Feb. 3. Tickets \$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

GUITARIST: PAUL GALBRAITH Internationally renowned Grammy-nominated guitarist Paul Galbraith, famed both for his sensitive musical interpretations and for his unique instrument, has performed with top orchestras and as a recitalist throughout Europe and North America. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 3. Tickets \$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Celebrate the Year of the Dragon and enjoy live musical

performances including traditional dances and songs. Free event but attendees must have a ticket. 1-3 p.m., Feb. 3. Amador Theater. Visit firehousearts.org.

RENEGADE ORCHESTRA The Renegade Orchestra embraces the virtuosic skills of top bay area musicians and turns them loose on songs orchestras have never or maybe shouldn't do. 2 p.m., Feb. 4. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

ASHLEY JEMISON SAXOPHONE CONCERT Join for a live saxophone concert by Ashley Jemison who brings a new school vibe to smooth jazz by covering the current styles of R&B and pop music, while adding a unique improvisational twist that leaves her audiences wanting more. 7 p.m., Feb. 8. Livermore Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

FOLSOM '68-THE JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE Experience the legendary music of Johnny Cash like never before with the premier Johnny Cash tribute band. With their authentic sound and powerful performances, you'll feel like you're at an actual Cash concert in the 60s. 8 p.m., Feb. 9. Tickets \$35-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

MJ'S BRASS BOPPERS MJ's Brass Boppers Brass Band is an authentic New Orleans singing and swinging Second Line brass band fusing traditional NOLA standards, funk, jazz, modern pop and more with a second line twist. 8 p.m., Feb. 9. Tickets \$20-\$35. Visit firehousearts.org.

FLAMENCO AT THE FIREHOUSE Join Pleasanton native Jesse Torre and his guests as they present an evening of emotionally charged Flamenco complete with traditional guitar, vocals and dance. 8 p.m., Feb. 10. Tickets \$15-\$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY PRESENTS VIBRANT VARIATIONS Featuring solo concertos by the winners of the annual Competition for Young Musicians, a community event not to be missed. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10. tickets \$42. Visit livermorearts.org.

Talks

ADULTING 101: PERSONAL FINANCE Join author Berna Anat to discuss her book *Money Out Loud* and give advice and answer money and finance questions. 1 p.m., Jan. 27. Pleasanton Library Meeting Room.

BEYOND THE MOVIE OPPENHEIMER Physicist Tom Ramos Ramos has had several roles for the past 40 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He'll explore the events portrayed in *Oppenheimer* and explain how Livermore ended up being the site of a nuclear weapons laboratory. 7 p.m., Jan. 31, Civic Center Library, Storytime Room. 188 S. Livermore Ave.

THE BANKHEAD PRESENTS: HISTORY THAT DOESN'T SUCK From the Civil War to the Gilded Age to the present day, *History That Doesn't Suck* is a history fan's dream show where professor Greg Jackson guides

through some of the greatest points in American history. Laced with sarcasm and humor, this show is the perfect way to learn and have fun at the same time. 3 p.m., Feb. 4. Tickets \$30-\$60. Visit livermorearts.org.

MEET AUTHOR KEELY PARRACK Local author Keely Parrack will be at the Dublin Library to talk about writing and to kick off the release of her newest novel for teens, *10 Hours to Go*. 4:30 p.m., Feb. 6.

WEBINAR: CAN DEMENTIA BE PREVENTED? Attendees will gain an understanding of the role genetics play in developing dementia and learn about the lifestyle choices that may have a positive impact on brain health. The latest information about approved medications for managing symptoms and possibly slowing cognitive decline will also be discussed. 10-11 a.m., Feb. 8. Visit hopehospice.com.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: SAILING THE DODECANESE Susan Gerber will present a slideshow entitled *Sailing the Dodecanese: Lesser-Known Greek Islands* by Private Sailboat where she will share photographs and stories of her adventures sailing to Greek Islands off the Turkey coast in the Dodecanese. 1:30 p.m., Feb. 8. Livermore Civic Center Library.

MEET AUTHOR LISA GRAY Join author Lisa Gray for this free, lively discussion about *Healthy Conflict/Happy Couple*. Stop fighting with each other and start fighting for your relationship. 7 p.m., Feb. 8. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

KEELY PARRACK AT TOWNE CENTER BOOKS Keely Parrack will talk about writing and her two new books which launched earlier this week. 6:30 p.m., Feb. 9. 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

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

Exhibits

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART EXHIBIT Visit the Livermore Civic Center Library Art Gallery to view the artwork of talented Bay Area artists. *Art Of The African Diaspora*, in partnership with Richmond Art Center, supports artists of African descent in the Bay Area. Feb. 1-29.

POETIC WORLD: EAST ASIAN ART This free exhibit celebrates the fusion of contemporary art with rich East Asian heritage transporting visitors into a realm where traditional techniques harmonize with modern interpretations. Thursdays to Sundays, 1-5 p.m.. Through March 3, UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, Bankhead Theater.

FLORA IN FOCUS AT THE HARRINGTON ART GALLERY *Floral in Focus* group exhibition features approximately 80 works of various mediums, with 10 local artists taking part in this floral-themed show. Wednesdays to Saturdays through March 9. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

PET OF THE WEEK

Enjoy Eden

Meet Eden, a sweet and gentle 3-year-old Dalmatian looking for her forever home. This lovely gal is a shining example of grace and resilience. She has a tender heart and is a bit fearful around new faces, especially when it comes to being pet on her head by strangers. Once she trusts you, her loyalty knows no bounds and her playful spirit shines through. She's seeking a calm and loving family who can give her the time and space she needs to build confidence and feel secure. Her adoption fee is waived! Visit eastbayspca.org.



EAT BAY SPCA

Outdoors

NATURE CRAFTS AT LARPD Drop by the Native Garden at the Wetmore Entrance and see Ranger Lauren for a hands-on nature-inspired crafting opportunity. All supplies will be provided. 3-4 p.m., Jan. 27. Visit larpd.org.

BIRDING BY EAR In this unique bird listening hike learn how to utilize the sense of hearing to experience and identify local birds. From tweets to trills and songs to calls, birds have an amazing language all their own. 9 a.m., Feb. 3. Visit larpd.org.

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits & vegetables, plus artisanal goods. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. W. Angela St.

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

Fundraisers

WINES AND VALENTINES The 17th annual Wines & Valentines Dinner helps raise money for the Museum on Main. The event includes a 4-course meal, History Makers award, silent auction, live auction, music and dancing. Tickets \$175. 5-10 p.m., Feb. 9. Palm Event Center on the Rubino Winery Estate. Visit museumonmain.org.

Scholarships

ALAN HU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP Scholarships for up to \$1,000 will be awarded to high school seniors from Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton unified school districts whose college majors and career aspirations support mental health. The deadline is March 10. For more information, visit alanhufoundation.org/scholarship.

TRI-VALLEY RETIRED EDUCATORS' SCHOLARSHIP The Tri-Valley Retired Educators' Scholarship is for students planning to enter the

field of education as a teacher or counselor and a graduate of a public high school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon. Applicants must submit a completed application by mail or by hand by March 15. Visit div85.calrta.org.

Support

HOT MEALS FREE OF CHARGE Open Heart Kitchen serves free hot meals to anyone who is struggling to make ends meet. Monday-Friday, 1:15-3 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

SOUP-ER TUESDAYS Volunteers will serve warm soup during the chilly months for all unhoused individuals in the Tri-Valley. Every Tuesday individuals can "grab-n-go" or stay inside to connect with others, stay warm and/or learn about local resources. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CityServe Care Center 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Through Feb. 27.

MEALS ON WHEELS Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). Call 925-931-5385 for more information.

CITYSERVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Help older individuals who are living independently and just need a little support with friendly visits or transportation to medical appointments. To volunteer, contact 925-222-2273 opt. 1 or email seniors@cityservecares.org.

Seniors

LUNCHES AT THE SENIOR CENTER Senior Lunches (60+) are served in the Main Hall on Mondays through Fridays, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241 for more information.

WOODSHOP AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Use their tools and equipment to complete a project while an experienced woodshop monitor is there to help and guide. Must bring your own wood and pass a safety test before using equipment. 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday. \$5.75R/\$6.75NR.

PLEASANTON PEDALERS Pleasanton Pedalers Cycling is Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center.

SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP Sole Mates Walking Group is Wednesdays, 8:45-10 a.m. Pleasanton Senior Center.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588783

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):

HOPE FOR HEALING

1552 E Gate Way Apt #227
Pleasanton, CA 94566

FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/03/22
UNDER FILE NO. 588783

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):

CRISTINA MOIDEL
1552 E. Gate Way Apt. #227
Pleasanton, CA 94566

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 02 2024.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

GRAND BAKERY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603067

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

1.) Grand Bakery, located at 269 Wayne Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

SUGAR CEREAL LABS LLC
269 Wayne Avenue
Oakland, CA 94606

Delaware

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 December 28 2023.

(PLW Jan 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

EVITAMINLAND

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 602943

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

1.) Evitaminland, located at 653 Catron Drive Oakland, CA 94603, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

RHONDA BURNS
653 Catron Dr
Oakland, CA 94603

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 December 20 2023.

(PLW Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

GOLDEN STATE DOCUMENT SERVICES INC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603352

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

1.) Golden State Document Services Inc., located at 874 Chateau Heights Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda. Mailing Address: 1807 Santa Rita Road H227 Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

Golden State Document Services Inc.
1807 Santa Rita Road H227
Pleasanton, CA 94566

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/03/2013

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 12 2024.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

BAY EAST BROKERS INC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603353

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

1.) Bay East Brokers Inc, located at 874 Chateau Heights Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda. Mailing Address: 1807 Santa Rita Rd H227, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

Bay East Brokers Inc.

1807 Santa Rita Rd H227

Pleasanton, CA 94566

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/16/2015

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 11 2024.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

LONG POINT CONSTRUCTION

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603076

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

1.) Long Point Construction, located at 3939 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

WEST OF MERCURY, LLC
3939 Vineyard Ave
Pleasanton, CA 94566

California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 28 2023.

(PLW Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2024)

DEDICARE PLACEMENT AGENCY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 602855

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

1.) DediCare Placement Agency, located at 6231 Camino del Lago, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

DEDICARE PLACEMENT AGENCY LLC.
6231 Camino del Lago
Pleasanton, CA 94566

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/14/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 15 2023.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

LEVEL UP LEGAL SERVICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603100

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

1.) Level Up Legal Services, located at 22281 Center Street, # 47, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

THERESA WILLIAMS
22281 Center Street, # 47
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 29 2023.

(PLW Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2024)

ALCAMEE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 602563

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

1.) ALCAMEE, located at 4314 Valley Avenue, Apt. G, Pleasanton, CA, 94566, ALAMEDA.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

CAMELIA DOBRICA
4314 Valley Avenue, Apt. G
Pleasanton, CA, 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 07 2023.

(PLW Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2024)

AMI CONTRACTING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603369

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

1.) AMI Contracting, located at 6318 Hansen Dr. Pleasanton, CA, 94566 Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ANGEL IRIZARRY
6318 Hansen Dr
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2024.

(PLW Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

TRI VALLEY HOME DRAFTING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603265

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

1.) Tri Valley Home Drafting, located at 1018 Via Madrid Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JOSEPH YELAVICH
1018 Via Madrid
Livermore, CA 94550

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 January 09 2024.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

THE CHEF'S FARMER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603157

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

1.) The Chef's Farmer, located at 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda. Mailing Address: PO BOX 346, Sunol, CA 94586

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

DIANE DOVHOLUK
PO BOX 346
Sunol, CA 94586

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 January 03 2024.

(PLW Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2024)

CTKEMPANADAS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603422

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

1.) CTKempanadas, located at 5501 De Marcus Blvd Apt 604, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

TETIANA KOVALENKO
5501 De Marcus Blvd Apt 604 Dublin, CA 94568

California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 17 2024.

(PLW Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

SGLA TECHNICAL TRAINING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603044

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

1.) SGLA Technical Training, located at 825 Delaware Street Berkeley, CA 94710, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

SARAH GRONQUIST
825 Delaware Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

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 December 27 2023.

(PLW Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

INNER RESONANCE HEALING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603127

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

1.) Inner Resonance Healing, located at 2076 Cotterell Court Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

CRISTINA MOIDEL

2076 Cotterell Court

Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 02 2024.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

WORDAUTOMATION

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 602674

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

1.) WordAutomation, located at 5691 San Luis Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

GLYNNIS ELLIOTT
5691 San Luis Ct
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/04/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 11 2023.

(PLW Jan 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

GUDESTHETICS

LASHGORL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603054

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

1.) GUDESTHETICS, 2.) LASHGORL, located at 39111 Paseo Padre Pkwy Unit 115 Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 170 Willowrun Way, Oakley, CA 94561

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

GUDESTHETICS
39111 Paseo Padre Pkwy Unit 115

Fremont, CA 94538

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/22/2022

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 28 2023.

(PLW Jan 19, 26, Feb 2 and 9, 2024)

CLOCKWISE ESCAPE ROOM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 603011

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

1.) Clockwise Escape Room, located at 4713 First St., ste #100, Pleasanton, CA, 94566, Alameda county.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

LOCKBOX ESCAPES LLC
522 7th Street, Oakland, CA, 94607

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 26 2023.

(PLW Jan 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

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

Case No.: 23CV055387

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Emran Mahbub filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

AISHA BASHAR MAHBUB to AISHA HANA MAHBUB

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 01/30/2024, 9:30 a.m., Dept. 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA, 94612.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 12/15/2023
Charles A. Smiley
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2024)

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Date: 12/

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 23CV045503

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Amanda Lee Silver filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

AMANDA LEE SILVER to AHN LEE

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 01/16/2024, 9:30am, Dept 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 11/22/2023

Jenna Whitman

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jan 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JOHN GOMEZ, JR

Case No.: 23PR055098

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN GOMEZ, JR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Mark Gomez in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Mark Gomez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 26 2024 at 09:45AM in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 201 N First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

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:

Christopher Hirz, Esquire

Hirz Law Group, Inc

75 E Santa Clara Street

San Jose, CA 95113

408-294-4525

(PLW Jan 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

DAVID RAMSAY

Case No.: 23PR057606

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

Victoria Lekov in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Victoria Lekov be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 07 2024 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:

Stephen S. Picone, Esq.

Picone & Defilippis, A P.L.C.

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408-292-0441

(PLW Jan 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

IGOR KHALFIN

Case No.: 23PR055287

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

INGO BRAUER AND ALEKSANDR TELLY in

the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

INGO BRAUER AND ALEKSANDR TELLY 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.)

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 31 2024 at 9:45 A.M. in DEPARTMENT 202 of the Superior Court of California,

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Attorney for Petitioner:

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DANIEL DELAN WILKINSON; SHANE

WIHLIDAL; AND DOES 1 TO 20

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(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

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DATE: (Fecha) 06/22/2022

Clerk, by/s/ Chad Finkel, Executive Officer/ Clerk of the Court, Deputy X. Bowie

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SUMMONS Case No. CV-22-002295

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): Ryan Espina, Safeway Sucs, LLC; Genard Garcia; Bryce Disbrow; and Does 1 through 100, Inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Dylan

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Lower mortgage interest rates may help bring homeownership into range for more buyers during 2024.

Homeownership in Pleasanton remains desirable in 2024

Lower rates represent good news for buyers, but limited supply of homes among challenges

BY DAVID STARK

Buyers may be willing to deal with low inventory and high prices to become homeowners in Pleasanton during 2024.

At the beginning of 2023, the median sales price for a single-family detached home in Pleasanton was \$1.48 million. By March 2023, prices shot up to more than \$1.8 million and then fluctuated during the spring and fall. In December, prices had dropped to \$1.5 million.

Taken as a whole, the median sales price during all of 2023 was \$1.72 million, which was slightly less than \$1.73 million during 2022. Even with this relatively lower amount, prices during 2023 were the second highest on record. Prices are expected to remain high during 2024.



David Stark

Lower mortgage interest rates may help bring homeownership into range for more buyers during 2024.

“Right now, interest rates are a little bit lower than they have been in the recent past and there’s a possibility that they could go even lower, so buyers are not scared off by sales prices in Pleasanton,” said Barbara

Clemons, 2024 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

According to analysis by FreddieMac, interest rates during October 2023, for a 30-year “jumbo” mortgage were in the 8% range. As of mid-January 2024, rates are now closer to 6.5%.

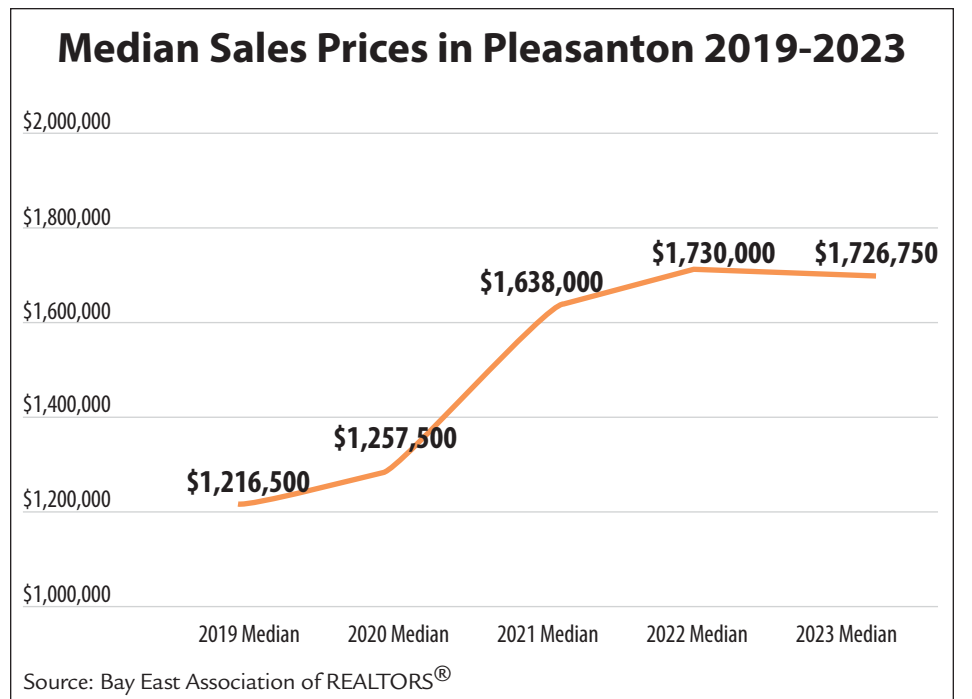
For Pleasanton homeowners considering selling during 2024, Clemons shared that even with buyers having access to mortgages with lower rates, “sellers need to be a bit realistic about prices. They should consult with their agent to set expectations.”

Lower rates are good news for buyers who will face other challenges during 2024, including a limited supply of homes for sale.

Buyers in Pleasanton had far fewer choices during 2023 compared with 2022. On average there were 33 single-family detached homes for sale each month during 2023 versus 50 homes for sale each month during 2022.

One factor driving the lack of inventory was the significant number of homes sold during 2021. More than 860 homes sold that year, which was at least 200 more sales than during the previous years.

Buyers who purchased in Pleasanton during 2021, when mortgage interest rates were in the 3% range, or lower, will be unlikely to sell anytime soon. As a result, the trend



toward fewer homes on the market may continue during 2024.

Current Pleasanton homeowners may be reluctant to sell for another compelling reason: quality of life.

“It’s a very nice place to live and so I don’t see residents wanting to leave unless they have to,” Clemons said. “Unless some life change or

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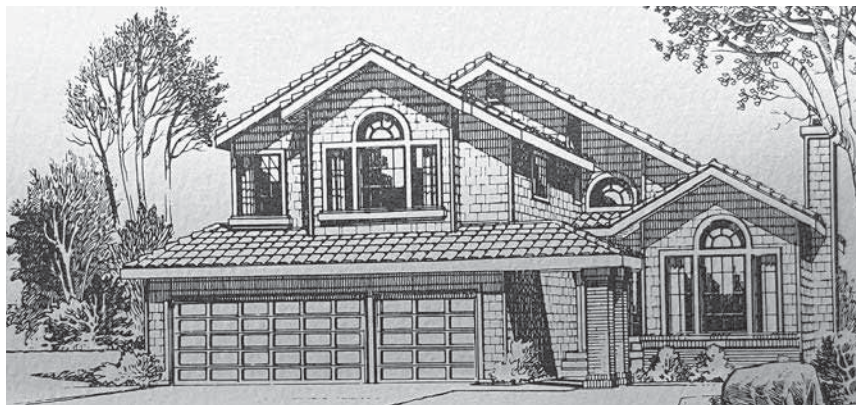
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The start of the new year is a good time to create a maintenance plan to keep your trees looking good year-round.

Here's 5 easy gardening resolutions for healthier trees

'Paying a bit more attention to them can make a world of a difference for your landscape'

BY GEORGE RENO

The new year is here, so how about making some promises and commitments to your trees and landscape?

What many people don't realize is that trees, in some ways, have feelings and emotions. They know when they are being neglected or need a good pruning or some extra TLC. Paying a bit more attention to them can make a world of a difference for your landscape.

Here are five resolutions you can make to keep your yard healthy and looking good:

Keep notes

Make physical notes of the current condition of your trees and vow to keep the notes updated. Walk your property with a pen and paper or your phone and examine every tree. Give each tree a nickname or a number and write down if anything seems wrong with it. Take note of the color of a tree's leaves, whether it's sturdy or if the bark is falling off. This creates a great starting place for keeping track of how your trees are progressing throughout the year.

Conduct quarterly tree checks

Set a reminder in your phone for the beginning of season to go back out and do a

full examination of your trees. By doing this, you can help eliminate tree diseases, pest takeovers, and worse, tree death.

If you see something, say something

Are the branches of your trees falling with a slight gust of wind? Do you see branches hanging over your home or vehicles? Have you noticed that the leaves on one tree are a completely different color than the rest, or the tree bare when it shouldn't be? Is the bark falling off easily? If you notice anything like this, take action, or call your local arborist and have them assess the situation.

Pledge to use proper tools

When caring for yourself, you use products that get the job done, so do the same for your trees. If you are pruning, be sure properly clean and sharpen the pruners before using them. If you are treating something on the property, ensure that you are using products that are safe and approved by your arborist.

Hire an expert when needed

Dedicate this year to giving your trees the best care with the help of experts. Let them do the heavy lifting, high pruning, pest and disease care and deep watering. ■

STARK

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something like that or if they want to cash out here and go retire somewhere else."

Even with high demand for homeownership in Pleasanton, fewer homes on the market meant fewer sales during 2023. The 389 single-family detached homes sold during 2023 were the lowest in five years. It is likely that even with lower interest rates, sales activity during 2024 will remain modest compared with previous years.

Buyer enthusiasm for homeownership will remain high during 2024. During 2023, higher interest rates may have dampened prices, and lack of inventory drove down sales activity, yet the pace of sales accelerated slightly. During 2022, a home was on the market an average of

19 days. During 2023, it was 18 days.

Quality of life, again, was a factor. "Pleasanton has high prices, but that's where people want to live," Clemons said.

Clemons predicts homes will sell quickly during 2024 and buyers need to be prepared. "It's still very competitive out there. You need to have all of your ducks lined up, you want every advantage when you get your offer in front of that seller and make it shine as much as possible."

Clemons said buyers need to have their purchase financing approved before they go home shopping and make an offer. "Just come prepared and come ready to do what it takes to win that home." ■

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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How ‘senior’ Realtors are helping older homebuyers

Seniors have highest homeownership rate among all groups, also make up greatest percentage of sellers

BY SILICON VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Whether downsizing, relocating closer to family or joining a retirement community, navigating the real estate market can come with a unique set of challenges for older homebuyers. What many buyers might not know is there are real estate professionals specifically trained to guide adults 50 and over through the process.

Specialized Realtors

Known as a Seniors Real Estate Specialist, these Realtors understand the issues that this segment of the population often faces. They are trained on how best to help older adults and their families handle these transitions. To become certified, Realtors must complete courses on using reverse mortgages and pensions in real estate transactions, among other topics.

John “Skip” Frenzel is among the approximately 16,000 Realtors who have earned the Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation from the National Association of Realtors.

“When working with (older adults), you play a larger role in their lives,” Frenzel said. “A lot of emotions come into play when they move out of the home that they have lived in for many years. You often assume the role as helper, problem solver and educator.”

Older homebuyers on the rise

According to AARP, households with older adults are increasing faster than other age groups. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated that by 2030, 1 in 5 people — or 20% of the population — will be 65 or older. Adults over 55 have the highest homeownership rate among all groups. They also make up the greatest percentage of sellers, according to the National Association of Realtors. There are some trends toward renting in active adult communities. Many older adults, however, are buying homes similar to those owned previously. Fewer are choosing assisted living facilities than in earlier generations.

Frenzel said housing and transportation are among the biggest concerns for many older adults. Other concerns include rising healthcare costs, living on a fixed budget, long-term care needs and out living their assets. All of these can make buying, selling or moving more challenging for older adults, he said.

Real estate challenges after 50

Finding a property that is affordable, equipped for those with limited mobility or close to transportation may be difficult, especially in areas where there is limited inventory.



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Older homebuyers often face a unique set of challenges compared to other buyers.

Financing is another challenge as retirees may face higher interest rates and more scrutiny when applying for a mortgage loan. In addition, selling a home can trigger significant taxation. There also are legal complexities unique to older adults, such as trusts, power of attorney and estate planning.

A Real Estate Specialist needs to be able to assess how well their client can function, Frenzel said. Realtors need to consider the person’s emotions and help them address issues as they come up.

“Most of all, they need someone who will take time to sit and listen to them,” Frenzel said. ■

HOME SALES

Editor’s note: After weeks without data being reported by Alameda County to our contributor California REsource, our home sales section has returned — albeit with some lagged data for that part of the region. This week’s data represents homes sold during Oct. 31 to Nov. 9 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Dec. 18-29 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 402 Arlington Court** Rickenbach Trust to N. & M. Akteruzzaman for \$1,700,000
- 5565 Black Avenue** Smith Trust to U. & S. Biswas for \$1,685,000
- 3622 Diablo Court** Wiggett Trust to B. & S. Verma for \$2,829,000
- 3280 Flemington Court** Tucker Family Trust to R. & R. Maddukuri for \$1,712,000
- 35 Golf Road** S. Singh to C. & A. Lung for \$2,626,500
- 8020 Kingbird Court** Sun Meadowlark LLC to Y. & X. Zhang for \$3,620,000
- 7686 Maywood Drive** Hall Family Trust to Nimbalkar Family Trust for \$2,365,000
- 7887 Medinah Court** Baker Family Trust to Shoemaker Trust for \$1,800,000
- 5132 Springdale Avenue** E. Laborde to C. & M. Hadimani for \$1,450,000
- 3106 Weymouth Court** Gregory Living Trust to S. & S. Vanka for \$1,760,000
- 4306 1st Street** Safreno Living Trust to Community Equity Group Inc for \$820,000
- 5248 Arrezzo Street** S. & P. Gompaa to A. & S. Patil for \$1,320,000
- 7758 Creekside Drive** J. Stanger to Helping Homes Ca LLC for \$805,000
- 4789 Herrin Way** Wangyang 1031 LLC to A. & F. Burney for \$1,490,000
- 8019 Kingbird Court** Sun Meadowlark LLC to H. & D. Jia for \$4,082,500
- 1976 Rheem Drive** E. Bell to Harkush LLC for \$1,170,000

Livermore

- 1449 4th Street** Pickup Family Trust to S. & N. Machha for \$1,010,000

- 1013 Arrowhead Avenue** M. Nuno to E. & W. Bennett for \$790,000
- 1025 Batavia Avenue** Guntrum Trust to B. & W. Jiang for \$1,030,000
- 660 Brighton Way** Newman Trust to S. & S. Guha for \$1,291,000
- 2993 Chateau Way** A. Prochazka to C. Wasch for \$1,300,000
- 1516 College Avenue** Famariss Trust to L. Han for \$1,020,000
- 1928 De Vaca Way** Bosserman Living Trust to K. & T. Doyle for \$850,000
- 5431 Evelyn Way** Dibble Trust to P. Blandino for \$1,300,000
- 1642 Hollyhock Street** Reed Trust to Soi Living Trust for \$765,000
- 388 James Street** R. Arnold-Kahana to A. & S. Bajoria for \$1,040,000
- 1605 Juniper Street** R. Mineo to S. Harrington for \$950,000
- 580 North L Street** Kelly Trust to Stanley Family Trust for \$1,000,000
- 2023 Linden Street** Santos Family LLC to V. Sheth for \$700,000
- 3573 Pestana Way** Rashe Family Trust to M. & K. Kazakoff for \$825,000
- 4995 Scenic Avenue** Foreverhome Properties LLC to N. & L. Tesillo for \$1,480,000
- 1709 Whippoorwill Street** D. & K. Karns to J. Mangat for \$1,508,000
- 3036 Bresso Drive** M. & K. Ng to T. & M. Eggerling for \$1,760,000
- 1565 El Dorado Drive** M. & R. Blodgett to J. & A. Hyles for \$1,060,000
- 1951 Elm Street** A. Casses to A. Gasses for \$900,000
- 210 Fennel Way** W. Yang to P. & C. Wan-Querubin for \$1,210,000
- 188 Heligan Lane #9** V. Duz to M. & K. Ghaemmaghami for \$742,500
- 136 Lee Avenue** Blue Riley Lp to Golden Knob LLC for \$758,000
- 751 Polaris Way** S. & J. Kapitan to S. & R. Repaka for \$1,525,000
- 3942 Stanford Way** Gibbons Trust to I. & A. Saxena for \$1,230,000
- 4114 Sugar Pine Way** D. & R. Meyer to J. & U. Sabapathy for \$940,000

- 982 Ventura Avenue** J. Gennoy to C. & J. Bryning for \$850,000
- 187 Wildrose Common #1201** Thranian Family Trust to S. & B. Chong for \$851,000

Dublin

- 7440 Amarillo Road** Green Family Trust to B. & S. Salunke for \$1,600,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #416** W. Wei to N. Suresh for \$728,000
- 10849 Mcpeak Lane #56** A. Gurumurthy to K. Lamar for \$925,000
- 7701 Peppertree Road** S. & D. Carrillo to B. & V. Puttaswamy for \$1,240,000
- 7646 Quail Creek Circle** Lee Family Trust to S. & M. Bhat for \$1,750,000
- 2400 Valentano Drive** Rozanski Family Trust to S. & P. Menezes for \$2,088,000
- 7446 Brigadoon Way** N. Menon to N. & A. Bheri for \$944,000
- 4285 Creekview Drive** Wong Trust to Y. & B. Zhang for \$1,500,000
- 7645 Donohue Drive** P. Bondala to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,112,000
- 4287 Loyaltan Road** I. Lei to G. & S. Manta for \$1,440,000
- 11801 Newbridge Way** Z. Dean to C. & N. Hanford for \$719,000
- 7793 Peppertree Road** Mark Trust to S. Kandaswamy for \$1,700,000
- 8046 Peppertree Road** Zika Living Trust to K. & S. Patel for \$1,380,000

San Ramon

- 560 La Copita Court** S. Lee to S. & N. Mankodi for \$760,000
- 711 Lakemont Place #4** Whippet Trust to Uday Trust for \$950,000
- 1190 Mateo Miller Circle** Toll West Coast LLC to M. & E. Cooperman for \$1,750,000
- 400 Melrose Court** J. & G. Schultz to T. & Y. Liu for \$2,600,000
- 318 Rothbury Way** A. Aladegbami to H. & M. Dasaraju for \$1,910,000
- 311 Summerview Court** K. Chubb to Shilpa Trust for \$1,805,000
- 1288 Ustilago Drive** M. & P. Morton to Ramaanujan Trust for \$2,001,000

- 105 Compton Circle #D** S. Southside to M. Zapata for \$575,000
- 9631 Ernwood Place** D. Thor to H. & M. Singh for \$1,511,000
- 6222 Main Branch Road** G. Chen to T. & K. Rahman for \$1,230,000
- 356 South Overlook Drive** C. Marmolejo to A. Porubcan for \$785,000
- 2829 Pine Valley Road** A. & Y. Razdolskiy to S. & A. Jain for \$1,299,000
- 70105 Via Vicenza** Faria Preserve LLC to H. & P. Gogoi for \$940,000
- 125 Winged Foot Place** Phillips Trust to D. & W. Feng for \$1,395,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Oct. 31-Nov. 9)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$805,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,082,500
Average sales reported: \$1,952,187

Livermore (Oct. 31-Nov. 9)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$700,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,760,000
Average sales reported: \$1,062,425

Dublin (Oct. 31-Nov. 9)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$719,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,088,000
Average sales reported: \$1,317,384

San Ramon (Dec. 18-29)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$575,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,600,000
Average sales reported: \$1,517,500

Source: California REsource

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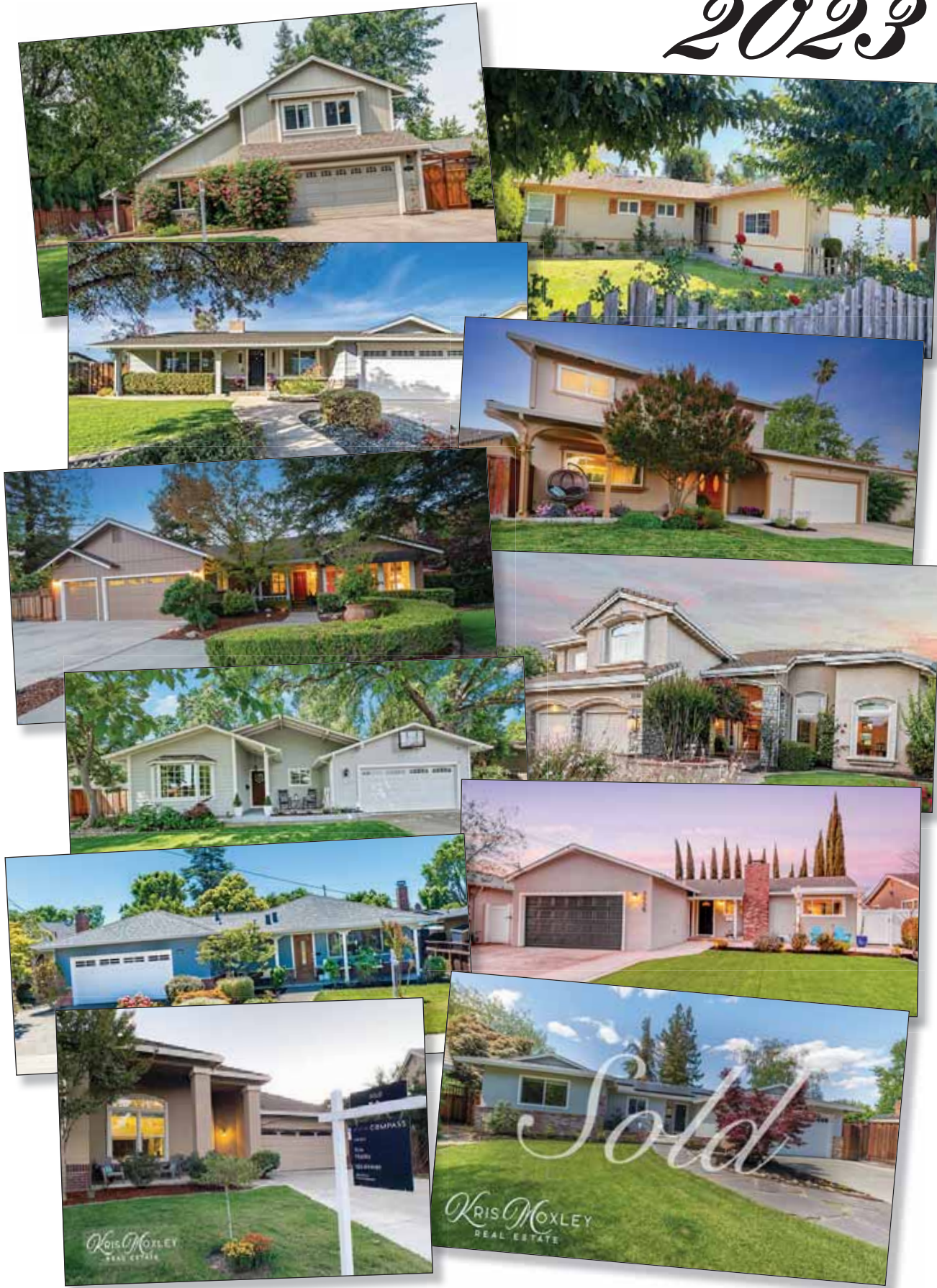
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