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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

The future of news

This is a special week for journalism in America amid what feels like yet another inflection point for our industry.

March 10-16 is National Sunshine Week 2024, described by organizers as “a nonpartisan collaboration among groups in the journalism, civic, education, government and private sectors that shines a light on the importance of public records and open government.”

The initiative highlights the vital First Amendment and watchdog motivations behind news reporting, while also offering very tangible and helpful guidance to journalists (and regular residents) about how to file for government documents under the Freedom of Information Act via sunshineweek.org.

I’m celebrating by talking with my team soon about what public records requests we should submit next. Any ideas?

These discussions are great for us to stay centered and focus on our mission, but there’s no ignoring that they’re happening in newsrooms across the country with the backdrop of hard conversation we really must have as a society: What is the future of journalism?

It’s a critical time for the only profession I’ve known. If you pay attention to headlines about our industry, you understand the sorts of things journalism is facing as an institution: diminishing revenues, hedge fund ownerships, staffing cutbacks, outright closures, artificial intelligence, and the battle against pervasive (and persuasive) misinformation and disinformation.

Two of the Tri-Valley’s elected officials have taken particular note about what’s been going on — and they’re trying to do more.

State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), who is in his final term in office, spearheaded the new California Local News Fellowship and helped spur a hearing this week before the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation as members examine options such as taxes and tax credits to stem the tide for local newsrooms in California.

“Independent journalism is at a crisis stage and we’re at a tipping point for its future,” Glazer, the committee chair, said ahead of the hearing. “Even though government must have a hands off relationship with news organizations, it is vital to our system of democracy to ensure we have a thriving free press. We want to examine what we can do to help.”

At the national level, the San

Ramon Valley’s U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) joined two colleagues on Feb. 9 in reintroducing the “Saving Local News Act” (House Resolution 7306) that aims to make it easier for print and online news organizations to become nonprofits and H.R. 1005 that “recognizes the importance of local media outlets to society and expresses the urgent need for Congress to take action to help prevent their decline.”

Although I’m always concerned about any “strings attached” with government support and regulation of journalism, I’m glad these conversations are advancing because they are so necessary for us all to find positive solutions.

Of course our parent organization took the profound step on Jan. 1 to convert our business operations into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to put us on a more stable path to sustain and thrive into the future.

As I try to look ahead in my crystal ball, I’m continually encouraged by what I see at the student journalism level in the Tri-Valley. The high school and community college papers and websites are the best in the Bay in my book.

We’ve always had awesome local student interns during my 10 years with the Weekly. (Which reminds me: Recruitment for our summer program starts soon; get those applications ready.)

This spring semester, 13 teens — including California High School’s Keerthi Eraniyan and Andrew Ma — are participating in the inaugural Contra Costa Youth Journalism program. Hats off to CalMatters, the county’s Office of Education and other supporters for funding it.

Here in Pleasanton, The Amador just got a major monetary infusion from the sales of the recent book “Cruising Down Memory Lane: Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950s”.

The \$10,000 donation, which was presented by the book’s lead interviewer Donna Kamp McMillion and others last week, will help the Amador Valley High School journalism program print its student newspaper and buy much-needed new equipment like cameras, according to adviser Wendy Connelly.

“Having strong news sources that cover local news is vital for our communities,” Connelly told me. “I think that the skills learned in our class put our students so far ahead of their peers and really helps ensure these students have the skills they need for their future. I’m so proud of these students and our program.” ■

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Cattle lie down awaiting their next feeding time at Sri Surabhi Go Ksetra, a sanctuary in unincorporated Pleasanton that takes in cows and cares for them as they live out their days. Photo by Nicole Gonzales.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

So, how did you meet your spouse?



Jacqueline Wehe, with Emmie
Teacher

We were both working at an elementary school. I was a substitute teacher and he was "The Tech Guy". At first I was not interested in him, at all, romantically. But about two years later we started dating. Our first official date was a meet-up at Fleet Feet on Main Street, to go for a run with other people. Afterwards we went to McKay's. We totally hit it off, and look at us now!



Chet Wehe, with Addie
HVAC programmer

I was the computer support person at the school where my wife was teaching. As a new substitute teacher, she came to me looking for a laptop. So I gave her a new laptop. And after much trial and error, after a few years, I also gave her a new last name!



Shaunna Mason
Special education teacher

We met online, as so many people do these days. We hit it off right away, several years ago. We got married and since then, have created the most beautiful family together!



Ryan Moura, with Mason
Insurance broker

We met during our freshman year high school Spanish class. She caught my eye right away because she was wearing an Oakland A's sweatshirt. As you can see, the rest is history!



Cassandra Woods
Labor and delivery nurse

We met about 11 years ago, through mutual friends, at a bar in Los Angeles. My friend was dating my husband's friend, and they invited us to tag along with them on their date night. We hit it off!

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

I-680 closure is on

With the forecast looking clear, Caltrans officials confirmed that the I-680 southbound closure in the Tri-Valley remains on as scheduled for this weekend as of press time.

The freeway will be fully shut down in the southbound direction between the I-580/I-680 connector in Pleasanton down to the Koopman Road interchange in Sunol from 9 p.m. this Friday (March 15) to 4 a.m. Monday (March 18) to allow for major repaving work. The southbound sides of Foothill Road and Pleasanton Sunol Road will also be closed through the area.

Originally planned for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend and later the Presidents' Day weekend, the project was canceled due to inclement weather both times and ultimately rescheduled for this St. Patrick's Day weekend. Caltrans officials noted that with the holiday festivities on Saturday and Sunday, all freeway ramps into Dublin on I-580 and I-680 will be open.

For full detours and other information, go to dot.ca.gov.

State of the City

Mayor Karla Brown is set to deliver Pleasanton's annual State of the City address at a luncheon event organized by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce later this month.

The speech typically sees the mayor update attendees on recent activities and initiatives undertaken in the city during the previous year while also looking ahead to developments on the horizon for Pleasanton in the ensuing months and beyond.

The event is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 26 at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard in Pleasanton. For tickets and more information, go to pleasanton.org.

Library book sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is holding its "Spring Book and Media Sale" next week at the downtown facility.

This is a great opportunity to pick up some tremendous bargains for your family, friends and yourself — and help raise needed funds for the library," the nonprofit said.

The event features nearly new books, CDs, DVDs, albums, games and puzzles for sale, including the nonprofit's popular "\$7/bag" offering. The volunteers will accept cash, check or card.

The book sale will run from next Thursday to Sunday (March 21-24) at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more details, visit www.friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org. ■

PUSD, teachers reach agreement after months at tense impasse

Tentative deal includes 10% salary increase, full Kaiser coverage, high school class size reductions

By JEREMY WALSH AND
CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Association of Pleasanton Teachers and the Pleasanton Unified School District agreed to terms on a tentative agreement with an overall compensation increase of 13.22%, among other provisions, to end months of tense negotiations, the district announced late Monday night following a marathon bargaining session.

Key elements of the deal — which still needs to be approved by union membership and PUSD's Board of Trustees — include 10% in an

ongoing salary increase staggered throughout current 2023-24 school year, full Kaiser single health coverage, upticks to teacher stipends, credit for years of service and reduction in high school class sizes, the district said on its negotiations webpage.

"This is an increase to the District's prior offer and exceeds the recommendation brought forward by the Factfinding Panel," PUSD officials said. "We are pleased to have reached a resolution that represents how we value our certificated team members and the work that they do with students. Thank you to the members

of both negotiating teams who dedicated so much time and effort to making this happen."

APT president Cheryl Atkins confirmed to the Weekly that a deal was reached and would be going to union membership for a ratification vote.

"We came to a tentative agreement and have avoided a strike," Atkins told the Weekly late on Tuesday. "While we didn't get everything we wanted, we were able to get an agreement that supports our guiding principles of APT — best class sizes and caseloads, best resources and supports and best

educators, which will help to give our Pleasanton students the best. We thank our community, parents, and students that reached out to the schools board and district management to support our efforts."

The two sides had been at odds over this year's contract for months, with the standoff primarily centered around how far apart the union and district bargaining teams were on salary increases.

APT declared an impasse with the district amid stalled talks last

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FILE IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF LIVERMORE

Rendering depicts the design of the Eden Housing affordable residential complex proposed for downtown Livermore. The inclusion of a public Veterans Park (foreground) was central to the appellate court's ruling on the previously squashed referendum petition.

Vote coming? Appellate court sides with Move Eden Housing in referendum case

Decision requires Livermore to process petition; reverses order for group to pay \$500,000 bond

By CIERRA BAILEY

The fate of the contentious Eden Housing development planned for downtown Livermore could lie in the hands of voters this fall.

The Move Eden Housing community group has celebrated a recent court victory in its effort to get a referendum petition processed which seeks to overturn the city of Livermore's approval of an amended disposition, development and loan agreement with Eden Housing, Inc. — the developer for the 130-unit affordable housing complex and public Veterans Park set to be built at

the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and L Street.

The state appellate court has sided with the group, which filed an appeal after its initial lawsuit against the city was denied in trial court last year. The lawsuit challenged the city's decision to not process the group's referendum petition despite it having more than enough signatures necessary.

The referendum petition was initially submitted to the city in July of 2022. At the time, City Clerk Marie Weber deemed the council's action approving the DDLA as administrative, not legislative, and therefore not eligible for a challenge

by referendum. Her determination was based on the advice of City Attorney Jason Alcala and special counsel.

While the trial court upheld the city's decision, the appellate court determined that refusing to process the petition was unlawful and ruled last week to reverse the trial court's decision.

"Adoption of the challenged resolution was a legislative act subject to the referendum power, because the development agreement at issue approved the construction of and improvements to a new

Balch running for mayor

Campaign centers on open government, responsible spending

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton City Council member Jack Balch officially announced on Wednesday that he will be running for mayor during the Nov. 5 general election.

Balch, who served as the city's vice mayor last year, said he hopes voters choose him as Pleasanton's next mayor so he can begin addressing several issues he has seen during his four years on the council.

"The current direction that Pleasanton is on is not my vision for Pleasanton's future," Balch told the Weekly. "I don't see how the current paths and choices by the council are ones for vibrancy and growing Pleasanton. Ones that work to solve problems."

He will be competing against current Mayor Karla Brown, who ran uncontested during her reelection in 2022. According to the city's campaign disclosure statements, Brown has already filed her campaign papers for the November election.

Balch was first elected to the City Council in 2020. Before that, he served the city as a planning commissioner from 2014 to 2020 and as



Jack Balch

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City declares intent on debt financing for water projects

Council expected to vote in May to either issue public bond sale or seek bank loan

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council approved a resolution last week which declares the city's intent to reimburse money spent on near-term improvements to Pleasanton's water infrastructure through debt financing in the form of a revenue bond sale that the council will look at approving at a future council meeting.

According to staff, these improvements — which include replacing water booster stations and pipes — will help improve the city's water system capacity, increase water reliability and support future projects like the drilling of two new groundwater wells.

However, in order to pay the vendors who would be carrying out these projects within the next few years, staff needed the council to pass the resolution on March 5.

"The resolution simply states that we're just going to pay back these vendors, possibly with debt ... But we intend to do it for the capital improvements to the water fund," Councilmember Jack Balch said at the meeting.

"The whole debate we've had and the debt financing and all of that; that conversation and the quantities

of factors that will make the debt, will come back," Balch added. "But the resolution allows us to begin those short-term \$14 million improvements immediately so that we're not hopefully staving off the peaking problems this summer as fast as we can."

According to the city's finance director, Susan Hsieh, the city recently conducted a comprehensive hydraulic analysis that identified improvements, which would lead to the future growth of the overall water system. The overall costs for all the projects, Hsieh said, could range anywhere from \$18 million to \$19 million.

Three of the near-term improvement projects that make up the \$14 million consist of replacing turnouts, booster stations and water mains in several areas of the city. The other roughly \$4 million identified by the city would be for the design work of the two regional groundwater wells that the city is planning on building outside of the PFAS plume in order to address its water supply needs.

PFAS are also known as forever chemicals and the city recently conducted a water alternatives study that led to the council voting to construct the two new wells — according to Hsieh the \$4 million would be to start

the design work, which is expected to finish in spring 2025.

But in order to get started on these projects, the city had to have last week's discussion on declaring its intent to reimburse the funds for these projects through debt financing.

Hsieh explained that the city could look at a public bond sale or a bank loan.

"The repayment terms for public offering are 20 years or 30 years, the repayment term for a bank loan is 20 years," she said. "The effective interest rates are subject to range from 4.1% to 4.8%."

She also broke down the annual debt service payment for each option. For a public sale with a repayment plan over 30 years, the annual debt service payment would be about \$1.2 million and for a public sale with a 20 year plan, it would be about \$1.4 million.

As for a bank loan with a repayment term of 20 years, the annual debt service payment is estimated at about \$1.5 million, Hsieh said.

According to Hsieh, a public sale with a 30-year plan is the less expensive option and would keep rate increases at a minimum while also retaining capacity for future debt issuance.

On the topic of costs for issuing a bond, Hsieh said that a public sale bond would cost \$200,000 while issuing a bank loan would cost \$129,000.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin further explained that the discussion on debt financing for these projects, along with the future discussion on a potential water revenue bond, are both related to the city's water enterprise fund.

He said the resolution that the council passed was a situational awareness update so the city could finance those short term improvement projects necessary for the water system in the city, but also to address the water fund which should have been able to pay for these projects.

"The way that I level it is, it's really risk management," Beaudin said.

He said that the city needs to make sure its water system works and is stable so that it could last through the future summers with peaking water demands that could come from potential changes in the climate, drought or change of demands from the growing population.

But Beaudin said that because of the financial state of the water fund, which is one of the main reasons the city needed to raise the water rates during the next couple of years, the

city needed to look at debt financing. He also said that with so many outside factors coming into play, looking at debt financing these projects was a necessary action the city needed to take.

"If we weren't where we are with our water fund, and financially with this whole situation, these (projects) would be sort of business as usual," he said. "The reason we're spending a lot of time right now is because obviously we're having to do things a little bit differently with our finances while we figure out the finances for the Water Enterprise Fund."

Hsieh said that due to the city's financial challenges, the water fund did not meet the required debt service coverage in 2023 and because of that, the city needs to pay off its current outstanding water revenue bond before it can issue new debt. She said that the outstanding debt service payment is about \$980,000.

During the meeting, Councilmember Valerie Arkin also brought up the question of when the city had been in the process of increasing its water rates, one of the main talking points the city outlined for those raises were to help fund near-term

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Meet Pleasanton's 2024 Ambassadors: Winston Burk

Owner hopes to use title as inspiration to get her dog to help out community in different ways

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Winston Burk is a miniature Australian shepherd who loves going on long walks throughout the day, cuddling with his new doggy sister in their fancy doghouse and having his yearly birthday ice cream at Pleasanton's Meadowlark Dairy.

However, after being named as the city's 2024 Ambassador earlier this month Winston's mom, Ruth Burk, told the Weekly she hopes to use that title as a way for Winston to give back to the community.

"We've been in Pleasanton for 30 years now. So we've got a lot of history here and it would be nice now that Winston is the Ambassador, to do something really, really nice and important for the city of Pleasanton, which is what we would love to do," Burk said. "Whether it's a therapy dog or in the Paws to Read program, we will probably be looking into that for him."

Paws to Read is one of the Valley Humane Society's educational programs that helps improve Tri-Valley elementary school students' reading skills by having them read to comfort canines.

According to Melissa Adkins, marketing manager for the Valley

Humane Society, the nonprofit has been offering the Ambassador package at its annual Tails at Twilight fundraiser since 2017.

Things like the Ambassador title, and even Winston's miniature but realistic-looking house, are auctioned off at the gala and the proceeds go toward funding all of the work the society does to help animals throughout the Tri-Valley.

"Valley Humane Society has been saving animal lives and supporting our community for more than 35 years, so we are pleased to have the city participate with them in recognizing the Pleasanton Ambassador," assistant city manager Pamela Ott said in a press release from the organization. "Having an official canine representative highlights our dog-friendly community, while recognizing a valuable local nonprofit organization and its efforts to save and improve the lives of Tri-Valley companion animals."

Burk had tried winning the bid for the 2023 title but lost. So when she went back to the gala last October she made it her mission to get that title, which she did and in the process helped her table raise almost \$13,000 for the nonprofit.

Burk said her family has always

been a dog family. She said she always has two dogs so that they can both have a companion to play with — so when one of her dogs died in 2021, she knew she had to get another companion for her other dog who also recently died late last year.

That's when she got Winston. Ever since then, Winston's personality has been a beacon of light wherever they go. He even does agility training with Burk who said she hopes to get him in competitions one day.

Apart from his love for playing with his newest doggy sister, Winston has an even deeper love for people, Burk said.

When he was proclaimed as the city's 2024 Ambassador at the March 5 City Council meeting, Burk said Winston couldn't wait to give every person in the room his love, which is why she also said she wants to possibly look into making him help out as a therapy dog.

"Winston's general good character sets an outstanding example for all dogs in Pleasanton," Vice Mayor Julie Testa read from the March 5 proclamation. "The city of Pleasanton hereby confers upon Winston Burk, the distinct honor of serving as the 2024 Pleasanton ambassador, dog, and wishes Winston all the best, as



CHUCK DECKERT

Ruth and Bert Burk join their dog Winston, Pleasanton's 2024 Ambassador, in the mayor's office ahead of the City Council proclamation ceremony on March 5.

he embarks marks on his new role for our city."

Even though she said she was honored Winston received the Ambassador title, she said she mainly did it because it was her own way of helping the nonprofit organization financially so they can continue to do the work they do.

"I have been an animal lover

forever, all animals and so whatever I can do to support an organization like Valley humane, I will do it hands down," Burk said.

The next Tails at Twilight gala, which will be the 10th anniversary of the event, will take place on July 13 at the Ruby Hill Winery. Tickets will be available starting in May, according to the organization. ■

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LLNL set to deploy world's fastest supercomputer this year

El Capitan will be used for national, nuclear security research

By JUDE STRZEMP

Rows of tall black cabinets, webbed with multi-colored wires and hoses, lined the computing floor.

A clear pane separated us. That and another security door, warning of the noise beyond.

Once opened, the whirring was apparent.

It was mid-January and the second floor of LLNL's Computing Center, Building 453, was alive with noise.

Contributing to the sound was El Capitan, LLNL's forthcoming supercomputer, which was undergoing some equipment testing amid functioning systems on the floor.

El Capitan is expected to be the world's fastest supercomputer, or high-performance computing system, when it becomes operational

this year in late summer or early fall.

The system will enable researchers from the National Nuclear Security Administration weapons design laboratories to create models and run simulations, previously considered challenging, time-intensive or impossible, for the maintenance and modernization of the United States' nuclear weapons stockpile.

The nuclear security research is necessary to ensure the stockpile is safe and reliable, ultimately to maintain nuclear deterrence in the absence of underground nuclear testing, according to lab officials.

In 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy's NNSA signed a \$600 million contract with Cray Inc. (acquired by Hewlett Packard Enterprise), a designer, manufacturer and servicer of supercomputers, to create the

NNSA's first exascale supercomputer (the DOE's third exascale-class supercomputer): El Capitan.

The supercomputer is projected to operate at over 2 exaFLOPs — 2 quintillion (10^{18}) floating point operations per second — at peak performance, according to Jeremy Thomas, public information officer at LLNL. This means it's anticipated to compute calculations, like addition and multiplication, at 2 billion billion calculations per second.

To put this speed in perspective, an exascale machine operates about 1 million times faster (or more) than the average home system, according to Thomas. In terms of other supercomputers, it's expected to operate 10-15 times faster than LLNL's fastest supercomputer, Sierra, which runs at 125 petaFLOPs (1 quadrillion



GARRY MCLEOD / LLNL

A contractor works on a rack of El Capitan last fall. The racks will hold compute blades, which contain the AMD MI300A APUs.

floating point operations per second) at peak performance, according to Thomas.

Scientists from the NNSA weapons design laboratories — LLNL, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories — will use El Capitan's power to design weapons, parts and delivery systems to meet the changing demands of nuclear deterrence, according to Rob

Neely, head of the advanced simulation and computing program at LLNL. Scientists will also be able to simulate and run calculations on existing weapons that are aging beyond their intended lifespan, to ensure their safety and effectiveness.

The supercomputer's purpose aligns with the NNSA's Stockpile Stewardship and Management Program, which aims to maintain and modernize the nuclear stockpile, according to the NNSA's website.

El Capitan will enable scientists to combine high resolution (accurate), 3D modeling and ensemble calculations (multiple calculations with slight variation that allow researchers to understand the simulation's sensitivity to uncertainties like environmental conditions and modeling errors), according to Neely.

"Previous machines have allowed us to explore one or maybe two of those axes at a time, which has been hugely valuable and helps us continue to advance the science. But El Capitan is where we plan to bring it all together for the first time — the culmination of 30 years of effort," wrote Neely.

El Capitan is expected to reach unrivaled speed thanks to its AMD MI300A APUs (accelerated processing units) and high-speed network connections.

AMD's MI300A APU architecture includes coupled GPUs (graphics processing units) and CPUs (central processing units) which share memory. The memory-sharing eliminates the need to transfer or copy data between processors, expediting the system's processing, according to Neely.

These APUs are paired on compute nodes, which simultaneously run different parts of a job. A high-performance network, composed of miles of cabling, connects these nodes, allowing them to communicate at super speeds, according to Neely.

El Capitan's GPU-heavy architecture will make it prime for exploring AI techniques, though it was not originally designed to do so, Neely said.

"AI is this new and emerging approach to computers where the computers actually learn, not from a human sitting down and telling it exactly what to do, but instead by giving it lots and lots of data or

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EDEN

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public park,” the appellate court ruling stated. “We also conclude that, in approving the development agreement, the City did not act as an administrative agent for the State of California under the statutes dissolving California’s redevelopment agencies, enacted starting in 2011.”

Tom Ramos, who was part of the lawsuit as an individual petitioner, said that he welcomes the appellate court’s decision. “Much to the surprise and disappointment of many of my Livermore friends, we saw that the city council did not enact the promises made in the previous election (2020) about future plans for downtown Livermore,” Ramos said. “Along with many other Livermore voters, I volunteered my time to collect signatures from citizens for a referendum to repeal the resolution authorizing millions of city dollars to be spent on an ill-conceived plan.”

“After weeks of volunteer work, we collected thousands of signatures. When the city refused to process the signatures, we were stunned. So I was happy to join the lawsuit as an individual petitioner to compel the city to process the referendum. It has been a long road, but we are delighted to see that the Court of Appeal has reached the correct result and preserved the people’s rights to petition their government. We hope the city council is willing to work with its constituents on a better plan for this important downtown site,” Ramos said.

The appellate court also reversed the \$500,000 bond that Move Eden Housing was previously ordered to pay to the developer. The court agreed with Move Eden Housing’s argument that their lawsuit was brought “to enforce provisions of the Elections Code and secure for the City’s voters their right to referendum” rather than to challenge the project itself and therefore does not fit the criteria to require a plaintiff to post a bond.

“Although the proposed referendum challenges the Project and would have the effect of delaying the Project if it meets the statutory requirements, the present action is not itself a challenge to the Project.

Instead, it is a challenge to the City Clerk’s violation of the Elections Code,” the appellate court’s ruling says.

Justice Mark Simons authored the opinion and Presiding Justice Teri L. Jackson and Justice Danny Y. Chou concurred.

“We believe the court arrived at the correct result based on the law and the facts,” attorney for the plaintiffs Winston Stromberg told Livermore Vine. “The law has been clear for decades that elections officials like city clerks do not have the discretion to reject a proposed ballot measure because they believe it will not be valid if enacted. And the court got it right when it determined that the resolution approved by the Livermore city council in May 2022 was a legislative act subject to referendum.”

He continued, “Move Eden Housing is thrilled that the court has sided with the people and determined that the City violated the law. We look forward to seeing the processing of the referendum completed as the law requires, and we will see whether the city council repeals the resolution or puts it to a vote of the people.”

The city and the developer could appeal the appellate court’s ruling to the state Supreme Court; however, city officials told Livermore Vine that the city is still “reviewing the opinion and evaluating its next steps.”

“That said, the City is pleased the Appellate Court determined the agreement approved by the City Council for the Eden Housing project is not a legislative act, and therefore it is not subject to referendum, except for the construction of Veterans Park,” officials added.

If the referendum petition qualifies after being processed, it could be placed on the November general election ballot.

Move Eden Housing’s case was one of two recent lawsuits filed related to the affordable housing project. Save Livermore Downtown — which identifies itself as a separate group but shares members with Move Eden Housing — filed a lawsuit in 2021 that sought to overturn the council’s approval of the project. After their suit was denied in trial court and the state appellate court, they took their case to the state Supreme Court for

review, which was also rejected.

Both Move Eden Housing and Save Livermore Downtown have advocated for the relocation of the Eden Housing complex in favor of a community park being built on the current project site instead.

During Monday night’s Livermore City Council meeting, Doug Mann of Citizens for Balanced Growth called for the termination of Alcalá, removal of Weber as election official and disciplinary action against City Manager Marianna Marysheva, calling their actions regarding the referendum voter suppression.

“Here we are in 2024 and we are in a constitutional mess and it’s far from over. Marie Weber must no longer be Livermore’s election official, beginning right now. Marianna Marysheva needs to be disciplined for her unwillingness to intervene,” Mann said.

He continued, “Finally, Jason Alcalá’s shameful performance over the past several years cannot be allowed to continue paying its tragic dividends. It’s not just his direction to subvert an election nor his additional career Garaventa Hills Supreme Court failure, he has proven in countless ways that he is quite inadequate for the position of city attorney and must be terminated immediately. Through you, he works for us, we don’t need his legal advice anymore.”

Later in the meeting during council committee reports, Vice Mayor Bob Carling addressed Mann’s comments, defending Weber, Alcalá and Marysheva.

“That’s certainly one person’s opinion but it’s not the opinion of me and I would suggest it’s not the opinion of the people that are sitting up here,” Carling said of Mann’s remarks. “We deal with these people on a daily basis and see the expertise, the professionalism and the care they have for this community and we’re all doing the best we can. To demean them the way that (Mann) did earlier and did back in January 2022, I think is reprehensible. I just want you to know and the public to know that I personally support Marie, Jason and Marianna and if and when we ever have an issue that’s a responsibility of your City Council to deal with it and we don’t respond to those comments like we heard this evening from that gentleman earlier,” he added. ■

SUPERCOMPUTER

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examples and it using these complex networks to learn how to do something,” Neely said.

He expects initial research on El Capitan to follow a hybrid approach: using AI techniques to analyze the results of a traditional simulation and using machine learning (a type of AI) to improve models, in a combination termed cognitive simulation. Over time, he expects to see the workload increasingly take advantage of AI, as its reliability makes itself clear.

Getting this far has been a haul, including a \$100 million Exascale

Computing Facility Modernization project at LLNL to increase energy and water supply to the computing center.

When El Capitan becomes operational, it will be in an open research phase for assembly, testing and work (like fusion simulation) for five to six months before becoming a classified system, according to Neely.

Until then, El Capitan awaits delivery of compute blades (which contain the AMD MI300A APUs and memory); installation of the remaining equipment; testing of hardware, software and system and acceptance of the final system, according to Terri Quinn, deputy

associate director for high performance computing at LLNL.

The mid-January tour of the supercomputer made its imminent life clear. From the rush of fluid traveling through the supercomputer’s cooling system to the network cables strung through its cabinets, El Capitan was well on its way to deployment.

LLNL officials said that after El Capitan deploys later this year and undergoes assurance testing, dignitaries, local elected officials and high-level representatives from DOE/NNNSA, HPE, AMD and others will celebrate the supercomputer in a dedication and ribbon-cutting event. ■

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Pleasanton police investigate apparent murder-suicide

Authorities allege man broke in and killed estranged girlfriend before taking own life at end of chase

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Police Department released new information regarding last week's murder-suicide case, saying a man forced his way into his estranged girlfriend's house at the Las Positas Gardens townhouse development and shot her several times before taking his own life on the freeway.

Lt. Erik Silacci stated in a press release on last Friday afternoon that the woman was a Pleasanton resident who was home alone when fatally attacked by her estranged boyfriend,

with whom she had a child. The department declined to release names of either the suspect or victim, citing confidentiality laws around domestic violence.

"This is a tragic incident," Chief David Swing said in a statement. "The city of Pleasanton remains committed to supporting victims of domestic violence. We encourage those in an abusive relationship and those affected by domestic violence to contact their local police department or local advocacy group for assistance."

Police said that the murder-suicide

unfolded at approximately 11:10 a.m. March 7. According to Silacci, the suspect forced his way into the victim's home by entering through the rear door slider of the house, located on Saginaw Circle.

Silacci alleged the suspect shot the woman several times during a confrontation before leaving the scene in a car.

A neighbor called police to report gunshot sounds and provided a description of the vehicle. When officers arrived at the house just moments later, they found her dead inside her home, according to Silacci.

After receiving the description of the car, an officer in an unmarked PPD vehicle saw the suspect's car as it approached the I-580 going westbound and began following it. According to Silacci, the suspect's vehicle later struck with the center median on the freeway and came to a stop in the area of I-580 and Miramonte Avenue in San Leandro.

Police said they attempted to communicate with the suspect but that he was unresponsive. Officers then deployed less-lethal munitions and gas into the vehicle but after they once again saw no response, they

approached the vehicle to find out that the suspect had died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Silacci.

In declining to publicly identify those involved, the lieutenant said the family is asking for privacy as they mourn their loss, and the child of the victim and suspect is now with relatives.

Silacci also stated that if you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence abuse, call the department at 925-931-5100 or to contact Tri-Valley Haven's 24-Hour Crisis Hotline at 800-884-8119. ■

TEACHERS

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October, with members participating in several large-turnout rallies locally and regionally to bolster public awareness and solidarity during the ensuing months. Union membership cast a near-unanimous vote in December to authorize their leadership to call a strike if necessary during the negotiations.

Meanwhile, PUSD's cabinet and trustees have been grappling with harsh budget forecasts for next school year and beyond based on state funding projections, including signing off last month on a plan for staffing reductions for 2024-25 — with approval of final layoff notices still pending.

The union and district bargaining teams advanced to the fact-finding stage of the process, with the two sides sitting down with a third-party panel on Feb. 26 to no avail.

After the fact-finder's report was released to the parties in recent days, APT accepted PUSD's invitation for a special negotiation session on Monday. District officials announced publicly heading into the meeting that their side was prepared to offer a deal in line with the fact-finding report's recommendations, which included a 9% salary increase and Kaiser health coverage, among other provisions.

The two teams met for 14 hours on Monday before the tentative agreement was solidified late into the night, according to PUSD.

"This is very good news for our community," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in his 5th annual State of the District speech at the Firehouse Arts Center on Tuesday where he broke the news of the agreement to the audience. "None of us were looking forward to the other opportunity that could have presented to ourselves."

One of the main terms is a 10% cumulative salary increase for APT members, which would be implemented in staggers: 4.5% retroactive to the start of the 2023-24 school year on July 1, 5% retroactive to Jan. 1 and 0.50% effective on May 1, the district said.

Specifics about other provisions of the deal were not immediately revealed.



COURTESY CTA

APT members hold up picket signs and rally outside of the district office on Feb. 26 to support the union during the fact-finding session.

"I want to publicly say thank you to both negotiating teams and their willingness to stick at it until they got to a solution yesterday," Haglund said

in his speech. "It was a long day for everybody, but we got the settlement and we're very proud of the work that the negotiating teams did." ■

BALCH

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a parks and recreation commissioner from 2009 to 2014.

Balch is also currently sitting as the chair of the Ava Community Energy Joint Powers Authority and is on the Alameda County Waste Management Joint Powers Authority and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority.

His decision to enter the mayoral race means that the City Council District 4 election will be fully wide open without an incumbent on the ballot.

Balch said over the last four years

he has demonstrated through how he votes on certain issues, such as the city's capital improvement projects, that he cares about how he spends the resident's money and that the city needs to be open and transparent with how it spends taxpayer money.

"I don't think between our actions as a council — related all the way back to district elections, to campaign finance reform, to virtual public comment — I don't believe we have been doing all we can to support transparency and build trust," Balch said.

He said he doesn't agree with some of the council majority's priorities in the past like how the council voted,

with Balch dissenting, to put more money toward building a new skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park and rebuilding the Century House.

Balch said the city instead needs to do more to stabilize the Stoneridge Shopping Center, get the city's first Costco online and work to improve Pleasanton's overall tax revenue base, including trying to help the downtown continue to prosper.

That's why, if elected as mayor, Balch said his priorities would include fiscal discipline, making sure Pleasanton does everything it can before passing along rate increases for things like water and garbage service, and further evaluating

things like a sales tax measure.

"The city has opportunities that it could do, and priorities it could set, that I think could lead us to a stronger fiscal path or fortunate path for the future," Balch said. "I think there's a different path forward, one that can be more vibrant, one that can work harder to watch how we spend taxpayer money and be diligent about what we do."

He said as a local, small businessman and certified public accountant with a bachelor's degree in business

administration, he can help improve Pleasanton's economic strength while also maintaining its overall quality of life and unique character.

"Being mayor should be a straightforward job — providing safe streets, clean and affordable water, and spending taxpayers' money with care and deliberation," Balch said. "The time has come for new leadership, which is why I'm running for mayor."

More information about Balch's campaign can be found at www.JackforPleasanton.com. ■

WATER

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improvements and so she wanted to know why the city now needs to look at debt financing when the rate increases were supposed to help pay for those projects.

Beaudin said that after the city conducted its Water Management Plan, the city was able to look at the water system as a whole and while the initial water rate increase proposal identified \$6 million of improvements, the city now has new information and began putting in contractor bids

for these projects that showed the roughly \$19 million needed for the improvements.

And while the council didn't decide on an exact option on debt financing that night — that decision will be made at the May 7 council meeting — Arkin also wanted to know if that was the city's only option, to which Beaudin said there were no other options.

He did entertain the idea of theoretically going into the city's capital improvement program, taking general fund dollars from those capital improvement projects and putting that

money into the water fund. However, he said that the city had done that with its golf course enterprise fund and it is still paying back those general fund dollars.

"We're working toward getting our enterprise funds to function on their own so I would say that academically, that's a possibility, but what you'd be talking about is essentially defunding a lot of our general fund supported capital investments," Beaudin said. "If we're having sort of a fun academic conversation, that is an option. It wouldn't be staff's recommendation." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Chasing waterfalls:

From left: Jonah, Andrew, Maxwell and Jessica Norman posed with the Weekly at the base of Antelope Falls in Bocawina National Park in Belize.

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Dublin residents reading same 'one book' in March

'How Do You Spell Unfair?' tells true and courageous story

BY NICOLE GONZALES

The 2023 illustrated book "How Do You Spell Unfair?" details the true and courageous story of one young student as she faces a world filled with discrimination and racial bias.

For its themes of equality and encouragement, the book has been selected for the 2024 Dublin One City, One Book program. Throughout the month of March, students and residents of Dublin will embark on the collaborative reading project as a way to encourage literacy and foster community.

"This is an incredibly inspiring story," said Catherine Brown, a first grade teacher at Frederiksen Elementary School who helped create the annual initiative. "This program brings together students, parents, and everyone really."

The city- and district-wide program was initially founded as "One School, One Book" by Brown. Upon the program's success, it was expanded in 2020 to serve the entire Dublin community.

The project is funded jointly by the city of Dublin, Dublin Unified School District, Barnes and Noble, Dublin Partners in Education

(DPIE), Dublin Public Library, Dublin Rotary Club and others.

"It's a true story that can teach not only the kids, but the adults reading as well, about important topics like discrimination. The main character, MacNolia, is a young girl who many students can see themselves in and relate to," Brown said.

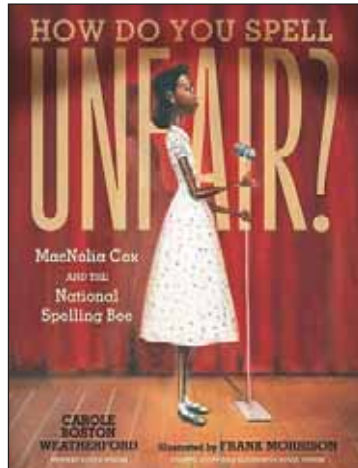
Written by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Frank Morrison, "How Do You Spell Unfair?" is also a Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book recipient.

The book follows the true story of a young MacNolia Cox. In 1936 as an eighth grade student, Cox was the first African American to win the Akron, Ohio spelling bee. Following her win, she was invited to the prestigious National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

While leaving her home state, she was sent off at the train station with a military band and crowd of thousands in joy.

All was celebratory until she crossed the line into Maryland where racial segregation rampant — and law. Major themes of the book are equality, community and perseverance.

"This can be a very powerful



CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

Book cover for "How Do You Spell Unfair?" by Carole Boston Weatherford.

experience when whole families, schools and communities read something like this as one. It's a learning experience, not just because of the book's message, but just the joy it is to read together," Brown added.

Dublin's One City, One Book aims to bring together the community through shared reading experiences. The program also encourages non-student residents of Dublin to join in. ■

FBI agents descend on Dublin women's prison

New interim warden installed amid ongoing sex abuse investigation

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin women's prison has a new warden after the FBI descended on the facility Monday morning.

N.T. McKinney is the new interim warden at the facility, effective immediately, the Federal Bureau of Prisons said Monday afternoon. McKinney replaces FCI Dublin interim warden Arthur Dugov.

Bureau of prisons spokesperson Emery Nelson said, "Consistent with unprecedented and ongoing actions by FBOP leadership to create a positive change in the culture at FCI Dublin, recent developments have necessitated new executive employees be installed at the institution. This new team has been charged with developing a plan for the future of the facility."

The FBI on Monday afternoon confirmed it had agents at the FCI-Dublin women's prison.

When asked if agents were there in connection with widespread sexual abuse alleged in legal action against the prison, the FBI's San Francisco Office spokesperson Cameron Polan said, "I can confirm we conducted court-authorized law enforcement activity at



FILE PHOTO BY JEREMY WALSH

The entrance to Federal Correctional Institution Dublin, which was raided by the FBI on Monday.

that location. I am unable to comment further at this time."

Rights Behind Bars, the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice, and the law firm Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP are representing at least eight alleged abuse survivors and the California Coalition for Women Prisoners in a federal class action lawsuit filed in August 2023 against the Bureau of Prisons, FCI Dublin officials and several individual officers.

The plaintiffs' attorneys are asking for preliminary injunctive relief to address "the current emergency

conditions at FCI Dublin."

The complaint says, "Officers, supervisors, and leadership throughout FCI Dublin were and continue to be aware of the ongoing sexual abuse at the facility, and not only fail to prevent it but also affirmatively take actions that allow abuse to continue. Staff protect their abusive colleagues by failing to investigate claims or respond meaningfully, and by retaliating against those who report abuse ... It is this system of protection, conspiracy, and obstruction which allows the 'rape club' to continue." ■

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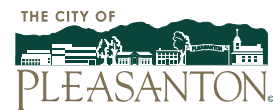
Housing Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave. and streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- Review and Provide Recommendation to City Council for Allocation of Federal HOME Funds and City Lower Income Housing Funds Related to the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Program for Fiscal Year 2024/25
- Review and Provide Recommendation to City Council for an Affordable Housing Agreement with Catalyst Development Partners, LLC for a Condominium Housing Project at 3200 Hopyard Road
- Discussion – Funding Pleasanton's Future

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1 Vacancy – Retail

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2 Vacancies – Regular member

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy – Regular member

1 Vacancy – Youth member

*ALTAMONT EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

The City of Pleasanton is recruiting for a member to participate on the Altamont Education Advisory Board.

The representative must be a Science, Environmental Education or Vocational Education teacher from the Pleasanton Public Schools.

Apply by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 1, 2024, on the City of Pleasanton website at

<https://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/our-government/boards-commissions/>

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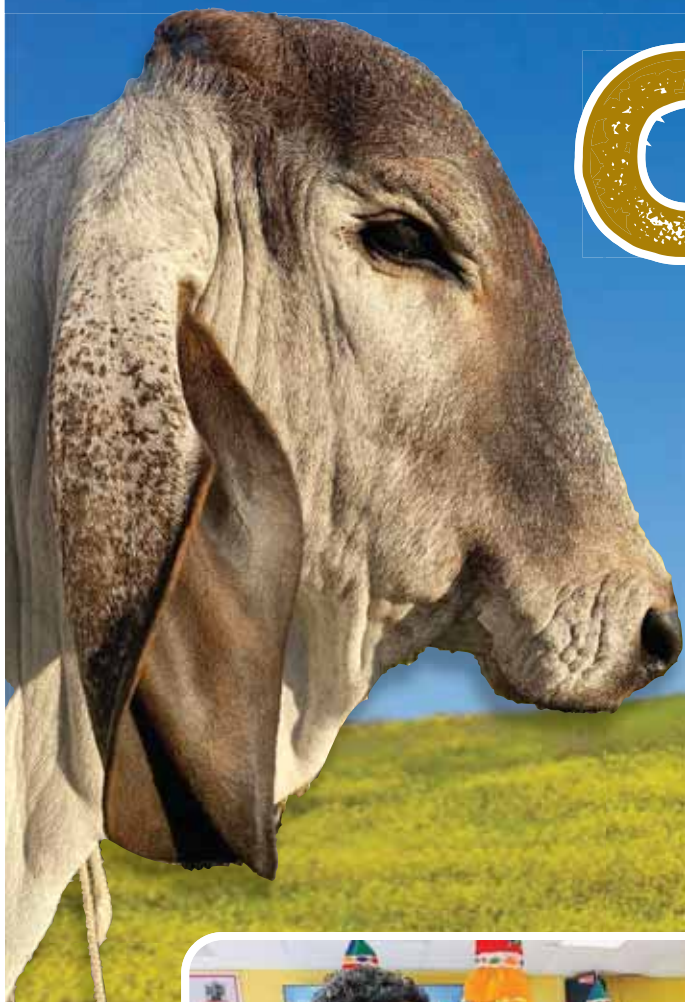
For those interested in Youth Commission, recruitment will be held late summer/early fall near the beginning of school term 2024.

*Applicants must reside within Pleasanton city limits except for applicants to the Altamont Education Advisory Board and the Economic Vitality Committee.

For more information contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925)931-5027.

COMFORT COWS

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North of the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin and west of Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve, visitors come from far and near to catch a glimpse of — and maybe even embrace — large majestic cattle who spend their days grazing the rolling hills.

The Sri Surabhi Go Ksetra sanctuary offers “cow cuddle” sessions, tours and other types of activities for guests to interact with the gentle giants. Founders built the farm as a way to honor the cows and their deeper meaning in Hinduism while also educating the public on environmental sustainability.

Established in 2020, the organization cares for the animals through the end of their lives and has made a commitment never to sell to slaughterhouses or otherwise harmful facilities.

“Our goal is to rescue cows and provide a sanctuary so they can live out their lives in peace and happiness,” said Sri Krishna Purusottama Das, co-founder and director. “In our culture the cows are sacred; they embody motherhood and all that is good.”

“We provide education and awareness to the community about the significance of cow protection. We have been fortunate to open this sanctuary for the cows and it is an honor to serve them,” Das added.

The sanctuary, located at 7890 Camino Tassajara in unincorporated Pleasanton, allows group events such as weddings or birthdays to be hosted on-site, but possibly the farm’s most notable feature is its “cow cuddling” sessions.

With a five-star rating on Google for their cow visits, participants may pet, cuddle, hug and sit in the company of the cows. The nonprofit said experience can provide immense boosts to mental health and overall wellness.

“Human-cow interaction is known to reduce anxiety and stress,” sanctuary staff member Rishabh Sharma said. “With the fast-paced world we live in, we believe it is important to connect with nature and ourselves. Our efforts are to create this symbiotic relationship between the cows and the community and thus allow our guests to interact with our cows.”

“We love cows and love to share this love with our guests,” he added.

Cow cuddling relies on non-verbal communication, allowing guests to connect with the animals through touching and embraces. This can also help individuals who struggle with autism, social anxiety or other conditions, according to staff.

“Spending time with cows can reduce stress, anxiety and depression. It also increases a connection with nature,” Sharma said. “Cows are known for a gentle and docile demeanor, making them great for these therapeutic interactions.”

Das explained the importance of the animals in Hinduism, which was another main reason for the farm opening.

In the Hindu religion, cows are revered — and near sacred — animals. They are known to represent wellness, nourishment, wealth and

RI-VALLEY CATTLE ARY HONORS GIANTS

By NICOLE GONZALES



The Sri Surabhi Go Ksetra sanctuary north of Dublin takes in cattle and cares for them for the rest of their lives. Cows on the farm are able to spend their days grazing while also providing unique benefits to visitors. (Middle left photo courtesy SSGK; all other photos by Nicole Gonzales)

motherhood. Through art and storytelling, the Hindu deity Krishna (who was a cowherd in his youth) is often shown near cows.

"Cows hold immense significance in Hinduism, culturally and religiously. They are a symbol of the divine and earthly abundance. They provide milk, which is considered a complete food and essential for nurturing life," Das said. "Cows being sacred are protected from harm and slaughter in many parts of India. The killing of cows is prohibited in many states."

For individuals practicing Hinduism, it is common for them to care for and feed cows as an act of devotion to various deities. The existence of the farm also acts as a preservation of the Hindu religion and culture.

"The sanctuary serves as a way to preserve our values and practices. By providing a sanctuary for the cows, we uphold our beliefs and promote respect for these sacred animals," Das said.

Das shared that milk and products derived from cows are considered pure and are used in Hindu rituals, ceremonies, prayers and offerings to deities. The cow's milk has medicinal properties and is used throughout India, he said.

Another key point for the farm is restoring natural biorhythms by letting the cows graze naturally. The sanctuary is in partnership with the Sustainable Eco Alliance, an educational group with the goal of protecting sustainable ecosystems.

"Cows play a role in sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation. When people come to see our site, it helps us promote sustainable farming practices and inform them of the environmental impact of the agriculture industry," Sharma said.

"Visitors can learn about the importance of animal welfare, sustainable agriculture and the interconnectedness of all living beings," he continued. "We are sharing information on animal advocacy and the importance of restoring the environment."

Das said the farm is always welcoming volunteers to help maintain and operate the facility.

Recently, the organization launched a fundraising campaign to help expand its land for a more permanent and formal holding facility.

"While our animals are well-fed and comfortable, they need more land to graze and bond together," said Das.

He shared that funds from the campaign will go toward purchasing more land, hosting more animals and possibly even adding goats on-site.

In the future, the co-founder hopes to educate more people on environmental sustainability and respecting animals.

"This cow sanctuary allows us to provide a safe and caring environment for rescued or abandoned cows, where they can live out their lives free from harm," Das said. "Many people feel a deep sense of compassion and empathy towards animals. We hope to continue our efforts here to support the cows and visitors that interact with them for years to come." ■

Tri-Valley Life

What's happening around the Valley in music, theater, art, literature and more



TURNING GREEN

Live music, community events and Celtic pride on full display for St. Patrick's Day 2024

By NICOLE GONZALES

In honor of the traditional Irish holiday St. Patrick's Day, Tri-Valley cities and organizations have planned a number of events going all out with Celtic pride.

The cultural and religious day pays tribute to the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. It is observed every March 17, though often celebrated on the corresponding weekend, to honor the saint's death date.

To start off this weekend's festivities, the Dublin Historical Society is hosting The Shamrock Gala on Friday (March 15) at 6 p.m. at the Shannon Community Center. Held every year, the event raises funds for the historical society and allows guests to mingle in the spirit of the Irish holiday.

In Danville, the Irish band Green Road is set to perform at the Village Theatre on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Green Road is known for their blend of Irish ballads with American bluegrass, combining the sounds of banjo, mandolin and guitar.

That same day, the genre bending band CaliCeltic will headline Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. Combining elements of traditional Irish music with modern West Coast sounds, CaliCeltic describes themselves as "fruit

of a different musical kind."

The returning group will take the Firehouse stage at 8 p.m. Their latest extended play (EP) "Whiskey Mustache" was released earlier this month.

Join local first responders for a special green pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday (March 16) from 7 - 10 a.m. at 7494 Donohue Drive in Dublin. The annual Alameda County Firefighters St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast event will benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

"It's a perfect way to start the morning before finding a seat for the St. Patrick's Day Parade or heading over to the Festival," Dublin city representatives said of the breakfast.

The 40th annual Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade event will kick off Saturday 9:30 a.m., beginning at the Civic Center. Dublin city staff have noted the parade event is planned to take place rain or shine and urges guests to prepare for rainy weather.

"After a hearty breakfast at the Alameda County Firefighters' Local 55 Pancake Breakfast, residents and guests can find a spot in Downtown Dublin to watch the Dublin Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Parade," city officials said. "The parade kicks-off at Dublin Boulevard and Amador Plaza Road, traveling east on Dublin Boulevard,

north on Village Parkway, and west on Amador Valley Boulevard, ending near the Dublin Senior Center."

"Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets to watch from along the parade route," they added.

Over 80 parade entries will make their way through the streets of Dublin, including festive floats, marching bands, dancing groups, equestrians and more.

The Dublin St. Patrick's Day Festival will then begin welcoming visitors for the weekend, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival will feature three entertainment stages with planned acts from Irish dances, celtic rock bands and bagpiper players.

An international food court will offer cuisines from around the globe — with a special highlight on traditional Irish foods such as corned beef sliders, Irish bangers and mash and soda bread. Classic fair foods like corn dogs and popcorn will also be available.

Other festival main attractions include iconic carnival rides and an Irish Tea Cottage where guests can enjoy a cup of Irish tea with shortbread and scones. A St. Patrick's Day-themed drone show is set to light up the festival sky Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Throughout the weekend, festival goers can find over 250 vendors selling handmade goods, crafts, and more.

In Pleasanton, residents ages 21 and older can partake in the 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl on Saturday from 5-8 p.m. Organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, guests can sample over 25 craft beers from local breweries while walking through the center of town.

In downtown Danville, the Veterans Memorial Building Operating Committee is holding its Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner fundraiser on Saturday at 5 p.m.

Later Saturday evening at 8 p.m., Danú will bring traditional Irish music to the Bankhead Theater stage in Livermore. Their repertoire includes lively Irish jigs and emotional ballads.

To end the weekend, participants will get moving in the annual Dublin Shamrock 5K Fun Run & Walk on Sunday morning. Starting at 8:30 a.m., over 2,000 runners, walkers and joggers will set out on Dublin Boulevard near the Civic Center. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Dublin is gearing up for its annual St. Patrick's Day festivities, while its neighboring communities have special events on the docket to join in on the fun as well this weekend.

Chagall works featured in new Livermore art exhibit

‘Illuminating Symbols in Art’ reflects culture, friendship and love

By NICOLE GONZALES

Eye-opening and colorful works from the late artist Marc Chagall come to Livermore for a limited time only. Described as vibrant, brilliant and profound, the Chagall pieces will be bolstered by various Bay Area artists in a new exhibit downtown.

“Illuminating Symbols in Art: From Chagall to Contemporary Symbolism” will be on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery in the Bankhead Theater from this week through May 19. The exhibit features 12 lithographs from Chagall, as well as works from regional artists with an emphasis on “symbolic art.”

Livermore Valley Arts described the exhibition as a “stunning tribute to a dream of love, friendship and peace among all people.” The gallery is free and open to the public, Thursdays through Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

Chagall (who lived from 1887 to 1985) was a well-known, celebrated Jewish artist who often drew inspiration from his religious and cultural heritage. He was known to mix biblical themes, personal anecdotes and creativity to create his pieces.

“Illuminating Symbols in Art” showcases lithographs inspired by Chagall’s “Jerusalem

Windows” series created between 1962 and 1964. The windows are currently displayed in the Hadassah Medical Center synagogue in Jerusalem.

“His ‘Jerusalem Windows’ series reflects his profound connection to Jerusalem and his desire to create art transcending religious boundaries,” LVA representatives said. “Through vibrant colors, whimsical imagery and symbolic motifs, Chagall masterfully captures the essence of spirituality and unity.”

“Each lithograph in this collection represents a different biblical tribe, themes relating to the biblical 12 sons of Jacob, progenitors of the 12 Tribes of Israel, reflecting Chagall’s interpretation of their respective symbols and narratives and coming out of Chagall’s immersed study of Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33,” representatives added.

His work has also been displayed at the Louvre in Paris and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

“The windows feature brilliant reds, blues, yellows and greens and a visual vocabulary expressing the biblical text and Jewish history, Chagall’s world both real and perceived, his love and profound identification with the history and culture of Jewish people and his early

life,” LVA reps continued. “Each panel is filled with a dance of intricate images, compelling themes, and stunning colors, and together tells the story of the Jewish people. Like a coral reef of magnificent diversity, the longer one observes them, the more one sees.”

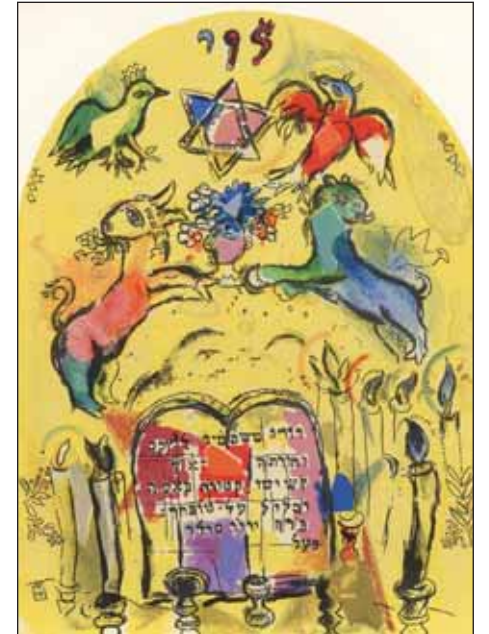
During his lifetime, Chagall stated the window series had a deep effect on his personal and artistic perspectives.

“All the time I was working, I felt my mother and father looking over my shoulder and behind them were Jews, millions of other vanished Jews, of yesterday and a thousand years ago,” Chagall said after completing his window series. “(The windows) completely transformed my vision; they gave me a great shock, they made me reflect. I don’t know how I shall paint from now on, but I believe something is taking place.”

Other artwork in the Bankhead exhibit are from James Bonacci, Anna Ivanovskaya, Kristin Kuipersart and Thomas See.

The exhibit’s opening reception will be held this Saturday (March 16) from 1-3 p.m. Professor Bonnie Stipe, of Chabot College, will give a 30-minute presentation on Chagall’s art around 1:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be available during



COURTESY LVA

Lithographs from the “Jerusalem Windows” series by Marc Chagall are on display in the exhibit.

the reception, which is free to attend. To find out more about LVA or the UNCLE Credit Union Gallery, visit <https://livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2/>. ■

‘She Loves Me’ coming to Las Positas stage

Theater department to revive ‘Golden Age’ in upcoming spring musical

By JEANITA LYMAN

Students and faculty at the Las Positas Theater Arts department are preparing to bring classic musical theater to life to Tri-Valley audiences in the present day, with opening night for their latest production “She Loves Me” coming up this weekend.

The department’s upcoming spring musical is set to offer students in the college’s actors’ conservancy and other stagecraft programs the opportunity to bring lessons from the classroom to the stage, turning toward material from more than 50 years ago as a departure from their steady stream of musical theater productions showcasing more modern works.

“We’ve touched on Golden Age musical theater in class a lot, but I thought really it was about time for us as a school to produce one of these big, classic musicals,” said

Dyan McBride, theater professor at Las Positas College and director of the upcoming show.

McBride said she had always been a fan of “She Loves Me,” and that it showcases one of the best scores of the 20th century, along with other characteristics of what define the “Golden Age” of musical theater.

“A Golden Age musical means that a song actually furthers the plot, so it’s not just a song that exists for nothing,” McBride said. “It’s a song that might explain more about a character, but for the most part it’s solving a problem, or it’s taking the plot further down the line or it’s a reaction to something that’s happened.”

The plot of “She Loves Me” takes place in the world of Maraczek’s Parfumerie set in Budapest in the 1930’s, showcasing the world of what McBride described as “funny, glamorous, and giddy clerks” in “a

valentine of a musical.” It debuted in 1963 at the Broadway theater named after playwright Eugene O’Neill to wide acclaim, garnering five Tony Award nominations the following year.

“There’s nothing in the show that’s extraneous,” McBride said. “Everything moves something to a deeper and richer place.”

The plot centers around two perfume shop clerks, Georg and Amalia, who butt heads at work yet find themselves unknowingly involved in a secret pen-pal romance with each other.

The 1963 musical was based on an earlier play called “Perfumery,” with the basic plot having taken on numerous other iterations since then.

“There have been a lot of different versions of this story told,” McBride said, pointing to the films “The Shop Around the Corner” and “You’ve Got Mail.”

“I like plays about love and I like plays about feelings,” McBride said. “So there’s all kinds of love that exists in this play, some that works out and some that doesn’t, and some that looks like mentorship and inspiration. And so there’s all these different iterations of love that I think it’s important to experience.

In addition to having strong material to work with, McBride pointed to the trials and tribulations of having access to a strong pool of talent in the form of students in the college’s actors conservatory and other performance arts programs.

“We have an incredibly robust program,” McBride said. “I could have cast this show two times over. I have a full understudy cast that could go on any time and be just as good, which is a really nice place to be.”

Nonetheless, she noted that the wide talent pool posed a challenge while casting.



AARON BERG / LPC

“She Loves Me” will run at LPC from March 15-23.

“It’s really hard when you have that much talent to cast and decide who’s going to go where, because everyone is really good,” McBride said.

“She Loves Me” debuts this Friday (March 15) at 8 p.m. with additional performances set for Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The show continues for a second and final weekend on March 22 and March 23 at 8 p.m. and on March 24 at 2 p.m. More information and tickets are available at laspositascollege.edu. ■

‘The Totalitarians’ in session at Front Row Theater

21st-century political satire serves as debut performance for new Danville troupe

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley residents can make weekend plans this month to see the first production from Danville-based Sixth Line Studios, “The Totalitarians,” following its debut at San Ramon’s Front Row Theater.

Sixth Line’s founder and artistic director Katie Rubin said that the

decision to produce the play during an election year — and debut it the weekend right before the primary election — was an intentional one, with the satirical messages of the 2016 play being all the more relevant in the present day.

While it’s the first production for Sixth Line, Rubin’s been familiar with the material since auditioning

for one of its first productions at Sacramento’s Capital Stage in 2016, amid an extensive acting career with numerous roles at productions throughout the Bay Area.

Rubin did not get the part following her 2016 audition, with the role ultimately going to a close friend of hers instead. But despite that — and despite venturing away from her

acting career in the more recent years since then — Rubin’s appreciation and familiarity with “The Totalitarians” and the message of San Francisco-based playwright Peter Sinn Nachtrieb is coming full-circle with the ongoing production in San Ramon.

“Peter’s writing — he is so funny, and so smart, and so biting

satirically insightful,” Rubin said. “There’s just nobody funnier or smarter.”

All of those were qualities Rubin has been seeking to bring to the theater scene in the Tri-Valley with the launch of Sixth Line Studios. In her efforts, the longtime Bay Area resident leaned on her sense of the theater scene in the area and what gaps could be filled.

“There’s nobody producing edgy, smart new plays that are challenging

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Singer-actress McPhee to headline Brilliance at the Bankhead

Annual LVA fundraiser set for Sept. 7

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore Valley Arts has announced the headliner for its annual marquee fundraising gala **Brilliance at the Bankhead**: American singer, songwriter and actress Katharine McPhee.

After arriving on the scene with her runner-up



AMANDA DEMME / COURTESY LVA

Katharine McPhee is set to headline the 2024 **Brilliance at the Bankhead** gala.

finish on the fifth season of “American Idol” in 2006, McPhee has released a series of successful albums across multiple genres, co-starred in network television dramas “Smash” and “Scorpion” and performed on Broadway as the lead in “Waitress.”

“From her electrifying performances on Broadway to her chart-topping hits, Katharine McPhee has mesmerized audiences around the globe with her powerful voice and magnetic stage presence. Now, she brings her star power to **Brilliance at The Bankhead**, promising an unforgettable night of music, magic and memories,” LVA officials said in a statement Monday.

Calling her “a beacon of talent and versatility in the entertainment industry,” LVA officials noted that McPhee has sung with a “powerhouse presence” on concert stages across the world while showcasing her talents with pop, jazz and adult contemporary music.

Brilliance at the Bankhead, set for Sept. 7 in downtown Livermore, serves as the largest fundraising event of the year for LVA, supporting the nonprofit’s programming at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center as well as its educational and cultural arts activities. The gala will also include a gourmet dinner, raffle prizes, and live and silent auctions.

The event is also positioned as the launchpad for the 2024-25 Bankhead Presents series — the lineup of which is scheduled to be announced on April 17.

For more information on the 2024 **Brilliance at the Bankhead**, go to livermorearts.org. ■



DAN KLEIN

The political satire “**The Totalitarians**” is the debut play for the newly founded Sixth Line Studios. The show is being performed this month at the Front Row Theater in San Ramon.

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and of the quality that you’ll find in New York or San Francisco,” Rubin said. “That’s kind of where the idea started. When I was in Florida and I was starting to build this company, I thought Danville would be a great place to do this.”

Rubin had gone to Florida as part of an ongoing effort to reset from the stresses of more than 15 years as a professional actor, leading her to take time away from the profession and take the opportunity to explore the world outside of California.

“It had taken me so long to build a career that when I had it I realized it was exhausting me, and I needed to stop doing it,” Rubin said. “When COVID hit, it was kind of a weird blessing in disguise, and it gave me three years off. I just really wanted to not be acting.”

The time off combined with the opportunity for travel and self-reflection ultimately led Rubin to consider launching the studio in Florida prior to selecting Danville as a base of operations.

“You know that thing where the universe will kind of show you when a thing is a fit and a thing is not a fit? In Florida, no matter what I did it just wasn’t working,” Rubin said. “When I got back here immediately, quite quickly and quite easily, things fell into place.”

Rubin came across the studio space for the children’s theater group I Can Do That! Performing Arts Center in downtown Danville and was immediately drawn to the space. When she inquired about using it for her planned adult theater studio, organizers there responded by saying they had been looking to attract an adult theater group to share the studio.

While the Danville studio itself proved to be too small for the final production, Rubin was able to find another local venue that measured up to the needs for her and the cast

in the form of San Ramon’s Front Row Theater.

“It’s beautiful, and it’s the perfect size for what we’re doing,” Rubin said.

In addition to entertaining adults, Rubin said she was eager for Sixth Line to become a destination for young actors in the area growing beyond venues such as I Can Do That! and the theater departments of local schools.

However, the former is the central goal for the current run of “**The Totalitarians**” — which, Rubin emphasized, is appropriate for adults only.

“It’s a dark comedy, emphasis on dark and emphasis on comedy,” Rubin said. “It is not for children. It’s edgy. If I were rating, I would definitely say it’s rated R.”

The play centers on Penny, an up-and-coming politician inspired by Sarah Palin when the play was first written, with Rubin describing the protagonist as “a bit of a maniac, who says all the wrong things and puts her foot in her mouth, and is sort of hyper characterized like that.” Francine, a skilled political operative, serves as Penny’s advisor.

Over the course of the show, Francine’s doctor husband, Jeffrey, becomes privy to a revolutionary plot aimed at taking down “the system” by one of his patients Ben, growing more and more involved in the plan as his wife seeks to bolster Penny’s political career.

“Her speech manager and campaign manager is trying to get her into power, the revolutionary younger character is trying to destroy her power, and chaos and hilarity and insanity ensue,” Rubin said.

“**The Totalitarians**” debuted March 2 and continues to run on weekends, with shows on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. through March 24 at the Front Row Theater at 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon. Tickets and more information are available at tickets.sanramon.ca.gov. ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

These artworks by Christine So are among those featured in her solo exhibition in the Firehouse Arts Center lobby through April 27.

‘Time Spent Among Trees’

Find peace in the forest in Firehouse lobby

By JEREMY WALSH

The calm and color of nature is on full display in the new lobby exhibit at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

Spotlighting the work of Christine So, “**Time Spent Among Trees**” features five acrylic paintings and eight hand-painted original landscape cyanotypes by the Oakland-based artist. The solo exhibition opened last weekend and runs through April 27.

“So’s art features the beautiful Monterey pines, which have been a source of comfort for the artist since losing her husband in 2022,” Firehouse officials said. “Recurring themes in her landscapes are the journey, the bend in the road, the unknown, sunrise and morning light.”

An artist known for working in all sorts of mediums during her career, So has used painting, print-making and photography with great effect for her

art — which is “always nature-inspired and nearly always monochromatic,” Firehouse officials said.

Creating the cyanotypes is a particularly complex process that leverages darkness, sunlight exposure and water, along with photography chemicals, watercolor paper and glass, to create images first popularized in the mid-19th century and often referred to as photograms, blueprints or sun prints, according to the exhibit organizers.

“Each piece is an immersion in a single color, an ode to that shade. Having only varying shades of one color in a picture exudes a calm, balance and focus the artist finds soothing, and less noisy,” Firehouse officials added.

The So exhibition can be viewed from Wednesdays to Saturdays, as well as around performances, at the theater and gallery venue at 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton. Learn more at firehousearts.org. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Suspect charged in beating death of Livermore man at San Leandro gas station

A Stockton man was charged Monday in the death of a 78-year-old gas station employee last month in San Leandro, authorities said. Witnesses told police that the employee found the suspect, later identified as 40-year-old Dennis Lee, loitering behind the Speedway gas station at 14880 E. 14th St. about 12:15 p.m. on Feb. 22.

“During the confrontation, Lee came up behind the victim and shoved him into a pole, causing head and neck trauma that proved to be fatal,” police said in a news release on Monday. The employee, Wadih Badran of Livermore, died of head injuries at the scene.

The suspect fled but detectives were eventually able to determine his identity through a combination of surveillance video, license-plate-reading video cameras and forensic evidence.

Lee was arrested March 8 in Stockton with the assistance of deputies from the San Joaquin County Sheriff’s Office. Search warrants executed at his home, as well as his parents’ home in Castro Valley, allegedly turned up clothing the suspect wore during the homicide and

two illegally possessed firearms. Lee was charged Monday by the Alameda County District Attorney’s office with murder and weapons violations. —*Bay City News Service*

In other news

- The Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office has identified the 21-year-old victim in a suspected homicide case last month as San Ramon resident and University of California, Santa Cruz student Zainab Mansoor. Mansoor was reportedly found unconscious at Seabright State Beach in Santa Cruz on Feb. 23, after which she was transported to a local emergency room and placed on life support before succumbing to her injuries.

Police were first alerted to the incident when Samuel Stone — a 20-year-old former UCSC student who had romantic ties to Mansoor according to an announcement from the sheriff’s office — called to alert them that he was “somehow involved” in a homicide that had just occurred early that morning.

Stone was arrested when police responded to the scene and found him next to an unconscious Mansoor at approximately 1:16 a.m. on Feb. 23., and is now facing criminal charges as a suspect in the case.

UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive issued a statement about the incident on Feb. 26, sharing the news that the victim in the Feb. 23 homicide was a student at the university

and noting that the suspect was also a former student. She said she was declining to share Mansoor’s name at the family’s request. “News of this crime is deeply unsettling, and we are doing all we can to support those in our community affected by this senseless tragedy,” Larive said.

An SRVUSD spokesperson declined to confirm whether or not Mansoor had been a student in the district, or offer any additional comment, citing district policy.

Stone remains in custody and is facing a murder charge as well as two other felony charges for the incident. He was scheduled for arraignment hearings on Feb. 27 and Feb. 29, with a continued arraignment hearing set for this week in Santa Cruz County Superior Court, with results pending as of press time. —*Jeanita Lyman*

- A man trying to elude police in Tracy was captured after an aggressive standoff with law enforcement in a Dublin office parking lot on Saturday afternoon, according to authorities.

The highly visible encounter, which left multiple police vehicles damaged and saw officers use less-than-lethal projectiles and chemical agents, ultimately reached a safe resolution after more than two hours of impasse just off Dublin Boulevard, according to Dublin police Capt. Miguel Campos.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 8

Assault/battery

- 1:03 a.m. on the 4500 block of Lin Gate Street
- 3:40 p.m. on the 5000 block of Case Avenue

Catalytic converter theft

- 7:17 a.m. on the 6400 block of Randall Court
- 10:05 a.m. on the 5800 block of San Juan Way

Burglary

- 5:21 p.m. on the 3400 block of Serra Circle

March 7

Domestic battery

- 2:04 a.m. on Camdon Court
- 11:07 p.m. on Stoneridge Drive

Theft

- 10:17 a.m., 400 block of Matthew Court; theft from auto
- 1:38 p.m., 2600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; bicycle theft

Assault/battery

- 1:14 p.m. on the 3800 block of Nevada Street

Vandalism

- 2:43 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

March 6

Domestic battery

- 10:33 a.m. on Vintage Circle

March 5

DUI

- 12:34 a.m. at Case and Bernal avenues

Theft from structure

- 11:04 a.m. on Valley Avenue

Vandalism

- 1 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Fraud

- 2:56 p.m. on the 3900 block of Bernal Avenue

March 4

Theft

- 6:27 a.m., 3800 block of Florian Street; auto theft
- 2:38 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Drug violation

- 8:49 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

- 9:14 a.m. on the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive

Assault/battery

- 2:26 p.m. on the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 4:18 p.m. at Stoneridge and Johnson drives

Warrant arrest

- 6:08 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

March 3

Theft

- 1:36 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

- 11:04 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft

- 12:04 p.m. on the 4200 block of Vervais Avenue

- 2 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Vehicle tampering

- 8:35 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Burglary

- 9:48 a.m. on the 4200 block of Stanley Boulevard

Alcohol violation

- 4:31 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Warrant arrest

- 6:55 p.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

March 2

Trespassing/prowling

- 8:22 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

- 9:23 a.m. on Owens Drive and Willow Road
- 11:15 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Burglary

- 10:30 a.m. on the 900 block of Riesling Drive
- 9:44 p.m. on the 400 block of Trebbiano Place

Theft

- 3:27 p.m. on the 2600 block of Calle Morelia

Fraud

- 3:36 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Domestic battery

- 8:39 p.m. on Hopyard Road

Bob Grimes

December 30, 1943 – February 27, 2024

Bob Grimes, 80, of Pleasanton, CA, passed away on February 27, 2024. Bob was born in Oakland, CA, on December 30, 1943 and grew up in Oakland. He attended Fremont Senior High School. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

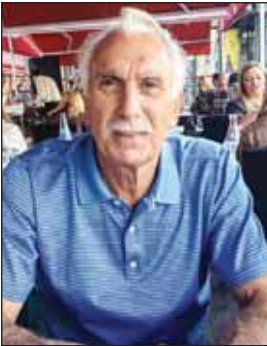
Bob opened B & G Automotive Service in Pleasanton, CA on Division Street in 1970 and later relocated the business to Old Santa Rita Road in the early 1980s. He dedicated himself to the automotive industry until his retirement at the age of 70. His love for cars extended to racing, attending car shows and working on and driving his beloved 1964 Corvette.

A passionate golfer and car enthusiast, Bob enjoyed spending time at the Crow Canyon Country Club for 30 years. Bob & Marilyn made many life long friends at Crow Canyon Country Club. Bob was an active member of the Pleasanton Lions Club for 49 years.

Bob will be deeply missed by his wife of 35 years, Marilyn Goble Grimes; his children Steven Grimes (Pam Grimes), Jill Mitchell (Ken Mitchell), Gabriel Lucero; his grandchildren Mitchel Grimes, Morgan Mitchell, Reese Mitchell, & Gage Mitchell, as well as his siblings Cory Grimes, Karen Casebeer, Debby Leglu, and David Grimes. He is preceded in death by his parents, Maury and Roselle Grimes.

A celebration of life will be held on April 4, 2024. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Pleasanton Lions Club, P.O. Box 266, Pleasanton, CA and Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Dublin, CA. 94568.

Rest in peace, Bob. Your memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved you.



PAID OBITUARY

Rosanne Celine Holmes

November 20, 1933 – March 5, 2024

Rose Holmes, age 90, passed away at home on March 5, 2024. She was born Rosanne Celine Morrissey on November 20, 1933, in Dublin, Ireland, one of five children born to Patrick and Katherine Morrissey.

Rose met the love of her life Maurice Holmes in Ireland. They married in 1956 and immigrated to Boston, MA later that year before making their way to California in 1962. They adopted three children, Garrett, Candy, and Scott. She worked in Accounts Payable at Hexcel for over 25 years.

In retirement, she volunteered countless hours at St. Augustine’s Church. She was a parishioner for over 50 years and attended mass daily.

Rose was a kind soul that made a lasting impact on everyone she met. She loved to laugh, shop, travel, take cruises with her girlfriends, sing and dance to Irish tunes, and drink tea. Above all, she cherished the moments she spent with her family, leaving a legacy of love that will be deeply missed. The title of Nana was her favorite.

She is survived by her sons Garrett (Angela) of Pleasanton, CA and Scott (Christy) of Reno, NV; brother Pat (Ide) of Dublin, Ireland; her 16 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews in the United States, Ireland, England, and Australia.

Rose was preceded in death by her beloved husband Maurice, daughter Candy, brother Seamus, and sisters Peggy and Mamie.

A memorial mass has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 10am at Saint Augustine’s Catholic Church in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice or Open Heart Kitchen who provided support to Rose and her family.



PAID OBITUARY

BULLETIN

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The 37-year-old man, whose name was not released, was initially transported to an area hospital for treatment before further processing, according to Campos. It is unclear what specific charges the arrestee is facing.

The situation began unfolding at 9:45 a.m. Saturday when the Tracy Police Department issued a “be on the lookout” broadcast to other law enforcement agencies about “an armed and dangerous domestic violence suspect” in a silver 2018 Nissan Altima, according to Campos.

“Tracy PD advised the suspect was armed with a knife and threatened to commit ‘suicide by cop.’ He fled from Tracy PD, ramming a police vehicle in the process,” the captain said.

Nearly an hour and a half later, a license plate reader camera in Livermore reportedly recorded the Altima near the San Francisco Premium Outlets.

Livermore police followed the suspect’s car into Dublin on Fallon Road, and Dublin police worked with multiple peer agencies to attempt a traffic stop, according to Campos.

The driver initially stopped the

car but failed to cooperate with officers’ orders to get out and surrender. He then rammed police vehicles and escaped, leading to a pursuit initiated by Dublin police and eventually ended with the help of California Highway Patrol spike strips, Campos said.

The suspect pulled his disabled vehicle into the parking lot of 4160 Dublin Blvd. — not far from the Interstate 580-Tassajara Road interchange — but still refused to cooperate, trying to run before barricading himself in his car, according to Campos.

Dublin police and Alameda County sheriff’s personnel made multiple attempts to gain compliance from the suspect, including crisis negotiators, less-lethal tools and chemical agents, to no avail, according to Campos.

“During the standoff, the suspect made multiple threats to law enforcement, indicating that he had additional weapons, and rammed multiple patrol vehicles in attempts to escape,” Campos said.

According to the captain, the man was ultimately arrested around 2 p.m. after law enforcement was able to “safely detain the suspect without further incident.” Additional details about how the arrest was made were not released.

Campos added that he could not disclose the arrestee’s identity at this time.

The two-hour-plus standoff led police to advise people to avoid that area of Dublin Boulevard for safety reasons, initially referring to the situation as an undisclosed “critical incident.” The Pleasanton Police Department was also involved in the six-agency law enforcement response.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A 10-year-old Dublin boy sustained major injuries after his bicycle was struck by a vehicle while he was on his way to Murray Elementary School last week, according to authorities.

Dublin Police Services officers responded to Davona Drive, near Chatam Street, just after 8 a.m. March 6 after receiving a report about a child being hit on a bike, according to Campos.

The initial investigation revealed the boy was riding his bicycle in the residential neighborhood westbound on Davona Drive, several blocks from the school, when a vehicle traveling eastbound on Davona struck the bike, according to Campos. Additional details about the circumstances of the collision were not released.

The boy, who has not been identified publicly, suffered “significant injuries” and was transported to UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland, where he was being treated as of last week, according to Campos.

The driver, whose name is also not being released at this time, remained at the scene and cooperated with officers, Campos said. “Drugs

or alcohol do not appear to be a factor in this incident,” he added. “The cause of the accident is currently under investigation.”

Principal Bethannee Witzczak confirmed in an email to the Murraby community that the unnamed boy was bicycling to school when the collision occurred.

“We’d like to thank our community members who were on the scene to support our student, and our law enforcement and emergency services partners for their quick action. We are hopeful that our student will make a full recovery. Keep our Cougar family in your thoughts and we will reach out if there is anything our community can do to help,” Witzczak wrote on the afternoon of March 6.

She said school officials were checking in with students in the wake of the serious collision and mental health professionals were on campus that day and the next to provide grief support as needed.

“Please let this incident serve as a reminder of how important it is to drive slowly and be cautious in and around a school zone,” Witzczak added. “Also, please remind your students of how to safely commute to school.”

—Jeremy Walsh

- Livermore police said two men have been arrested and charged with multiple felonies in the alleged carjacking and kidnapping of a man in January.

On Jan. 5, a Livermore resident told police he was the victim of a robbery. The man said in early December, he enlisted 59-year-old Enrique Ballesteros of Livermore to work on his classic Chevrolet C10 truck.

The victim alleged on Jan. 3, Ballesteros and his co-defendant, 46-year-old Ricardo Sahor of Livermore, kidnapped, carjacked and robbed the victim of his belongings, including cash, an electric mountain bicycle, mechanic tools, and his truck.

On Feb. 29, detectives arrested Ballesteros and Sahor on suspicion of multiple violent crimes. Police said they recovered some of the victim’s stolen property, including the truck, which was located in the city of Sutter Creek.

Police also recovered a stolen trailer associated with an unrelated case.

Police said prosecutors charged Ballesteros and Sahor with carjacking, robbery, kidnapping, criminal threats, and burglary to include enhancements for weapons violations during the commission of a violent crime.

—Bay City News Service

- Former Fremont city manager Mark Danaj has pleaded guilty to felony fraud charges for misusing his city-issued credit card for personal expenses, Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price announced last week.

Prosecutors said a plea agreement with Danaj requires him to serve 90 days at Santa Rita Jail, serve two years of probation and pay more than \$300,000 in restitution to the city of Fremont.

According to the DA’s Office, Danaj was fired as city manager in 2021 and negotiated a severance package of \$316,617 with the city. However, after receiving the severance, he then informed the city that he owed \$6,873 on a city-issued CAL-Card, an act that is considered theft by false pretense, prosecutors said.

Price alleged that when she took over as district attorney in 2023, the case was under-charged and that Danaj was represented by the brother of her predecessor, former DA Nancy O’Malley, which Price called “an obvious conflict of interest.”

Danaj agreed to repay the city the severance money plus the remaining debt on the city-issued card as part of his plea deal, prosecutors said.

“If my administration had not taken over this case, Mr. Danaj would not have been convicted of defrauding the City of Fremont, and the public’s valid questions about Mr. Danaj’s severance would never be answered,” Price said in a statement.

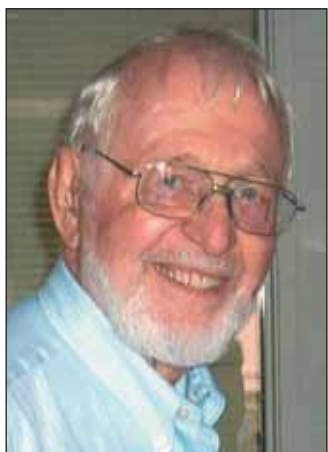
Danaj’s defense attorney was not immediately available to comment on the case. ■

—Bay City News Service

Philip S. Cooper

1928 - January 30, 2024

Philip S. Cooper passed away on January 30, 2024, at age 95. He went peacefully, in the company of his children, and with no regrets. He often said that his life had been better than he ever dreamed it could be, but his family and friends miss him terribly. Philip lived in Pleasanton for nearly 60 years and is survived by his children Ian Cooper of Orinda (Sari) and Monika Cooper of Walnut Creek (Ken), as well as his grandchildren, Zoë, Sofia and Jordan, his sister Nancy Bowman, brother Jerry Cooper, sisters- and brother-in law, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Elva, his beloved wife of more than 60 years, his brother Robert Cooper, and his parents.



Philip epitomized what it means to be a man. He was strong and tough but also compassionate and generous. He worked hard his entire life, baling hay and picking peaches and cotton in the Central Valley, 2 years in Korea with the Army, and then a lifetime as an educator. He taught high school for more than 60 years, retiring in his 60’s and then substitute teaching until he was 91! He also worked tirelessly to improve his community both through volunteer work and by advocating for what he believed in – social and economic justice were causes closest to his heart. His volunteer efforts were many, including serving on the Pleasanton Human Services Commission for 8 years (he was a charter member and chairman for 2 years), working at Open Heart Kitchen, and building more than 40 houses with Habitat for Humanity. But his family always came first and always knew they could count on him for love and support!

Fortunately, he and Elva also made time to indulge their shared passions – travel, art, music, dance, good food and good wine – for nearly 70 years. They were a true renaissance couple! Despite not having a lot of money, they travelled the world (5 continents and more than 50 countries), collected and appreciated art from a variety of cultures, were patrons of the opera and ballet, and cooked and ate many gourmet meals together. One of Philip’s particular claims to fame was as a baker – friends and family always looked forward to his fresh-baked breads around the holidays, and his dinner rolls at Thanksgiving were legendary!

We’re grateful that Philip had a wonderful life, because he really deserved it! Philip taught us – with his words, his actions, and his love – how to be a father and a man, and how to be a good person and partner in life. We continue to strive to live up to his example.

We will celebrate Philip’s life and legacy on March 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, with a luncheon at the church to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lynnewood United Methodist Church, Endowment Fund, Phil and Elva Cooper Scholarship Fund.

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This group of Valley View Elementary students had a strong season on the soccer pitch.

Youth soccer partnership helping game become more accessible

Also: Highlights from Foothill volleyball, softball, lacrosse

When Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton partnered with the Ballistic United Soccer Club and the Get on the Bus program that helps bring the game of soccer to underprivileged kids, there were simple things they had hoped to accomplish.

It wasn't just the experience of playing the wonderful game of soccer, but it also encompassed academic aid, nutritional help and learning life lessons.

It was a success right off the bat. But along the way something else happened — the team got good.

Following a great performance in the regular season, as well as strong effort at the Davis tournament last fall, the team was selected to participate in the Cal North winter league to represent Ballistic in the Under-12 Division.

The players practiced up to three times a week and played on Saturdays, which meant the players had to endure the elements — including the heavy rain and winds.

The season consisted of a total of 10 games that were all played at neighboring communities, such as Walnut Creek, San Ramon, West Contra Costa, Mount Diablo and Danville, with no home games in Pleasanton.

Valley View won eight of the games, scoring 37 goals, with the defense recording three shutouts. The results are not final, but it

appears the group will finish atop the standings.

Foothill boys' volleyball

The Foothill boys' volleyball opened East Bay Athletic League play in fine form, sweeping matches against San Ramon Valley and Dublin.

In the 25-21, 25-15, 25-13 win over San Ramon Valley, the Falcons got good play from Cameron Hitchan, who had 10 kills in his first game back from an ankle injury.

Other highlights came from Jeremy Sun (6 kills, 3 digs) and Ian Neuman (5 service points, 2 kills).

Next up was a 25-16, 25-19, 25-18 win over Dublin. Highlights came from Noah Mitzenmacher (20 receptions, 7 digs), Yun Bae (17 assists, 10 service points, 6 kills) and Caden Stedman (4 kills, 2 blocks).

Foothill softball

The Falcons were able to get in three games last week, going 2-1.

The first game of the week was a 7-2 win over Castro Valley. Senior Marissa Anderson was 3-for-3 at the plate, including a double and drove in a pair of runs. Freshman Alexa Sponsel had a double and drove in a pair as well. Senior Kyla Springer had a pair of hits in three at-bats.

Next up was a tough 9-5 loss to the talented Freedom squad on March 7.

A trio of juniors had good games for the Falcons. Kaycie Burdick had three hits and scored three runs, while Ellie Novitske also had three hits and drove in two runs. Sophia Burdick had a pair of hits.

Finally, the week ended on a good note with a 13-0 win over American.

Freshman Brea Olsen had two hits, Anderson had two hits and drove in three runs, and sophomore Jessie Gadd added a hit that brought in a pair of runners.

Foothill boys' lacrosse

The Falcons remained unbeaten at home with a 13-2 win over Cardinal Newman.

The offense was explosive with senior Wyatt Lam scoring five goals, junior AJ Becker scoring three, and junior Darrin Lau and senior Tyler Walsh each scored twice.

Freshmen Karter Williams and Nico Lau shared the spotlight in the center, winning 75% of the face-offs for the Falcons.

Foothill saw a strong defensive performance by seniors Graham Zander and Josh Taylor, who were both able to contain the Cardinal shooters and clear the ball effectively. ■

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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Entertainment

AMADOR AND FOOTHILL SPRING MUSICAL 9 to 5 tells the story of three coworkers-turned-friends who team up to take down their boss to create a more welcoming and efficient workplace. 7 p.m., March 15-16, 2 p.m., March 17. Tickets \$15-\$20. Amador Theater. Visit [firehousearts.org](#).

RISE OF THE SUPERHEROES Sunol Repertory Theatre presents Rise of the Superheroes. 8 p.m., March

15-16, 22-23. Tickets \$20-\$30. Sunol Glen School Theatre,11601 Main St., Sunol. Visit [sunol.net/srt/](#).

SHE LOVES ME AT LAS POSITAS This heartwarming romantic musical follows the story of two feuding perfume shop employees who unknowingly find solace in each other as secret pen pals, set against the backdrop of a charming 1930s European perfumery. 8 p.m., March 15-16 and 23. 2 p.m., March 17. Visit [laspositascollege.edu](#).

SPARC THEATER PRESENTS MARJORIE PRIME The first staged reading of the 3rd annual Science@ Play Series. These script-in-hand readings include a post-show discussion with the actors and part of the producing team. 7:30 p.m., March 15-16. 2 p.m., March 17. Tickets \$25. Visit [SPARCtheater.org/tickets](#).

TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF COUNTRY The Bankhead Presents Trailblazing Women of Country: From Patsy to Loretta to Dolly. This show celebrates the women who paved

the way for future generations of country artists. 8 p.m., March 15. Tickets \$60-\$90. Visit [livermorearts.org](#).

DANÚ: TRADITIONAL MUSIC OF IRELAND Experience the rich and vibrant sounds of Ireland from lively jigs and reels to soulful ballads as this talented group of musicians transports to the heart of Ireland with captivating performances. 8 p.m., March 16. Tickets \$50-\$80. Visit [livermorearts.org](#).

IN PARADISUM-MUSIC TO SOOTHE YOUR SOUL Calming and serene, these choral favorites are filled with peaceful melodies and beautiful harmonies. 7:30 p.m., March 16, First Presbyterian Church, Livermore. March 17, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Visit [valleyconcertchorale.org/events](#).

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE-STUDIO COMPANY Enjoy a stunning display of athleticism, artistry and passion as world-renowned dancers of American Ballet Theater bring to life beloved classics and exciting new works. 8 p.m., March 22. Tickets \$75-\$105. Visit [livermorearts.org](#).

NOMAD SESSION, WOODWIND/BRASS Nomad Session is San Francisco’s premiere wind octet comprised of every member of the wind and brass family. The fascinating sound created by this unique grouping has inspired an exciting array of new compositions and arrangements. 7:30 p.m., March 23. Tickets \$35-\$55. Visit [livermorearts.org](#).

WE GO TOGETHER Join Tri-Valley Theater Company performers for a one-night-only concert full of Broadway show tunes that celebrate the magic of love and friendship. 8 p.m., March 23. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit [firehousearts.org](#).

EAST BAY JAZZ HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STARS The East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars is an after-school program for high-caliber musical performance and education for high school jazz musicians where students develop skills within the jazz idiom and gain real-world performance experience. 12 p.m., March 24. Tickets \$10. Courtyard Concert, Bankhead Theater.

THE BEST OF SF COMEDY COMPETITION Hosted by Stuart B. Thompson, a stand-up comedian, actor, voiceover actor, writer and host. 8 p.m., March 29. Tickets \$35-\$55. Visit [livermorearts.org](#).

Talks

HEALTHY LIVING: BRAIN & BODY Join this free presentation to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and use hands-on tools to help incorporate recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. 2-3 p.m., March 20. Robert Livermore Community Center. To register, call 925-373-5700.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH STEVE JOBS In this program, Jeremy

Meier portrays Jobs at the one-year anniversary of the iPhone in 2008 and reaches out toward the possibilities of what might come next. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., March 26. Tickets \$15-\$25. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit [museumonmain.org](#).

JOIN AUTHOR CARA BLACK Join author Cara Black for discussion and dessert at Towne Center Books. It is once again up to American markswoman Kate Rees to take the shot that just might win or lose World War II, in the follow-up to national bestseller “Three Hours in Paris”. 7 p.m., March 26. 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

HOW TO HELP PREVENT MEDICARE FRAUD/ABUSE This free presentation from Legal Assistance for Seniors discusses the types of fraud and abuse prevalent in the Medicare system. It helps to increase awareness of healthcare scams and how to protect against them. 1-2 p.m., March 28. Robert Livermore Community Center. Register at 925-373-5700.

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](#).

St. Patrick’s Day

ST. PATRICK’S DAY BREW CRAWL Downtown Pleasanton turns green for the 11th annual St. Patrick’s Day Brew Crawl where downtown locations and breweries come together for a fun and memorable beer-tasting night. Guests will sample over 25 craft beers from local breweries while enjoying the festivities. 5-8 p.m., March 16. Visit [pleasantondowntown.net](#).

DUBLIN ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE The parade kicks-off at Dublin Boulevard and Amador Plaza Road. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Rain or shine. 9:30 a.m., March 16.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY FESTIVAL Join the Dublin St. Patrick’s Day Festival which includes three stages of Irish music and dance, an international food court, shopping at over 250 booths and more. March 16-17. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/873/Celebration-Highlights](#).

SHAMROCK 5K FUN RUN & WALK Join in the fun and festivities of the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration by participating in the Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk. 8:30 a.m., March 17. Rain or shine. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/867/Shamrock-5K-Fun-Run-Walk](#).

Galas

BUILDING TOGETHER DINNER GALA Tri-Valley Haven’s Building Together Dinner Gala features live music from local artists, dinner, wine, games and a live and silent auction. 5:30- 8:30 p.m., April 13. Tickets \$100. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit [trivalleyhaven.org](#).

Public Notices

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604247
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
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This business is conducted by: an Individual.
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File No.: 604024
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Mailing Address: 427 Melrose Ct San Ramon, CA 94582.
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SMALL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604610
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Small Business Solutions, located at 4441 Valley Ave, Suite F Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JOSEPH SILVA
4441 Valley Ave, Suite F
Pleasanton, CA 94566
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File No.: 604068
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Bay East Foundation, located at 7021 Koll Center Parkway, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
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BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS FOUNDATION
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DEL RIO MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 603347
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Del Rio Manufactured Housing Community, located at 1550 162nd Avenue San Leandro, CA 94578, Alameda. Mailing Address: 6653 Embarcadero Dr. Suite C Stockton, CA 95219.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
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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.: 24CV064683
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: WANDA JUNE HEFFERNON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
WANDA JUNE HEFFERNON to WANDA JUNE MAHNOKINI
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: 04/23/2024, 9:30 AM, SUPERIOR COURT 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: 02/21/2024
THOMAS NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Mar 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

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PET OF THE WEEK



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Cuddle with Cali

Looking for a new walking buddy or cuddle companion? Cali would love to be considered for both roles. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue volunteers describe Cali as an extroverted and affectionate girl, who has no trouble showing her love for her favorite people. She is approximately 5 years old and she weighs 90 pounds. She has been vaccinated, and is already spayed and microchipped. Ready to go home right away! Meet her at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin. Visit tvar.org.

Exhibits

ARTIST SUBMISSIONS FOR TRI-VALLEY ARTIST STUDIO TOUR The Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour 2024 includes a selection of public art studios, pop up artist venues, private home studios, a collection of high school and college students and other art collectives throughout the Tri-Valley. Artists can sign-up through March 31. Visit allianceforthevisualarts.org.

SUBMISSIONS FOR TEEN ART EXPOSITION The Livermore Library hosts the 2024 Teen Art Exposition Show and the library invites Livermore middle school and high school students to submit artwork on this year’s theme: Dreams. Submissions accepted through March 25. Visit library.livermoreca.gov.

LIMITED EDITION CHAGALL PRINTS & SYMBOLIC ART On display this spring at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery this exhibit significantly features twelve lithographs created by artist Marc Chagall, a stunning tribute to a dream of love, friendship and peace among all people. Free and open to the public. Thursdays through Sundays, 1-5 pm., Now to May 19. Bankhead Theater.

GOODGUYS 40TH GRUNDY INSURANCE ALL AMERICAN GET-TOGETHER Featuring over 3,000 of the west coast’s American made and powered show cars and trucks on display. Enjoy live music and see which rides take home the top awards of the weekend. March 23-24. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

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Outdoors

RANGER PROGRAM: EQUINOX NIGHT HIKE Explore the grove after hours, identifying constellations and preparing for the Spring Equinox. Find out how the animal shapes in the sky relate to the critters in the park. 7-8:30 p.m., March 16. \$10R/\$11NR. Sycamore Grove Park. Visit larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM: SNAKES Explore the vibrant world of snakes with Ranger Lauren and learn fun facts, ask questions, share knowledge and meet one of the friendly animal ambassadors. 5-6 p.m., March 17. Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. Visit larpd.org.

DAY BY THE WATER Celebrate World Water Day at Del Valle and find out how water benefits people and wildlife while learning water conservation tips to safeguard water for the future. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 23. Visit ebparks.org/parks/del-valle.

WILDFLOWER HIKES Wildflower programming incorporates flower-finding along the trails and are first come, first served, with sign-ups the morning-of at the Sunol Visitor Center. 9 a.m., March 23.

SPRING MINGLE AT SUNOL WILDERNESS CENTER Explore the park while meeting new neighbors at Sunol Wilderness Park Preserve. Ages 18+. 9 a.m. March 30.

EASTER FAMILY WILDFLOWER WALK Wildflower programming incorporates flower-finding along the trails and are first come, first served, with sign-ups the morning-of at the Sunol Visitor Center. 9 a.m., March 31. Sunol Wilderness Preserve.

Farmers’ Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS’ MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers’ Market is Saturday year round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits & vegetables, plus artisan 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 St. and L St.

Book Sale

PLEASANTON LIBRARY SPRING BOOK & MEDIA SALE The Spring Book & Media sale includes books for all ages, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles. 2-7 p.m., March 21; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 22-23; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., March 24. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Scholarships

AMADOR VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS, INC. Scholarships available for graduating seniors from Village, Foothill and Amador High Schools who will be continuing their education at a vocational/technical school, Community College or 4 -year college or university. Minimum award is \$1,000. Apply by March 22. Visit amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org.

DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS The Downtown Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation is providing scholarship opportunities to graduating high school seniors graduating from a Pleasanton High School or a graduating homeschooled Pleasanton resident. Applications must be received by March 31. For more information visit pleasantonrotary.org.

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST Students attending high schools in Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon can enter the Tri-Valley Writers annual high school writing contest, “My Story, My Vision”. Submission deadline is March 31. Awards ceremony May 19. For more information visit trivalleywriters.org/2024-hswc/.

Seniors

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

PLEASANTON RIDES Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service for Pleasanton Seniors. Mondays to Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 925-398-1045.

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

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

AMERICAN VERSION MAHJONG American Version Mahjong is the drop in program at the Robert Livermore Community Center. 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays.

PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER DAY TRIPPERS Sign up now for a trip to Alden Lane Nursery situated within a grove of centuries old oak trees with an opportunity to create a Fairy, Gnome or Dragon garden. 12:30-3 p.m., April 10. Fee \$33. Includes transportation and admission included. Contact 925-931-5365.

Support

VETERANS AFFAIRS MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System’s mobile medical outreach van will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library to provide examinations, consultations and referrals to veterans enrolled in the VA Palo

Alto Health Care System. No appointment is needed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., March 21. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

GRIEF MEETINGS Those grieving need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when a loved one is gone. Open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. 7 p.m., March 21. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

FAMILY/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP The Nami-Tri-Valley Family/Caregiver Support Group is 7-9 p.m., March 25. For more information contact 925-344-4480 or visit namitrivalley.org.

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

FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM The city of Pleasanton Recreation Department provides a Fee Assistance Program for residents

who would like to participate in recreation programs but may not have the financial means. For more information contact Recreation Services at 925-931-5340.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL Pleasanton City Council Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is 7 p.m., March 19. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION Livermore Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, Mendenhall Room, unless otherwise posted. 7 p.m., March 19. Visit livermoreca.gov.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is March 19. Visit livermoreschools.org.

Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Senior Software Engineer/ Digital Post Purchase Order Fulfillment in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$172,349–176,800/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: P. Ang. Ref# 0117ARS

Workday, Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in Pleasanton, CA: Technical Product Manager (TPM-009-J01-13): Designs, develops, and manages technical activities for various Workday products ranging from Human Capital Management to Financial Management to determine product definitions and planning through production, release, and end of life. Salary: \$107,099 - \$196,000 per year, 40 hours per week.

Workday pay ranges vary based on work location and recruiters can share more during the hiring process. As a part of the total compensation package, this role may be eligible for the Workday Bonus Plan or a role-specific commission/bonus, as well as annual refresh stock grants. Each candidate's compensation offer will be based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, geography, experience, skills, future potential and internal pay parity. For more information regarding Workday's comprehensive benefits, please go to workday.com/en-us/company/careers/life-at-workday.html

Interested candidates send resume to J. Thurston at Workday, Inc., 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference Job #TPM-009-J01-13

Safeway Inc. hiring Principal Product Manager/ Web App UX in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$190,400–255k/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0213DN

Safeway Inc. hiring Senior Director Business Intelligence, eCommerce Fulfillment in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$274,206–\$274,206k/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: M.Varona. Ref# 0214GP

Safeway Inc. hiring Product Manager/ Mobile & Site Exp in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$136,500 – 185k/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0214SC

Safeway Inc. hiring Software Engineer/ Development Support in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. 5% domestic travel for meetings. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$148,703–176,800/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0214MM

Software Engineer, Embedded & Controls sought by N6 Tec Inc., Pleasanton, CA, to Dsgn & maintain embedded s/ware to drive multiple opto-mechan'l sensors in C & C++, etc. Deg'd applicants exp'd wrkg w/ Ansible, SystemD, Git, Bash Scripting, etc. Salary Range: \$147,368.00-\$150,000.00/yr. To Apply, send resume to pranav@n6tec.com

Safeway Inc. hiring Software QA Engineer/ Digital Collective in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$168,418 - \$168,418/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0214LB

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Spring planting: How to select the right tree for your backyard

Since many trees live well past 100 years, planting one can be long-term commitment

BY GEORGE RENO
With longer days, warmer weather and wildflowers coming into bloom, spring is typically the time of year when people start thinking about their gardens, including adding trees to their landscape.

Since many trees live well-past 100 years, planting one can be a long-term commitment. That's why it's important to do plenty of research and preparation: Spring planting is all about picking the right trees, planting them carefully and sticking to a good maintenance routine. To help you get started, here are some important tips to remember when considering planting in the spring months.

Select native or well-adapted species

Tree species that are native to a region or well-adapted to its climate are more likely to thrive and require less maintenance. The greater San Francisco Bay Area has a Mediterranean climate, characterized by mild, wet winters and warm, dry summers. Some suitable native tree species include coast live oak, California buckeye and California sycamore.

Most plant tags and gardening guides include "hardiness zones" about specific tree species that can help you know which plants will grow where you live based on the lowest average temperature your area is expected to receive during the winter.

To find the hardiness zone of your

neighborhood, type your ZIP code into the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

Select the right location

Before selecting a location for your new tree, consider the tree's size, sunlight and soil needs and how it will fit into your landscape.

In addition to climate, trees have specific sunlight and soil requirements. If you select a tree that needs full sun, make sure you plant it in an area that receives at least 6 hours of direct sunlight each day. If your tree requires shade, pick a location that receives two or less hours of full sun each day.

Make sure the soil also meets the tree's requirements: A tree that needs dry soil, for example, might die if you plant it in a wet spot.

Select a site that is far enough from buildings (typically 15 feet), overhead power lines, sidewalks and your neighbor's property to ensure that there's adequate space for your tree's roots and branches as it grows.

For more planting tips, check out the Arbor Day Foundation's "The Right Tree in the Right Place" checklist.

Plant before temperatures get too hot

Spring is generally a good time for tree planting, but it's crucial to consider weather conditions specific to your area. Aim to plant trees early in the spring before warmer weather sets in. This allows the trees to establish their



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Tree seedlings sit ready for sale at a nursery.

root systems before facing the stress of higher temperatures.

Prepare the soil

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

Ensure good drainage by amending the soil with organic matter. Compost can improve soil structure and water retention.

Practice proper watering and mulching

Watering is critical, especially during the establishment phase. Provide consistent and deep watering to encourage deep root growth. Mulching around the base of the tree helps retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Be mindful not to pile mulch against the trunk to prevent rot — no volcano mulching! ■

George Reno is a local arborist at The Davey Tree Expert Company in Menlo Park. If you have a tree-related question, email lifestyle@EmbarcaderoMedia.org.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 11-29 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Jan. 28 to Feb. 16 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4067 Alvarado Street Estes Family Trust to Y. & N. Liu for \$1,435,000
- 103 Castlewood Drive Patitucci Trust to S. Mohanraj for \$460,000
- 5139 Corona Court Yang Trust to X. & C. Wang for \$1,540,000
- 1029 Division Street R. & L. Lewis to K. Alexander for \$1,310,000
- 4161 Fargo Court P. Rutter to Daoudi Investments LLC for \$900,000
- 2174 Goldcrest Circle Molz Living Trust to N. Dinh for \$1,130,000
- 1533 Loganberry Way J. & T. Mcdaniel to Bedarkar Family Trust for \$1,830,000
- 5419 Montalvo Court D. Mughal to S. & A. Kulkarni for \$1,140,000
- 5586 Paseo Navarro Morgan Trust to V. & S. Tandon for \$1,600,000
- 3341 Prairie Drive Lamb Family Trust to H. & G. Kumaraswamy for \$2,420,000
- 219 Rachael Place Yeap Family Trust to M. Metzler for \$980,000
- 3559 Stacey Court Unger Family Trust to P. & P. Chatterjee for \$1,350,000
- 6443 Arlington Drive Connors Living Trust to Chauvin Family Trust for \$1,535,000
- 4944 Blackbird Way Meadors Trust to Property Buddies LLC for \$1,501,000
- 1077 Kolln Street Schlicher Family Trust to J. & J. Chen for \$1,230,000
- 450 Rose Avenue Janah Investment Inc to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Group for \$1,065,000
- 1547 Trimmingham Drive Redwood Holdings LLC to E. Lavagnino for \$1,110,000
- 632 Varese Court Repac Family Trust to S. & M. Ebrahim for \$4,500,000
- 423 Del Sol Avenue Solopow Living Trust to Intersect Communities LLC for \$1,175,000

- 2511 Heatherlark Circle S. Cross to Suo Family Trust for \$1,325,000
- 1370 Santa Rita Road Joshi 2007 Trust to L. & K. Ananthanarayan for \$1,255,000
- 375 Sycamore Road D. Gudaitis to B. & K. Gulati for \$910,000
- 1465 Trimmingham Drive S. Thompson to J. & M. Kandasamy for \$1,280,000
- 2234 Via Espada A. & R. Siegel to Z. & M. Li for \$1,750,000

Livermore

- 114 Apricot Street G. Wong to N. & T. Takhtaganov for \$963,000
- 2090 Buckskin Road B. Dieter to H. & S. Robatzji for \$1,070,000
- 406 Coleen Street Foreverhome Properties LLC to J. & M. Sisodia for \$1,200,000
- 1891 De Vaca Way C. & B. Martin to A. & M. Hettick for \$950,000
- 6174 Forget Me Not A. Gribi to D. & M. Steneck for \$680,000
- 5252 Kisa Court K. & R. Deiacqua to D. & J. Payne for \$1,100,000
- 1091 South Livermore Avenue A. Santos to N. Martinez for \$885,000
- 575 North M Street P. Grgurevic to V. Barbero for \$740,000
- 761 Newbury Street Shipley Family Trust to Trukhin Trust for \$1,700,000
- 689 Sandalwood Drive #1 H. & D. Sindell to C. & D. Dealmeida for \$1,050,000
- 695 Trinity Hills Lane Chand Trust to S. & L. Odapally for \$2,208,000
- 1642 Alvarado Court Avery Property Management LLC to H. Natarajan for \$975,000
- 695 Buckeye Drive V. & W. Lamb to N. & R. Vyas for \$1,000,000
- 775 Debra Street Redwood Holdings LLC to W. & H. Cheung for \$1,137,500
- 1230 Lakehurst Road Cleveland Living Trust to Av Homes LLC for \$975,000

- 477 Lorren Court Matulich Living Trust to A. & K. Chellasamy for \$1,170,000
- 1601 Monterey Drive R. Mulvey to M. Devasconcelos for \$540,000
- 1296 Notre Dame Court J. Metzler to R. & S. Cantolino for \$991,000
- 3909 Portola Common #6 Z. Tian to N. Shah for \$901,000
- 658 Ruth Way I. Boyens to D. & E. Perez-Melgar for \$790,000
- 821 Yosemite Drive K. & D. Scott to R. & B. Patel for \$1,200,000
- 1262 Asti Court M. & J. Jones to R. & M. Graham for \$1,225,000
- 5411 Charlotte Way Foreverhome Properties LLC to J. & C. Li for \$1,325,000
- 1538 De Soto Way Longerbeam Family Trust to Gunner Ventures LLC for \$1,160,000
- 36 Jami Street Marks Trust to T. & V. Racanelli for \$1,400,000
- 644 Meadowlark Street V. Racanelli to S. & S. Quero for \$953,000
- 578 Meadowlark Street E. & G. Cochrane to S. & S. Selvanathan for \$970,000

- 194 Selby Lane #11 Ionescu Living Trust to K. & F. Chow for \$765,000
- 1216 Spring Valley Common O. Rodriguez to J. Buboltz for \$645,000
- 6695 Tiffany Common J. Kaur to E. & A. Jones for \$1,210,000
- 429 Willow Court A. Alford to W Family Trust for \$918,000

Dublin

- 7231 Atlas Peak Drive S. & A. Akatrai to V. & S. Bulusu for \$2,525,000
- 5637 Beale Place T. Azogu to M. & I. Leung for \$1,650,000
- 3302 Cydonia Court V. Prabhandam to S. & S. Kasukurthy for \$2,100,000
- 8350 Cypress Court A. & F. Mitchell to H. & P. Chau for \$1,225,000
- 8383 Davona Drive Yarbrough Living Trust to House Hack Inc for \$936,000
- 7507 Ironwood Court R. Kranz to V. & D. Lomada for \$1,299,000

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 11-29)

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$460,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,500,000
Average sales reported: \$1,447,125

Livermore (Dec. 11-29)

Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$540,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,208,000
Average sales reported: \$1,057,950

Dublin (Dec. 11-29)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$725,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,910,000
Average sales reported: \$1,468,795

San Ramon (Jan. 29-Feb. 16)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$510,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,025,000
Average sales reported: \$1,209,258



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The Bay East Association of Realtors' 2024 leadership team.

Pleasanton Realtor named Bay East president for 2024

Full leadership team installed at inaugural event this winter

By JEREMY WALSH

The Bay East Association of Realtors recently ushered in its 2024 leadership team during its annual installation ceremony, with Barbara Clemons taking the reins as president for the year.

Clemons, of Coldwell Banker Realty in Pleasanton, has more than 15 years of professional real estate experience and sits on Bay East's Executive, Local Government Relations, Political Activities, and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Action committees. She also serves on the California Association of Realtors' Board of Directors and is actively involved with the Women's Council of Realtors.

"Clemons's focus for 2024 will be promoting the Bay East core values: communication, integrity, vision, innovation and leadership and helping Bay East members succeed," association officials said in a press release after the January installation.

Joining Clemons as 2024 officers are president-elect Tracey Esling, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Livermore; treasurer Bill Espinola, Parkview Realty, Hayward; past-president Steve Medeiros, Realty Experts, Fremont, and CEO Tricia Thomas.

The association's Board of Directors this year includes Janella Anguiano, Century 21 Real Estate Alliance, Castro Valley; Viviana Cherman, Elation Real Estate, Pleasanton; Don Faught, Compass, Pleasanton; DeeDee French, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Livermore; Alison Hull, Realty Experts, Fremont; Diane Johansen, Re/MAX Accord, Castro Valley; broker Delores "Dee" Johnson; and Joseph LoParo, KW Advisors, Alameda.

The rest of the board features Sharon Mancillas, KW Advisors, Alameda; Kevin McCallum, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Livermore; Simi Puri, Keller Williams Realty, Danville; Frank Quismorio, Realty Experts, Fremont; Geraldine Ramirez, Bay City Real Estate Group, Pleasanton; Paul Wong, Coldwell Banker Realty, Oakland; and Garrick Yan, EXP Realty of California, San Ramon — along with platinum affiliate director Trevor Frey, Supreme Lending, Brentwood and parliamentarian Nancie Allen, Compass, Fremont.

Based in Pleasanton with a satellite office in Alameda, Bay East is a professional trade organization representing and supporting more than 6,000 residential and commercial Realtors and affiliates throughout the East Bay. ■

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7278 Larkdale Avenue L. & F. Moreno to L. & U. Singh for \$1,150,000

8645 Beverly Lane Rhodes Trust to K. Yu for \$1,318,000

3831 Camino Loop M. Blonsky to D. & S. Selvam for \$1,252,000

4192 Forest Springs Road J. Yan to G. & R. Manglani for \$1,205,000

6082 Hillbrook Place B. & A. Sabado to S. & R. Ellupuru for \$1,215,000

3360 Maguire Way #108 T. Mohanty to F. Kamruddin for \$725,000

5979 Ruby Place Brookfield Bay Area Hldgs LLC to S. & V. Gourisetty for \$1,780,000

6174 Shadow Hill Drive D. Mai to Kompala Living Trust for \$1,345,000

6572 Terrace Ridge Court Goheer Family Trust to S. & V. Ramasahayam for \$2,325,000

5425 De Marcus Boulevard #222 Q. Zhao to Pepper Trust for \$850,000

3459 Finnian Way S. Sohail to Grace Property Investment LLC for \$830,000

4398 Healdsburg Way K. Vaidyanathapuram to Bedi Trust for \$1,500,000

5589 Horizon Parkway Lennar Homes Of California LLC to J. Ma for \$1,431,500

7721 Lisa Court Avery Property Management LLC to P. & V. Bheemireddi for \$1,262,000

3951 Scottfield Street X. Li to T. & R. Mehta for \$1,480,000

2843 Tulare Hills Drive L. Annamalai to P. & S. Subramanyam for \$2,910,000

San Ramon

9085 Alcosta Boulevard #307 P. Zhang to Y. & K. Navarro for \$510,000

421 Carillo Court Z. & A. Nisbet to Delcarmen Bibiano 2015 Trust for \$710,000

3073 Lakemont Drive #5 C. & W. Hwang to Sokolove Trust for \$1,135,000

112 Stone Pine Lane Ramos Living Trust to M. & M. Lambie for \$750,000

2820 Stratford Drive Roberts Trust to K. & V. Vuyuru for \$1,270,000

731 Arboles Place S. & L. Hinck to R. & A. Sengupta for \$1,900,000

525 Caprio Court Minh Trust to D. & R. Luhan for \$2,025,000

192 Eastridge Drive Bahugudumbi Living Trust to K. Shelbourne for \$635,000

3780 Firpointe Street Sun Living Trust to N. & J. Chow for \$1,650,000

1115 Nancy Lane Kekoa Trust to S. Thiyagarajan for \$933,000

68 Shasta Court Roberts Trust to S. & R. Jagannath for \$1,350,000

1310 Sutter Creek Lane C. & J. Cheng to M. Dias for \$660,000

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A Special Saint Patrick's Day Message From Liz Venema



As we celebrate the spirit of Saint Patrick's Day, I find myself reflecting on the immense fortune that surrounds me:

☘ For over 40 years, Pleasanton has been my cherished home. It's a privilege to serve such a wonderful community.

☘ Our clients are the true pot of gold in our real estate adventure. Their trust, dreams, and stories enrich our lives.

☘ I am blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside my family. My husband, Owner of Vista Construction Company, Inc., and my daughters - one a top-producing agent, the other our team's Chief Operating Officer. Together, we bring a blend of experience, passion, and a touch of luck to every interaction.

☘ I'm filled with gratitude for the life I lead, the position I hold, and the chance to serve such a remarkable community.



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