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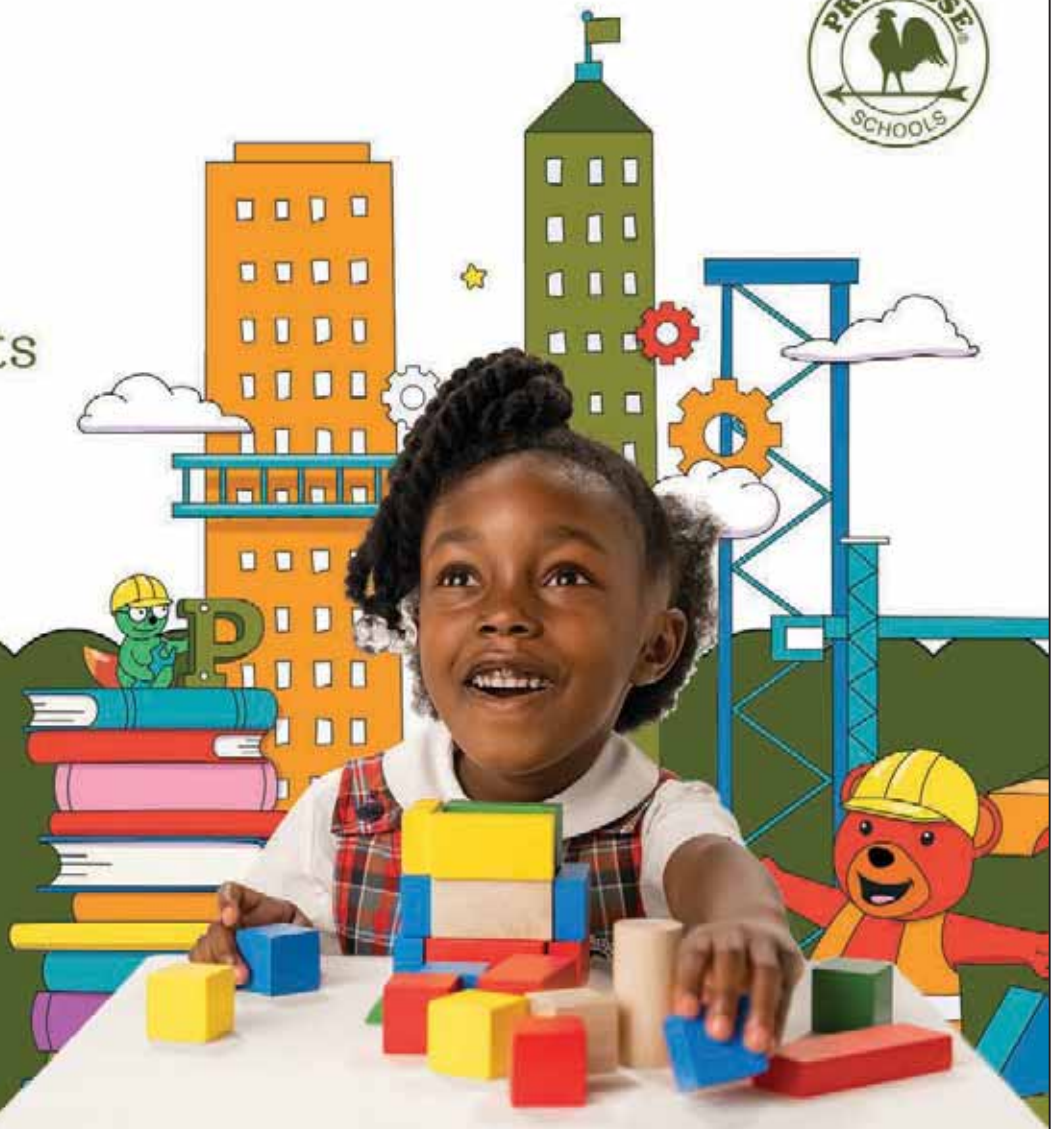
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Election certified

Now that the primary election is officially in the books, let's take a closer look at the certified results for contests relevant to the Tri-Valley.

While the races were interesting, there weren't really any nail-biters here at the local level in the March 5 primary election. Basically all of the Election Night numbers tracked with the final outcomes, even as both Alameda and Contra Costa counties' election departments issued multiple updates over ensuing weeks.

Take the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors: Current directors Laurene Green (32.86%), Kathy Narum (25.81%) and Sandy Figuers (24.31%) held their positions comfortably for the three full terms on the ballot. Despite an assertive campaign, challenger Alan Burnham couldn't make enough headway and finished outside with 17.02%, or more than 6,700 votes back.

One lesson here is the power of incumbency for local elections. Keep that in mind as you watch who the BART board picks in the coming weeks to temporarily replace John McPartland, who resigned as the District 5 director in the Tri-Valley. That person will have a significant edge — on name recognition alone — heading into the November general election for that same seat.

The appointment momentum could come into play if the July 2 recall is successful in ousting Sunol school board trustees Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley, which would lead to two new people being named to their seats. Same could go for Alameda County district attorney, if the recall campaign against Pamela Price qualifies for the ballot and ultimately wins.

Oh, wait. Back to Zone 7: Can't overlook that Cathy Brown trounced Seema Badar 82.21% to 17.79% for the two-year short term on the water board.

Comfortable margins was really the theme of the primary for our coverage area.

The closest contest by my count was the Alameda County Superior Court judgeship won by Mark Fickes at 55.22% over Michael Johnson at 44.78%.

I can't wait to find out what Terry Wiley, who won the other judgeship after being on the ballot uncontested, decides to do given he was hired some four months ago as the inaugural inspector general for the San Francisco sheriff's department. He hasn't announced which job he'll choose.

Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley easily dispatched with progressive challenger Jennifer Esteen (60.71% to 39.29%) to

win a seventh consecutive term. His district includes a large portion of Pleasanton.

District 1 Supervisor David Haubert, the Tri-Valley's other rep, had to appear on the ballot despite being unchallenged because there were other contested supervisor elections this March. He won, of course.

That rule also led to Alameda County Supervisor Elisa Márquez appearing on the solo ballot for a two-year position for District 2 (completing the unexpired term of the late Richard Valle).

Though not in our area, we will be watching the supervisor runoff coming in November for Alameda County District 5 between Nikki Fortunato Bas (34.05%) and John Bauters (20.70%).

The two Alameda County-wide ballot measures passed easily: Measure A, to change the county's job announcement period, 59.47% Yes to 40.53% No; and Measure B, amending the county recall regulations, 64.45% Yes to 35.55% No.

Of the local representatives to state and federal legislatures, the only interesting campaign was State Senate District 5 for the southern Tri-Valley east into San Joaquin County. Republican Jim Shoemaker (43.7%) will face former congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) who earned 33.2%.

The final contest could come down to who picks up votes of third-place finisher, Stockton Democrat Carlos Villapudua (23.1%), and what the splits are like between the two counties (McNerney was 38.1% to Shoemaker's 36.5% in Alameda, and they were flopped in San Joaquin with Shoemaker at 46.6% and McNerney at 31.2%).

The other contested state race was a shoo-in for runoff, with both candidates automatically advancing to the general election: Assembly District 16 incumbent Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) was 65.5% to challenger Joe Rubay (R-Alamo) at 34.5%.

Federally, Tri-Valley Democratic U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (66.7%) will compete against Republican Vin Kruttiventi (17.6%) on Nov. 5 for Congressional District 14.

But of the trove of percentages from the March 5 election, the set that stands out the most to me? Turnout.

Alameda County reported only 35.17% of registered voters cast ballots (330,304 people out of 939,274), while Contra Costa County saw slightly better at 37.94% participation (269,462 people out of 710,254 registered).

Let's hope those totals tick up dramatically in November. ■

About the Cover

With locations in Dublin and Livermore, Casa Orozco has been a staple in the Tri-Valley restaurant scene for decades. As the family business recently hit its 40th anniversary, its owners reflect on their growth and service over the years. Photo by Nicole Gonzales. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XXV, Number 12



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Peyton Baldwin
Elementary school student

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Bronco Hinek, with Rudy
Facilities manager

If I see people who are in need of help for any reason at all, I'll stop to help them, even if it is at my own expense, or out of my way or coming home to my beautiful wife with cold takeout. She understands that my attitude is that "if I don't help, who will?" She loves me for that mentality, and I love her for that right back.



Michelle Lawton
Beertender

I enjoy walking down the street with a really big smile on my face, and wishing everyone I see a really great day. I just try to be nice. And people really do seem to appreciate that.



Rich Overby
Sales

I always try to include outsiders into my conversations by finding some common ground and drawing them in. I'm able to do this by being friendly and outgoing and finding things I have in common with them. Works every time and makes for great, meaningful conversations.



Zack Toney
IT experience manager

I just try to be a good person and to treat everyone I meet as I want to be treated by others myself. It's actually pretty easy to do.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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State of the City

Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez is set to deliver her State of the City address at a luncheon event May 1 at the Shannon Community Center.

In her speech, Hernandez “will share the financial outlook of the City, along with key accomplishments from the past year (and) highlight important projects that have shaped, and will shape, the future of Dublin,” city officials said.

For tickets and more information, visit dublin.ca.gov.

Wine & Wags

Livermore Valley Wine Community is looking to bring together wine lovers and their pooches for the Wine & Wags special event at Vasco Row this Sunday (April 14) from 12-4 p.m.

“Ticket holders will receive a GoVino logo wine glass and two wine pours at each participating winery,” organizers said. “Dogs will enjoy free treats, including ‘yappetizers’ and ‘pup cups,’ photo booths and a belly rub station. Look for food and pet-themed gifts available for purchase as well as free, live music.”

Nine local wineries are set to take part, along with eight pet product vendors and six animal rescue organizations to promote pet adoptions. Learn more at LVwine.org.

‘Relevance of Poetry’

The Tri-Valley Writers club is hosting its monthly meeting next weekend, with regional poet Gillian Wegener serving as the guest speaker.

A published poet and current president of the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center, Wegener is set to present “The Relevance of Poetry in Our Everyday Lives ... or Poetry and why it makes our lives better,” according to club officials.

The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. next Saturday (April 20) in Room 2470 of Building 2400 at Las Positas College in Livermore. To register, visit trivalleywriters.org.

Quilters meet

Amador Valley Quilters member Rhondi Reeves is set to serve as the featured speaker at this weekend’s club activities.

Reeves will be talking about samples of her quilt designs during the club’s monthly meeting from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday (April 13) at Pleasanton Middle School, and then leading a workshop teaching about Thimblecreek’s House Quilt on Sunday (April 14) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. Go to www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

Newark PD’s Anderson picked as Pleasanton’s interim police chief

She will begin new position at PPD in May following departure of outgoing Chief Swing

By Christian Trujano

The city of Pleasanton has announced the appointment of an interim police chief who will take over in May and lead the Pleasanton Police Department until the city hires a permanent replacement for outgoing Chief David Swing.

Gina Anderson — chief of police for the city of Newark — will begin her new position at Pleasanton PD on May 3, according to a city press release on April 4.

“With more than three decades of law enforcement service, Chief Anderson brings a depth of experience to the interim post,” City

Manager Gerry Beaudin said in the press release. “I have tremendous confidence in her ability to lead our police department as we continue to deliver the first-rate protection and services our community is accustomed to.”

The news that Swing was leaving the PPD first broke at the beginning

of March after he announced he accepted an executive director position at the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority. Swing is stepping down from Pleasanton on May 2 and set to begin his new job later that month,

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NICOLE GONZALES

The newest Grocery Outlet in the Tri-Valley is located in Dublin at 7991 Amador Valley Blvd., taking over the retail tenant spot previously occupied by Big Lots!

Grocery Outlet opens in Dublin

New venture is ‘full circle’ moment for sibling duo

By Nicole Gonzales

Tri-Valley shoppers now have another nearby option to purchase vegetables, snacks and other food items at the new Grocery Outlet in Dublin.

The store — located at 7991 Amador Valley Blvd. — held its official grand opening event and ribbon-cutting on April 4 to welcome Dublin city leaders and community members. City Councilmembers Jean Josey and Sherry Hu and Mayor Melissa Hernandez were among those in attendance.

One notable detail about the Grocery Outlet location is its local and independent ownership. The store is operated by Harjinder and Sukhi Bhatti, a brother and sister team.

In a statement online, the owners expressed gratitude and shared

their hopes for the new store.

“We look forward to making a difference in our Dublin community and wowing customers with the amazing deals we have on everyday items at affordable prices,” the Bhattis said.

The siblings have a personal connection to the area, having migrated from Punjab, India, and settling in Dublin over 40 years ago. Now, they’re eager to give back to the community that helped shape their lives.

“We plan to jump right into the local community and reconnect with our roots,” the Bhattis said. “We are already members of Dublin’s Chamber of Commerce and plan on being involved and supporting local events and organizations like Open Heart Kitchen and Children’s Emergency Food Bank Drive.”

The Bhatti siblings shared how

the store’s opening is a “full circle” moment as Sukhi’s first job was at Round Table Pizza, located in the same parking lot as the new store.

Harjinder retains over 30 years of retail experience, including 19 years at IKEA.

“We have found our passion of serving the community through Grocery Outlet and are so excited to be back in Dublin, our home where it all began,” the pair added.

Situated in the space once occupied by the former Big Lots! retail store, the new Grocery Outlet seeks to fill the void left by its predecessor. The store offers a variety of food and drink products, produce, frozen foods, alcohol, snacks and canned goods.

Store representatives said various staff positions are still available, including cashiers, merchandise stockers and deli personnel. ■

Executives declining ‘me too’ raise

Official says waiver comes amid PUSD’s budget challenges

By Christian Trujano

Pleasanton Unified School District executive cabinet members, including Superintendent David Haglund, will all be waiving a salary increase that they typically get at the same time other management staff, such as principals and vice principals, receive one.

According to a PUSD spokesperson, the district decided to waive the executive cabinet’s “me too” clause this year because of its many financial challenges, such as salary and benefits increases in the new tentative contract agreement between the district and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers union.

“The decision to waive salary increases for this cycle for executive cabinet and superintendent is related to the district’s ongoing need to reduce expenditures to maintain fiscal stability and solvency,” PUSD director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly. “A majority of our budget is related to salary and benefits, so increases to both have an impact on expenditures.”

“Me too” clauses, according to Gannon, are included in employee contracts in order to maintain consistency in salary increases that are received by any employee



David Haglund

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Judge denies petition to halt Sunol recall process

July 2 election moving forward after court rejects arguments over notice's word count and addresses

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The two Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees members who are currently facing a recall election in July were recently part of a lawsuit that tried to get the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office to stop the recall process after alleging election code errors.

But last month, an Alameda County Superior Court judge denied the petition from trustees Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley to cancel the recall election, stating that the objections they had regarding the original notice of intent to recall did not hold up in court.

"The court concludes that neither argument supports (Jergensen's and Hurley's) request for a writ directing the (Register of Voters) to reject the notices of intent and to stop further processing relating to Petitioners' potential recall," Judge Michael Markman wrote in an order on the merits on March 18.

Thomas Knutsen, an attorney from the Dublin-based Knutsen Law Offices who represented Jergensen and Hurley throughout this legal process, confirmed with the Pleasanton Weekly that their petition was denied but did not want to offer any further comments.

The Registrar of Voters' Office also confirmed the petition was denied and told the Weekly it was not aware of any appeals made by Jergensen or Hurley at the moment.

Jergensen and Hurley have been under the spotlight for quite some time following their approval of a controversial flag resolution in September that limits the school and district to only fly the state and U.S. flag — effectively banning flags like the LGBTQ+ Pride flag.

Since then, Sunol residents, parents and other community members have been criticizing the two trustees' leadership for a number of other reasons, which is what led to the formation of United for Sunol Glen — a recall campaign made up of people who want to remove the two trustees from the board.

Late last year the group began the process of recalling the two trustees by sending them each what's known as a notice of intent to recall. After that, the recall campaign focused on its petitions, which they used to gather enough signatures from Sunol residents needed to certify the recall petition with the county. The special election was subsequently scheduled for July 2.

However, Jergensen and Hurley had issues with both the recall

intent notices and with the petition, which is why they originally filed their objections with the registrar of voters in December. After those objections were dismissed by the registrar's office, they filed a petition for writ of mandate with the court.

"There was a motion filed to get clarity on the notice of intent for the recall, which was brought by several members of the community and they have asked Linda and myself to be a part of that," Jergensen said during the March 12 Sunol school board meeting.

Jergensen was responding to fellow Trustee Peter "Ted" Romo, who argued Jergensen and Hurley went to court in order to "block the recall efforts" and to "stop the democratic process as it is."

"There is an effort to make sure this is done in the right way and not done in any way that is going against the election code. That is what we're trying to do," Jergensen added.

Knutsen stated in the original Jan. 8 petition for writ of mandate against the registrar's office that after the two trustees received their recall intent notices, the two submitted their comments and objections "relating to the legal sufficiency of the notice of intent/petition for recall" to the registrar's office.

"Petitioners identified what they believe to be a number of defects in the notices of intent," Markman wrote in his March 18 order. "Based on those defects, they seek a writ of mandate directing respondents to reject the notices of intent and to refrain from certifying any petitions for recall based on the notices."

The petition alleged that the registrar's office failed and refused to act on those objections and that it unjustly moved forward with the recall procedures.

"The petitions for recall/notice of intent to circulate recall petition, and each of them, are defective

and do not comply with California and Alameda County Election law," Knutsen wrote in the Jan. 8 court documents.

According to Knutsen, one of the defects Jergensen and Hurley pointed out was that the statement of reasons for the recall exceeded a mandatory 200-word limit.

"Alameda County Election procedures and the elections code ... demand the statement of reasons for recall not be more than 200 words. Substantial compliance is insufficient under the election code," according to the Jan. 8 petition. "Compliance with this requirement is mandatory. If an actual word count is done it is clear the statement of reasons exceeds the maximum limit.

The other main defect, according to Knutsen, was that the notice of intent to circulate a petition for recall used the wrong language when it came to having them sign their home addresses. It states that the notice indicated to have them sign their street address when the provisions of the election code instead requires they list their residence address.

"This has not been corrected by recirculating the notice of intent and securing the required information concerning those individuals signing the petition," Knutsen wrote in the Jan. 8 petition.

He also listed out several other allegations including the failure to include a list of sponsors in the recall notice; lack of proof of serving the notice and proof of publication; not including the cost of the special election in the notice of intent to circulate a recall petition; not requiring people who signed the petition to also list their occupation; and the notice of intent to circulate a petition containing false and misleading information;

And while Knutsen said that the registrar office's assertion that the notice did comply with the

200-word limit was factually incorrect, the judge's decision last month asserts otherwise.

"The (Registrar of Voters) concluded that the word count for the statement in the two notices of intent at issue was under the 200 word limit, and the court sees no reason to question the (Registrar of Voters) decision in that regard," according to the March 18 court documents.


According to the March 18 order, the registrar's office pointed out that all proper nouns, including geographical names, are considered one word. That means the "Sunol Glen Unified District Code of Ethics for Board Members Norms of Governance and Behavior," which Jergensen and Hurley originally counted as 12 words, is only counted as one.

The other thing the court decided it did not need to correct through the writ of mandate, was the street address issue. While Jergensen and Hurley argued that the phrase street address is not the same thing as residence address — which would have made the forms non-compliant and should have forced the registrar's office and the court to reject them — the court found on March 18 that the two trustees were wrong.

"Above the boxes seeking information from the proponents of the recall signing the notices of intent is the following simple statement: 'The printed names, signatures, and residence addresses of the proponents are as follows,'" according to the March 18 decision. "The use of the words 'street address' in the boxes containing the signature and other handwritten information for each of the proponents is clarified by the earlier statement and is not at all ambiguous."

The judge further states that the phrase street address in fact ensures they did not use a post office box instead of a street address to identify where they lived. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Receive any protests and adopt a resolution to approve the 2024 Weed Abatement Program and authorize the abatement of weeds, rubbish, dirt, or refuse upon or in front of certain described properties within the city of Pleasanton
- Adopt a resolution certifying an exception to the 180-day waiting period to appoint retired annuitant, Gina Anderson, to serve as Interim Police Chief pursuant to Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224
- Council review of Planning Commission approval of a proposed project at 3200 Hopyard Road for Design Review (P23-0177) and Vesting Tentative Tract Map 8672 for either: (Option 1) 57 attached condominium units in nine, three-story buildings (48 Townhome-style units and nine apartment units); or (Option 2) 55 attached condominium units in eight, three-story buildings and two, two-story duet buildings (47 Townhome-style units and eight apartment units); and Council approval of an Affordable Housing Agreement for either Option 1 or Option 2
- Bi-annual update to the City Council regarding Police department operations, services and activities

Economic Vitality Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.
The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room, Public Works Center – 3333 Busch Road

- Receive an Overview of Visit Tri-Valley's Destination Strategic Plan

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according to city officials.

Upon his departure, the city will be bringing on Anderson to serve as interim chief while the city undergoes a recruitment process and selection of the next permanent police chief.

Pleasanton communications manager Heather Tiernan told the Weekly that Anderson will be retiring from the Newark Police



Gina Anderson

Department soon to take on the new interim position in Pleasanton.

According to the press release, Anderson began her career in law enforcement as a community service officer with the city of Davis in 1992. She was then sworn in as an officer the following year and was promoted to sergeant in 2002.

In 2006, Anderson joined the Citrus Heights Police Department as a lieutenant before being promoted to police commander in 2013 and then as assistant chief of police in 2018.

Anderson was then appointed as police chief for the Newark Police Department in April 2020 where she created and implemented strategic plans for the department, which involved leveraging new

technology like comprehensive community cameras and new computer analytics to improve crime analysis and better serve the community, according to the press release.

She also implemented an employee wellness program at the police department, which focused on both mental and physical health.

Anderson has a bachelor's degree in political science and government from the University of the Pacific as well as a doctor of law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum's prestigious Senior Management Institute for Police Executives, according to the press release. ■

Pleasanton selects new HR and labor relations director

Internal hire Scoggins replaces former boss who left after less than two years

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city of Pleasanton has elevated one of its longtime employees to director of human resources and labor relations, according to city officials, following the departure of former director Veronica Thomas who worked in Pleasanton for less than two years.

Effective Monday, Pleasanton's new permanent director is Xaviera Scoggins, who has been serving as the interim director since early March — when Thomas left Pleasanton.

"I am thrilled to welcome Xaviera to Pleasanton's executive team as the new director of human resources and labor relations," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said in the press release. "Her extensive experience and dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive work environment here in



Xaviera Scoggins

Pleasanton will be instrumental in supporting our employees and advancing the city's goals."

According to Thomas' LinkedIn, she started a new job as the human resource manager at Sutter Health last month. She had been working in Pleasanton since May 2022, joining the city after working for BART. At the time of publication, city officials had not responded to a request for comment about why Thomas left.

Scoggins has more than 25 years of experience in the human

resources field with 19 of those years in Pleasanton. Most recently, she has been serving as the city's human resources manager, according to the city's press release.

Before Pleasanton, Scoggins worked in the private sector doing human generalist work and had previously worked at the former Pleasanton-based PeopleSoft, which was a company that provided human resources management systems but was bought out by Oracle in 2004.

In her new role, Scoggins will continue to "modernize and streamline the city's recruitment process, strengthen relationships with labor representatives and develop a near-term work plan to prioritize human resources department initiatives," according to the city.

She serves as moderator and sub-committee member at the California Public Employers Labor Relations

Association; she's a board member at the Council of Self-Insured Public Agencies and the Local Agency Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance; and has a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University, East Bay.

Scoggins will also extend her professional connections to the League of California Cities personnel and Employee Relations Department board and the Northern California City HR Directors Association, officials said.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations for the City of Pleasanton," Scoggins said in the city's press release. "I am eager to collaborate with city leaders and employees to cultivate a workplace culture that prioritizes excellence, fairness, and respect for all." ■

Edible plant sale back at Senior Center

Two-day event will feature workshops, variety of veggies and more for sale

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

If you're looking for some fresh herbs, veggies or edible flowers to spice up your home cooking, then you're in luck as the 2024 Incredible Edible Plant Sale is set to return to Pleasanton this weekend at the Senior Center.

Organized by the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program of Alameda County, the annual event — which is planned to take place on Saturday and Sunday (April 13-14) — not only gives residents a chance to purchase a diverse selection of vegetable seedlings and culinary herbs, but learn best practices as well.

"The plant sale serves as a gathering space for gardeners, no matter how much experience they have, to come together and learn from each other ... as well as a rare moment for neighbors in the community to connect with each other," Allyson Greenlon, program coordinator for the Master Gardener and Urban Agriculture program, told the Weekly.

According to a press release, the

sale also serves as a way to raise money for the program to support its public outreach programs and its overall mission to "provide the public with UC research-based information on home horticulture, sustainable landscapes and pest management practices."

"We are proud to share that the event generated \$27,000, which directly fuels our programs and initiatives," Master Gardener volunteer Lou Astbury told the Weekly regarding last year's sale. "This financial support allows us to continue our mission of fostering horticultural education and community engagement, including a special focus on building the Pleasanton Educational Garden."

The unfinished educational garden Astbury is referring to is part of a larger community farm project that the city of Pleasanton approved as part of its Bernal Park Community Farm project. The garden and farm project has been an effort that has been led by the Master Gardener Program since 2016.

"This project aims to establish an interactive space for sustainable

gardening education, offering diverse plantings and hands-on learning opportunities," according to the Master Gardener program press release. "Situated on Laguna Creek Lane, this initiative is poised to enhance the community with vibrant educational experiences."

Astbury said now that the plant sale is in its fourth year, it has established itself as a cherished spring tradition that attracts plant enthusiasts and community members alike. He said over 6,800 plants were sold at last year's event alone.

Apart from the plant sale, this year's event will also feature several 30-minute workshops for free that focus on plant care, helping tomatoes thrive and container gardening.

Astbury said that apart from being a successful fundraiser, the event embodies the Master Gardener program's commitment to community service. Some of the community service the program does that Astbury highlighted is the thousands of plants the program donates to nonprofit school garden programs and community gardens in Alameda County. ■



COURTESY LOU ASTBURY

A look at last year's Incredible Edible Plant Sale. This year's event returns to the Pleasanton Senior Center on April 13-14.

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Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update – The Hot Streak Continues

Simply put, the real estate market in Pleasanton is HOT. Inventory remains severely constrained, and any new listings are generally being snapped up quickly. The Spring market is definitely in full bloom right now.

Let's take a dive into the numbers for March.

Supply/Inventory: We saw more homes come on the market in March, and most of them sold right away, leaving a paltry 25 single family homes on the market at the end of March. That is 32% lower than last month, and 43% lower than March of 2023. To say inventory is constrained would be an understatement.

Demand: In March we again saw strong demand overall. Thanks to more inventory hitting the market, pending sales (homes under contract) surged in March, up 63% from February and 54% from March of 2023. Closed sales more than doubled, up 105% from February, and up 26% as compared to March 2023. It appears buyers have come to the conclusion that higher rates

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Pleasanton Market Report Data for March 2024 Single Family Detached Homes

	MAR 2024	CHANGE FROM FEB 2024	CHANGE FROM MAR 2023
Homes sold	39	↑103%	↑25%
Homes for sale	25	↓32%	↓43%
Median days on market	8	↑14%	↓0%
Median price per square foot	\$851	↓2.4%	↑11%
Months of inventory	0.6	↓67%	↓55%
Median sold price	\$1,548,800	↑6.6%	↑5.1%
Homes under contract	57	↑63%	↑54%



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Livermore's 99 Cents Only store closing

Company going out of business nationwide

By JEREMY WALSH

99Cents Only Stores corporate officials announced last week that all locations of the discount retailer will be shutting down this year, including the store in central Livermore.

The specific closure date remains unclear for the store at 1490 Railroad Ave., which remained open for business with no closure signage as of last Friday. It is the lone 99 Cents Only location in the Tri-Valley.

Outgoing Interim CEO Mike

Simoncic confirmed in a nationwide press release on April 4 that the company has opted for winding down business operations and liquidating all merchandise at all 371 store locations in the United States, despite efforts to seek other paths amid severe financial difficulties in recent years.

"This was an extremely difficult decision and is not the outcome we expected or hoped to achieve," Simoncic said.

"Unfortunately, the last several years have presented significant and lasting challenges in the retail

environment, including the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, shifting consumer demand, rising levels of shrink, persistent inflationary pressures and other macroeconomic headwinds, all of which have greatly hindered the company's ability to operate," he added. "We deeply appreciate the dedicated employees, customers, partners, and communities who have collectively supported 99 Cents Only Stores for decades."

The Livermore store opened in the shopping center on Railroad



NICOLE GONZALES

Shelves will soon become barer inside the 99 Cents Only store in Livermore as the company is closing all locations in 2024.

Avenue between the East Stanley Boulevard transition and North P Street in August 2017, according to

a press release at the time. ■

Editor's note: Reporter Nicole Gonzales contributed to this story.

Murray Elementary's Apodaca named Dublin Teacher of the Year

School district honors exceptional educators with site-level awards too

By NICOLE GONZALES

As a way to celebrate educational excellence, the Dublin Unified School District unveiled its roster of distinguished educators for the 2023-24 academic year.

Among them, one outstanding teacher stood out, earning the coveted title of District Teacher of the Year: Lauren Apodaca of Murray Elementary School.

In the announcement, DUSD superintendent Chris Funk expressed gratitude for the collective efforts of educators within the district.

"In Dublin, we're lucky to have such a strong team of educators, making it especially challenging to spotlight individual achievements," said Funk. "All our teachers play a

crucial role in our students' success and we're thankful for their hard work."

"While every teacher deserves recognition, it's a special honor to recognize our Site Teachers of the Year, nominated for this distinction by their peers, reflecting the profound respect and admiration they have earned," continued Funk.

DUSD oversees the education of over 12,000 students across more than a dozen school sites. Each year select educators are nominated by their peers for their dedication and commitment to student



Lauren Apodaca

success. This year's cohort of school site teachers represents a diverse group of educators across all grade levels.

They included Adrienne Conrad (Amador Elementary), Jennifer Crothers (Dougherty Elementary), TJ Heintz (Dublin Elementary), Lisa Kleinr (Frederiksen Elementary), Trisha Hahan (Green Elementary), Kristen Moore (Kolb Elementary), Krystal Shaw (Cottonwood Creek K-8), Gabriel Manalac (Fallon Middle School), Denise Bunger (Wells Middle School), Katina Lewis (Dublin High), Jason Rockwell (Emerald High), and Mackenzie Hunt (Valley High & York Alternative Learning Center).

Apodaca, Murray Elementary's representative, was named district-wide Teacher of the Year.

Murray Elementary principal Bethanee Witczak shared praise for Apodaca's contributions in the announcement, highlighting her leadership and dedication to student welfare.

"Lauren is an invaluable educator who has made a significant impact on the students at Murray Elementary," she said. "Her unwavering dedication to her students and her commitment to going above and beyond in supporting their needs is truly commendable."

A special day class (SDC) teacher, Apodaca's work addressed the needs of students with disabilities or those requiring small-group instructional settings.

"As a lead teacher in the special education program at Murray, Lauren demonstrates exceptional

leadership by providing support to the entire team to ensure that all students with IEPs receive the best possible care and education," Witczak continued. "Her impact extends beyond the classroom, as evidenced by the many older students who still come by to say hello and receive a hug from her."

Witczak noted Apodaca's ability to forge meaningful connections with students and families, extending far beyond the classroom.

"She is masterful at building and maintaining positive relationships with parents, empowering them to support their children's learning at home. Lauren's work is truly invaluable, and she is an asset to our school community," said Witczak.

The superintendent added, "to be celebrated among such esteemed colleagues is a testament to their exceptional impact and commitment. Congratulations to each of our Site Teachers of the Year. Your dedication makes a real difference in our community and in the lives of our students." ■

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group across the district — including teachers, classified staff and management.

For example, because the APT reached an agreement with the district on a 10% salary increase — which still needed to be approved by the school board during its meeting yesterday, with results pending — that means Pleasanton's California School Employees Association (CSEA) union, which represents classified employees, will also receive the same increase.

That's because the CSEA has its own "me too" clause in its collective bargaining agreement with the district, Gannon said.

But just like the CSEA has a "me too" clause with the teachers union, the executive cabinet has a similar clause with management when those employees get a raise.

According to Haglund's contract with the district, in addition to consistent salary increases, the school board has to provide a "salary increase each year of this agreement equal to the same percentage increase given to the administrative unit."

That administrative unit refers to managers such as principals, vice principals, coordinators and directors.

And because the salary schedule for management — including the proposed 3.1% annual increase — was on yesterday's school board agenda, Haglund and the other executive cabinet members would have been due for a similar increase because of their "me too" clauses.

But that's not the case this year, which APT President Cheryl Atkins said was the right decision.

"Why is this important? Our superintendent and cabinet make a lot of money," Atkins told the

Weekly. "A lot more than the CSEA or teachers."

"Their contracts have a raise percentage in them as well as the 'me too' (clause)," she added. "They don't have to go stomp around and beg the school board for fair compensation for the work we do, it's in their contracts."

She also pointed out that the executive cabinet member's salaries have increased more than 50% of the same increase teachers have received in the same number of years since Haglund first joined the district in 2017.

According to Transparent California — a website that compiles employee salaries and benefits — Haglund's total pay in 2022 was roughly \$364,000, before benefits. With benefits added, it was equivalent to nearly \$441,000.

In 2018, his total pay was about \$292,500 — with benefits added it was just over \$315,500.

Similar jumps in pay can be seen with assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami and deputy superintendent Ed Diolazo.

Sheikholeslami's total pay in 2020 was just under \$206,500 and in 2022 it was just over \$250,500, according to Transparent California. Diolazo's pay increase from 2020 to 2022 was pretty much the same as Sheikholeslami's.

The three also received a salary increase in July 2022 when the board approved raises for the three.

Haglund's base salary went up to \$369,780 while Sheikholeslami's went up to \$254,053 and Diolazo's salary increased to \$259,134 — mainly because of the new deputy superintendent title.

But while Atkins said it was a good thing that waiving their "me too" raises this cycle is a good first step to rebuilding the trust between the district and the rest of the employees,

she still believes that other management like the principals and vice principals should get their raise at this next school board meeting.

She pointed that out because she has heard rumors that the district wouldn't be giving those employees the raise.

"They don't have a union or a 'me too' clause because they are at will employees but PUSD has always given the me too (raise) to admin as well as CSEA," Atkins said. "I am disappointed if they choose not to give to their principals and vice principals as they work hard and support students too."

"We believe the upper management should take care of their employees (including their middle management) and then take care of themselves, but that hasn't been the case," she added. "It's our turn now and I hope they don't take raises but do give to their middle management people who also deserve it." ■

A FAMILY RESTAURANT



Casa Orozco celebrating 40 years as a Tri-Valley institution

BY NICOLE GONZALES

Casa Orozco, a dining staple in the Tri-Valley, just marked its 40th anniversary — a testament to its enduring legacy as a beacon of traditional Mexican cuisine and familial warmth.

Founded on March 16, 1984 by Luis Orozco Sr. and Herlinda Orozco, along with their five children, Casa Orozco has become a cherished establishment in the community. From its humble beginnings in Dublin to its Livermore expansion just two years later, the family's dream of sharing their culinary heritage has flourished.

For the Orozco siblings — Luis Jr., Maricela, Jesus, Carlos and Nancy — authenticity and family values are imperative in operating the business. They strive to make every guest feel at home, embodying the meaning behind the restaurants' namesake, "Home Orozco" in Spanish.

"It's like a fine-tuned orchestra," Maricela Orozco-Barone, the eldest sister, said. "Each family member plays their part."

Maricela recalled the beginnings of Casa Orozco over four decades ago.

"My parents were immigrants to this country and the idea of starting a business together was something that they really wanted to achieve. When the Dublin

location was founded, we all immediately became partners in that restaurant," Maricela explained. "Although some of us were still younger at the time, everyone pulled their weight."

Jesus Orozco, the third-oldest child, elaborated on this: "Our mother and father were insistent from the very beginning that we were all seven equal parts. It's been that way since we were children."

Jesus recalled the first edition of the Dublin restaurant — adapted from a Kentucky Fried Chicken drive-thru — having limited indoor seating.

"We didn't have any money to remodel right away so we had to stay very small for the first couple of years. We were so small our tables didn't even have numbers, they had names," he said. "Over time, we started getting busier. We started doing some remodeling and of course looking for a second location?"

Beyond the food, it's the family's unwavering bond, values and work ethic that have sustained them over 40 years in business.

"We do get along very well. We rarely have fights or arguments but when we do, it's always something we can handle," said Nancy Orozco-Arana, the youngest.

The siblings feel they owe a great deal of their success to their remarkable compatibility.



Top of page: The Casa Orozco location in Livermore at 325 South L St. (Photo by Nicole Gonzales). Above: The five Orozco siblings are (from left): Luis Jr., Maricela, Jesus, Nancy and Carlos. (Photo courtesy Orozco family).

"There's five of us and sometimes people can't fathom how well we all work together," Maricela said. "Even on our days off, we seek each other out. We really truly love and respect each other. Periodically we have disagreements, but we act as a democracy. Our parents taught us to respect one another, to respect each other's opinion."

"We've grown up in this restaurant, and it's grown with us," Jesus reflected.

"Our parents instilled in us the importance of hard work and dedication — values that continue to drive us forward."

The Orozco family's roots trace back to Jalisco, Mexico. They have made it a goal to infuse the restaurants' cuisine and atmosphere with the flavors and feel of their homeland. From classic Mexican dishes to handmade art, the two

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locations offer a journey that takes visitors south of the border.

Maricela explained she wanted entering Casa Orozco to feel like stepping into a piece of Mexico itself. Both sites display decor sourced directly from the country.

"We wanted to stay true to the architecture," Maricela said. She referenced art, decor, grand chandeliers and tables that all hailed directly from Jalisco. "With the name 'Casa' we wanted guests to come in and feel that they were in our dining room, in our living room, or in our bar at home."

The success of the Orozco clan has not been without its hardships.

"After 40 years we've seen two — maybe three — recessions and a pandemic. We have had some very deep challenges, but we've been blessed being part of this great community that through thick and thin they have really supported us," Jesus said. "The Orozco nature is to be optimistic. We are glass half full people. This community has always proven time in and time out that they will support us."

The onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the restaurants, as it did many others across the globe. However, the community soon did its part to ensure that Casa Orozco would

survive, and even thrive, through the pandemic.

"During COVID-19 we thought, 'This is it! Without being able to have people dine in, we weren't sure if just doing takeout and deliveries was going to be enough,'" Nancy explained. "We had lines of people just waiting for takeout orders. It was really the community. They really did support us, and if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have come out of the pandemic."

It was around that time that Casa Orozco launched its summer concert series. From May to September, the restaurant hosts live outdoor concerts for guests.

"The outdoor concert events were born out of COVID. When they opened up the state to outdoor dining we thought well we need something to entice people to eat outside. We decided to bring in live music. It was a huge hit, it was so successful we decided to keep it going," Jesus said.

This year's live concert series kicks off Cinco De Mayo weekend.

The siblings note that Casa Orozco is more than just a restaurant — it's a place where generations intersect. Regular patrons return time and again, now bringing their own children to sit in the same booths they once occupied during their youth.

Nancy said it's a testament to the legacy of their late parents and the enduring appeal of Casa Orozco, a place where

memories are made and traditions are honored.

"We have a lot of large reservations in the banquet room. We do rehearsal dinners, baptisms, graduations and more, so it makes this place memorable for a lot of people," Nancy said. "It gives me satisfaction that we were able to really make them happy and their occasion joyful. It is touching to hear so many stories of how we've affected people and how they have such great memories here."

Jesus added, "My favorite part is interacting with the community. Going to work for me doesn't really even feel like you're going to work because we have so many regular customers who come in they become our friends. It's not just about selling burritos, enchiladas, tacos and margaritas, sometimes it's about offering something at a price that people can still afford."

"I want them to feel that they are welcomed and appreciated and that they absolutely enjoy the experience, the atmosphere and of course the food," he continued.

Employing over 150 staff members between its sites at 7995 Amador Valley Blvd. in Dublin and 325 South L St. in Livermore, Casa Orozco not only serves as a culinary hub but also as a pillar of the local economy.

"We've been able to have two busy restaurants in the Tri-Valley and employ

thousands of people over these last 40 years," Nancy said. "We have employees that have been with us for over 30 years. They feel like family as well."

Amid their success, the Orozco family remains rooted in the Tri-Valley with no plans for further expansion beyond their current locations. However, they never rule out the possibility.

"The magic is it works for us because we're involved. There's always a hands-on owner at one of the sites. When you expand as a business, sometimes you lose that. We never say never, but right now that's the formula that's worked for us," Maricela said.

"The reality is if you want to satisfy your hunger, you can go to a drive thru and pick up a burger. But when you go to a restaurant you're going for the experience, you're going for the ambiance, or you're going because maybe you had a bad day," Maricela added. "At Casa Orozco, guests will be just that — home." ■

The late Luis Orozco Sr. and Herlinda Orozco (shown in top left photo) founded Casa Orozco on March 16, 1984. Their culinary legacy lives on through their five children, who now operate the family's Mexican restaurants in Dublin and Livermore. (Past photos courtesy Orozco family; modern photos by Nicole Gonzales).

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One of the standout features of the summer camps is the chance for students to collaborate closely with knowledgeable instructors who are experts in their respective fields. These dedicated professionals are committed to nurturing students' talents, providing guidance, and inspiring them to explore new horizons.

Beyond academic enrichment, the summer camps also offer a supportive and inclusive environment where students can connect with like-minded peers. Building friendships, sharing ideas, and collaborating on projects are integral aspects of the camp experience, fostering social development and teamwork skills.

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- **JAMS Press Pass Journalism Camp**, June 17-20
- **Jazz Music Camp**, High School June 24-27, Middle School June 17-20
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Calendar

Entertainment

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AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH CLARA BARTON Clara Barton is one of the most famous women in the Civil War era. As a teacher, battlefield nurse, lecturer and president of the American Red Cross, Barton served her nation and her community, tirelessly dedicating her life to voluntary service. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 16. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

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Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Rhondi Reeves, speaker at the next Amador Valley Quilters meeting, has been published in Quilter's Newsletter, Quilt Magazine, Christmas Traditions from the Heart, by Margaret Peters

and books by Mary Coyne Penders. 1:30-3:30 p.m., April 13. Pleasanton Middle School. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Gillian Wegener, published poet and president of the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center, is the speaker at the April Tri-Valley Writers meetings. 2 p.m., April 20. Las Positas College. Register by April 18 at trivalleywriters.org.

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Scholarships

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Farmers' Markets

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

LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET The Livermore Thursday Night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m. at Carnegie Park with over 60 vendors. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

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Fundraiser

A NIGHT IN PARIS FUNDRAISER Join for an evening of dancing, live music, French food and art with A Night in Paris: Fundraiser for the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. 7-10 p.m., April 13. Tickets \$80. Veterans Memorial Building. Visit pleasantonarts.org.

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.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE The annual Plant and Garage Sale will have hundreds of reasonably priced plants, plant related items and gently used home and garden treasures. Proceeds from the sale support the local community. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 13-14. 795 Newberry St., Livermore. Visit lavgc.org.

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RUNNING (OR WALKING) **TO SUPPORT PLEASANTON SCHOOLS** PPIE'S ANNUAL RUN FOR EDUCATION EVENT RETURNS TO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LATER THIS MONTH

STORY BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO
PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

It's time to get your favorite running sneakers ready as the 12th annual Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation Run for Education gets set to return to the Alameda County Fairgrounds on the final Sunday of the month.

The popular family-friendly fundraising event will feature several courses for runners, joggers and walkers, a special quarter-mile course for kids and overall entertainment for everyone to enjoy, according to a recent press release from PPIE.

"PPIE is proud to host this annual event," PPIE Executive Director Andrea Wilson told the Weekly. "Each year, it brings our school community together to support our schools and have a fun morning doing so."

Year after year, PPIE works alongside sponsors like Workday, which is sponsoring this year's run, to host thousands of people who contribute to the nonprofit's largest fundraising event.

"Opening up the doors of opportunity for all is core to the Workday Foundation's mission, and that includes the opportunity to access a great education," Carrie Varoquiers, chief philanthropy officer at Workday, said in the press release. "We're grateful to PPIE for the opportunity to support our community in such a fun and healthy way again this year."

Like other PPIE events, the funds raised in the Run for Education directly go toward supporting the Pleasanton Unified School

District. Wilson said that the nonprofit raised over \$100,000 from last year's run, and they would like to match that number again this year.

"It's an important part of our community because supporting our schools is essential to making sure all of our students and teachers can innovate, excel and serve to the best of their abilities both in the classroom and in the broader community," Wilson said.

The fundraiser works by having people register and pay for the courses they would like to attend. There are a 10K course and a 5K one, which are both timed and cost over \$50 in order to participate.

Residents can also opt for the untimed 2-mile run. Anyone under 17 years old will be charged less for each run.

"I love this event because it's open to anyone — you don't have to be a true runner to be a part of this," Wilson said. "Walking, pushing a stroller, enjoying some time catching up with friends on the course — it's just a great way to connect with our community."

Apart from those three runs, there will also be a Kids' Challenge event, which is a quarter-mile run designed for children between the ages of 3 and 10, that is being sponsored by PNC Bank.

"PNC has a proud history of supporting

education in the communities we serve, so teaming with Pleasanton Partnerships on the Run for Education is a natural fit for us," Troy French, PNC market leader for corporate and institutional banking, said in the press release. "This year, we are marking the 20th anniversary of PNC Grow Up Great. Our early childhood education initiative benefits young learners in the Bay Area and nationwide."

Everybody who participates in the races — even the Kids' Challenge — will receive a T-shirt and a finishers medal.

"My favorite part is watching people cross the finish line and celebrate that accomplishment," Wilson said.

Participants will also be invited to a community expo afterward where Wilson said it will have a carnival-like feel. The after-race expo will have sponsor booths, music, food and an awards ceremony.

All the races will start and end at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on April 28 — the 10K run will start at 7:50 a.m. while the 5K and 2-mile runs will both start at 8 a.m. The Kids' Challenge run will start at 9:15 a.m.

Wilson also wanted to remind people that the fairgrounds charges its own parking fees and encourages people to take advantage of downtown parking or park instead at Hearst Elementary School or Pleasanton Middle School and then walk over.

To register or learn more, visit ppierun.com. ■



Participants clear their starting line during the 2023 PPIE Run for Education. The fundraising event is set to be back at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on April 28.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Tri-Valley man pleads guilty in decades-old murder case

Danville has been making national headlines in recent weeks as details emerged about a former resident of the town who pleaded guilty weeks ago to murder in a 1998 cold case nearly 2,000 miles away.

Timothy Stephenson, now 50, admitted in court on March 15 to killing 26-year-old Randall Oliphant in 1998 in Kansas City, Mo., where he was extradited in 2022 after being taken into custody locally on an arrest warrant.

Stephenson had spent much of the intervening time between the murder and his extradition to Missouri in Danville, marrying in 2008 to emergency room Dr. Joseph Ginejko who has practiced at John Muir hospitals in Concord and Walnut Creek. The couple have twin daughters together.

Ginejko filed a petition to dissolve the marriage in January 2020, along with a domestic violence restraining order, according to court records. The move kicked off a years-long series of hearings on the case including hearings on domestic violence allegations by the estranged husband simultaneously to a criminal investigation into Stephenson's involvement in the 1998 homicide.

Ginejko was initially granted a temporary restraining order upon filing the petition, with a permanent restraining order effective through this February granted in February 2021, according to court records. An order to renew the restraining order was filed on Feb. 9.

Around the same time he filed divorce proceedings, Ginejko began talking to police about a confession Stephenson had made to him in 2014, in which Stephenson reportedly told him that he had shot and killed a man as he had pleaded for his life, according to a probable cause statement included in a search warrant for Stephenson's cellphone in

2022 from Missouri authorities after he was taken into custody locally.

That man is believed to be Oliphant, who was last seen alive at the Dixie Belle Bar in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 17, 1998 and whose body was found in a rural area nearby on March 21, 1998. Stephenson was identified as the last person seen with Oliphant as the two left the bar before his disappearance and death, according to court records.

When contacted by investigators, Stephenson told them he had taken an "unknown male" to his home the evening of Oliphant's disappearance, but that he had proceeded to drop the man off back at the bar later that evening, according to court records.

While investigators had reasons to suspect Stephenson's involvement in Oliphant's death, including cellphone records that showed roaming charges he incurred in the area where Oliphant's body was found and learning that Stephenson had been familiar with the area, Stephenson was not apprehended at that time, according to the probable cause statement.

Stephenson went on to move to Danville and marry Ginejko 10 years later, reportedly telling him several years into their marriage in 2014 a different story about the man he brought home from the Kansas City bar in 1998 — specifically that he shot the man twice in the bathroom of his home, proceeding to remodel the bathroom in order to cover up the crime after disposing of the man's body, according to court records.

With the case effectively cold at that point approximately 16 years later and no further developments or press coverage, the husband only learned Oliphant's name after finding letters addressed to Stephenson from the man's mother, according to court records.

It wasn't until 2020 that activity in the investigation appeared to resume, at which point a portion of bone preserved from Oliphant's body was submitted to an FBI laboratory in order to develop a DNA profile for Oliphant. Authorities went on to submit DNA evidence obtained from the

Jeep Stephenson had been driving the night he met Oliphant, including fiber and hair samples to a state laboratory for re-analysis in March 2021.

The following month, Ginejko met with Stephenson amid divorce and restraining order proceedings in Blackhawk as part of a law enforcement operation in which Ginejko was equipped with recording devices and debriefed by authorities, with Stephenson providing conflicting information when pressed for details about the incident by his estranged husband, according to the probable cause statement.

After being provided with information by Ginejko and following DNA analysis, Stephenson was arrested by Dublin police and taken into custody at Santa Rita Jail on Jan. 2, 2022 on an arrest warrant that had been issued in Missouri on Dec. 16, 2021 for second-degree murder. Authorities later learned that Stephenson had withdrawn more than \$17,000 from a joint bank account in San Bruno on Dec. 27, 2021, according to the probable cause statement.

Stephenson was extradited to Missouri later in 2022, serving a brief period of time on house arrest on a \$250,000 bond with a relative who lived in the area as he awaited trial before being taken back into custody after he was found smoking methamphetamine when police acted on a search warrant in July 2022, according to reporting from the Kansas City Star.

While he initially pleaded not guilty in the murder case, Stephenson was indicted by a grand jury later that month as he remained in custody on drug charges.

Stephenson ultimately changed his plea to guilty this year on March 15, entering into a plea deal and being sentenced to 16 years in prison by a Missouri judge. Part of that sentence will be filled by time served, with Stephenson having been in custody for a total of 674 days as of the date of the plea.

Meanwhile, divorce proceedings are continuing to make their way through Contra Costa family court, with a hearing scheduled for this summer on the status of criminal charges against Stephenson and other updates on the situation.

—Jeanita Lyman

In other news

- Changes to Livermore's tobacco retailer laws took effect on Wednesday, following the City Council's adoption of an amended ordinance that aims to help authorities better enforce existing mandates.

The updates to the ordinance include compliance monitoring and inspection authority by city officials and the discretion to utilize administrative fines and penalties in an effort to address tobacco retailers who are violating the law and deter others from doing so.

The council adopted the amended

ordinance at its March 11 meeting as part of its consent calendar.

The sale of and possession of flavored tobacco products or vaping products is illegal in Livermore but some retailers continue to offer them. Prior to the newly adopted ordinance, officials with the Livermore Police Department said they faced challenges enforcing tobacco retailer laws because state law requires that in order to make an arrest or issue a citation related to tobacco enforcement, an offense must be committed in an officer's presence.

Now, law enforcement has the ability to conduct inspections and issue fines to violators. The potential fines for violating the ordinance would be no less than \$250 and would not exceed \$1,000, or possible revocation of their tobacco retailer license.

The ordinance also stipulates that a business's refusal to allow an inspection would result in a civil fine or license revocation.

Unlicensed tobacco retailers would be subject to criminal prosecution and seizure of tobacco products under the ordinance.

While April 10 marked the official effective date of the amended ordinance, LPD officials noted that they typically enforce when there is a complaint or issue that arises. ■

—Cierra Bailey

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 5

Warrant arrest

■ 8:17 a.m. at Sunol Boulevard and Arlington Drive

Vandalism

■ 12:52 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 1:11 p.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 8:33 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

■ 8:52 p.m. on the 600 block of Crystal Court

■ 9:31 p.m. on the 8500 block of Lupine Court

April 4

Embezzlement

■ 11:30 a.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

Robbery

■ 11:56 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 3:35 p.m., 4600 block of Klamath Court; theft from auto

■ 7:13 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

April 3

Theft

■ 1:15 a.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; theft from auto

■ 7:39 a.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

Robbery

■ 9:03 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

■ 4:15 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

April 2

Fraud

■ 8:42 a.m. on the 4500 block of Northway Road

Domestic battery

■ 9:58 a.m. on Golden Road

Assault/battery

■ 11:04 a.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Alcohol violation

■ 12:22 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Shoplifting

■ 3:09 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 3:26 p.m. at Stoneridge and Springhouse drives

■ 7:49 p.m. on the 4100 block of First Street

April 1

Domestic battery

■ 1:08 a.m. on Chabot Drive

Auto theft

■ 10:48 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

■ 11:37 p.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

Dolores Roma Machado

May 1, 1930 – April 2, 2024

Dolores Roma Machado, born on May 1, 1930, in California, passed away on April 2, 2024, at the age of 93 in Pleasanton, California. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Dolores was a devoted wife to Gilbert Machado for 70 years and was cherished by all who knew her. She had a passion for gardening and flowers, finding joy and solace in cultivating beautiful blooms.

She is survived by her daughter Michelle Casey Machado, grandchildren Tom, Ty, Erik, Tony, Shane, and Misty, as well as great-grandchildren Alaze, Elean, Anthony, and little Emma. Dolores is preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Machado and daughter Kathy Rizzo.

Dolores Roma Machado will be deeply missed by her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

PAID OBITUARY



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Remembering my friend, former Foothill coach Randy Isaacs

‘Forget about basketball – he was a good man’

It is never easy when you get the news of a good friend passing.

Sunday morning, I got an early call that former Foothill boys' basketball coach and my longtime friend Randy Isaacs had suffered a heart attack and died Saturday (April 6) at the age of 59. It wasn't just a gut punch, but as if someone had taken a sledgehammer and hit me.

God bless his wife Karen and their daughters Alyson and Haley as they confront Randy's loss. There is a huge group of Pleasanton people who will always be there for the family.

I first got to be friends with Randy when we were both attending Chico State where he was playing basketball. And being it was Chico — if you know, you know.

After college, I got a job with the Tri-Valley Herald as a sportswriter. Randy played professionally in Australia after Chico, and I had the chance to do a story on him.

He ended up sending me a jersey from the team. I still have it today.

He came back to Pleasanton to teach and coach at Foothill. In 1994 he became varsity basketball coach, taking the reins from mentor and great friend Tom Hansen.

To me, those were great years covering Foothill basketball, and I found myself covering more and more Foothill games. Sometimes when you cover a game, you sit up in the stands. Not when Foothill was playing, and Randy was coaching.

It was pure entertainment, and I found my way to the scorer's table so I could hear Randy interact with the players, but more importantly, the referees.

Randy had this way of talking to the officials — not always yelling, he would get his feelings conveyed by just talking, often punctuating his point with a shrug and a smile. Other times there were no words, just the shrug and a disappointed look on his face.

The run Foothill made to the CIF state championship game in 2000 is still my favorite memory from 35-plus years of covering high school sports.

I had contact with a pair of players from that team on Sunday, and both were quick to point out how much of an influence Randy played in their lives.

Toward the end of his coaching career — he stopped coaching in 2008

— I was announcing the Foothill basketball games. Many times, he would walk to the table, look at me and Foothill volleyball coach Dusty Collins who was running the scoreboard, and engage us in quick conversations.

In almost all the years that I announced Foothill football games, Randy was right there next to me working the clock. When Randy stepped away from working the clock, I only did a few more seasons.

It was just that much fun sharing the booth. The stories were amazing and hilarious. It seemed to be Randy's mission every game to try to make me laugh while I was talking — and sometimes he was successful!

And we had chats about life both at games and away from them. I remember the talks we had when Foothill player Kyle O'Connor was killed in an auto wreck in 2007. We

talked about how fragile life is and how you never know what the next day could hold.

When I spoke with former Foothill football coach Matt Sweeney, a very close friend of Randy's, on Sunday morning, he talked about texting with Randy and former Foothill athletes and coaches Willie Brown and Jon Evans just last week about planning a get-together. Sweeney — now retired — was getting tired of only seeing friends at someone's celebration of life.

Randy was part of the fabric of Pleasanton. Those of us who grew up in Pleasanton and were fortunate to stay and work in the town helped mold what has made Pleasanton such a special place for all of us.

Sunday afternoon I posted on Facebook of Randy's passing. I didn't have to use his name, just called him "Big Red" as he was known, and everyone



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Randy Isaacs

knew who I was talking about.

I have enjoyed reading the posts, and while most of them caused more water in my eyes, it also made me smile as each was a reminder how loved he was by so many.

One of the posts really struck a nerve. It came from Mike Furlong who was a member of Isaacs' coaching staff. Furlong was one of the first people to message me Sunday.

We shared the utter shock of what had happened. He answered my Facebook post with, "Forget about basketball — he was a good man."

And he was. It was almost impossible to be in a bad mood when Red was around.

I know when you are young, you tend to think you're invincible, but the reality of the situation is that life is short and you need to embrace every day.

There is a large group of people feeling something huge is missing in their lives right now. And there is. I hate writing these stories, which seem more frequently occurring.

But as I talked to my wife about dreading writing this, we talked about how it helps me heal. It makes me think of all the good times and memories.

Hopefully it helps all of you too.

I always will remember one phrase Randy would say: "How great was that?" I heard it so many times, I can picture him saying it — vividly.

In regard to how that simple phrase relates to his friendship of over 40 years, I can say, "Pretty darn amazing."

RIP Big Red. ■

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

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

1.) Klassy Thoughts LLC , located at 6200 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 307, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3819 Vineyard Ave Apt 86, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

KLASSY THOUGHTS LLC
6200 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 307
Pleasanton, CA 94588
CALIFORNIA

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2024.

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

JUNBI LIVERMORE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604992

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

1.) JUNBI LIVERMORE , located at 3046 W JACK LONDON BLVD, LIVERMORE, CA 94551, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 11040 BOLLINGER CANYON RD STE E#450, SAN RAMON, CA 94582.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

HAPPY DRAGONS, LLC
11040 BOLLINGER CANYON RD STE E#450
SAN RAMON, CA 94582

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 21 2024.

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

ODYSSEY TABLETOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604779

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

1.) Odyssey Tabletop , located at 2445 8th Avenue Apt #1 Oakland, CA 94606, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

CHRISTOPHER PIRKLE
2445 8th Avenue Apt #1
Oakland, CA, 94606

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/21/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 13 2024.

(PLW Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

SPOILED BEAUTY GLAM LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604235

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

1.) Spoiled Beauty Glam LLC , located at 6200 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 307, Pleasanton, CA 94588 Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3819 Vineyard Ave., Apt 86, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

SPOILED BEAUTY GLAM LLC
6200 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 307
Pleasanton, CA 94588
CALIFORNIA

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2024.

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

ATOMIC GLASS ART
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604713

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

1.) Atomic Glass Art, located at 3615 Olympic Ct. N. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.

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

JENNIFER TOMIC
3615 Olympic Ct. N.
Pleasanton, CA 94588
MILAN TOMIC
3615 Olympic Ct. N.
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/23/2023

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

(PLW Mar 22, 29, Apr 5 and 12, 2024)

E-Z CARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604265

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

1.) E-Z CARE , located at 2891 Diavila Court Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

HARMONY SUPPORT SERVICES LLC
2891 Diavila Court
Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2024.

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

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604988

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

1.) Community Association Management , 2.) Community Association Finacial , located at 6088 Sunol Blvd, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

ALVAND CAM LLC
6088 Sunol Blvd Suite 100
Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/14/1999

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 21 2024.

(PLW Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

TITAN ELECTRICAL SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605044

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

1.) Titan Electrical Services , located at 4207 Mirador Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

TITAN ELECTRICAL SERVICES
4207 Mirador Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/22/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 22 2024.

(PLW Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

10XCAREER LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605027

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

1.) 10xCareer LLC , located at 1060 Bartlett Place, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

10XCAREER LLC
1060 Bartlett Place

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 22 2024.

(PLW Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

LAVENDER LEMON DROP VINTAGE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604793

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

1.) Lavender Lemon Drop Vintage , located at 7550 St Patrick Way Apt #607, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

KIRSTEN LOWN
7550 St Patrick Way Apt #607
Dublin CA, 94568

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 13 2024.

(PLW Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

TRI VALLEY CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605046

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

1.) TRI VALLEY CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN , located at 4207 Mirador Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

TRI VALLEY CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN
4207 Mirador Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/22/24

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 22 2024.

(PLW Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV069302
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Hyun Woo Nam filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KYUHYEON NAM to MAY KYUHYEON NAM
KYUHYEOK NAM to MATTHEW KYUHYEOK NAM

KYUHOON NAM to HOONIE KYUHOON NAM
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: 05/28/2024, 10:00 a.m., Dept. 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA, 94612.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 03/29/2024

Thomas I. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Apr 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV067067
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Maryna Daniliuk filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MARYNA DANILIUK to MARINA DANILIUK
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: 04/25/2024, 10:00am, Dept. 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 03/11/2024

THOMAS I. NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Mar 22, 29, Apr 5 and 12, 2024)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
WILLARD E. JOHNSON, AKA WILLARD EDWARD JOHNSON, DECEASED

Case No.: 24PR069585
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLARD E. JOHNSON, AKA WILLARD EDWARD JOHNSON, DECEASED.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LISA J ENNIS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LISA J ENNIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 10 2024 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley CA 94704.

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

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

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

Petitioner in Pro Per:
Lisa J Ennis
522 London Street
San Francisco CA 94112
415-608-0279
(PLW Apr 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

SUMMONS Case No. 23CV051197
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO):

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR UNCLE CREDIT UNION; JAMES MILES GOTTFORCHT; SUSAN GAIL GOTTFURCHT; GEORGE G.

PITARRA JR. AKA GEORGE G. PITARRA; ROBYN ELAINE ASHLEY AND DOES 1 THROUGH 40 INCLUSIVE

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Matadors Community Credit Union NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond Within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more Information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Alameda County Superior Court 1220 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94612

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Alana B. Anaya 195758 Anaya Law Grou 2629 Townsgate Rd. Suite 140 (805) 250-9222 Westlake Village, CA 91361

DATE (Fecha): **11/14/2023**
Clerk, by **D. Franklin** , Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto)
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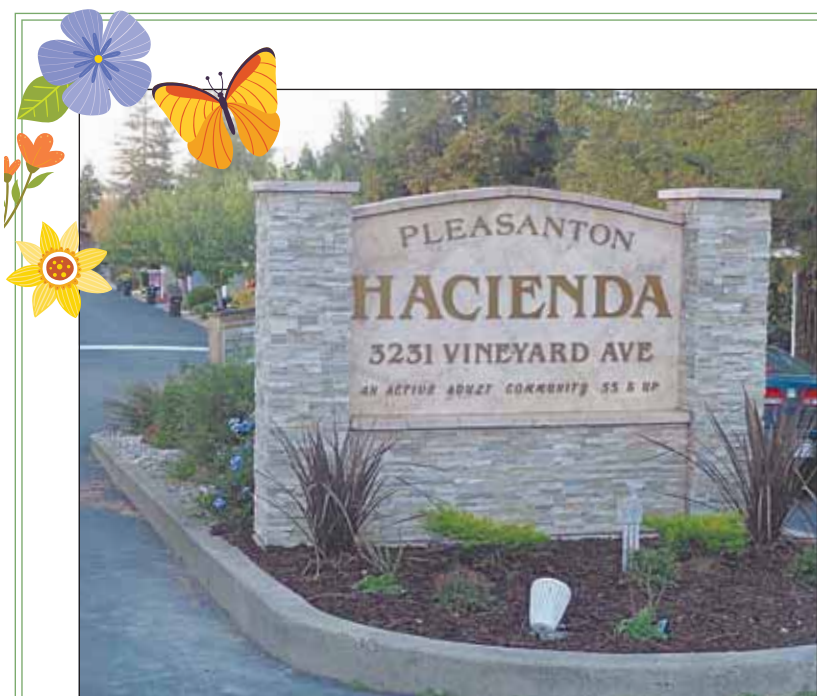
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