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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Last supe standing

And then there was one. It was not that long ago that I interviewed Chris Funk about being the new superintendent on the block in the Tri-Valley. He arrived at the Dublin Unified School District in July 2021 to provide some desperately needed stability for a school system that had seen four other top leaders over two-plus years. Less than three years later, Funk finds himself about to become the longest-tenured superintendent in our region.

That's right. With the news we broke last week that Superintendent David Haglund is retiring after seven years, Pleasanton Unified School District became the third TK-12 district in the Tri-Valley looking for a new leader heading into the 2024-25 academic year, joining the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District next door and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District up Interstate 680.

Throw in the departure of longtime Superintendent-Principal Molleen Barnes from Sunol Glen Unified School District, the TK-8 district in the small town immediately south of Pleasanton, and we now have four of the five Tri-Valley's public school districts recruiting for a new superintendent at the same time.

I don't think we can overstate how serious of an inflection point this moment is for public education leadership in the Tri-Valley.

It's the timing that stands out to me. It feels like more than just a confluence of coincidences, in the grand scheme, that four Tri-Valley superintendents announced their exits mere months apart.

I asked Funk his reaction to essentially the same question over the weekend, to get his thoughts on why he is the last superintendent standing. His response was more pragmatic.

"I believe each of the retirees are coming at the appropriate age of retirement and or clearly in the case of San Ramon Superintendent, a chance to run a foundation. Unfortunately, Sunol speaks for itself," Funk told me by email.

"After Covid, it is clear that the time has taken its toll on the superintendency office. I'm very fortunate to be leading an outstanding school district and yes, I've got only two to three years before I retire," he added.

Funk is totally fair to point out that the context of the departures matters, regardless of the snowball effect.

Barnes was the first to announce

her pending departure, saying on Jan. 31 that she would retire at the end of the year. In a subsequent interview with our reporter Christian Trujano, she cited mental health considerations and the need for better work-life balance among the reasons she was leaving after 16 years.

There's no doubt that the past year and a half has been incredibly stressful for Sunol, from the 2023 storm damage to the LGBTQ+ Pride flag flap to making national headlines for its flag ban to contentious and uncomfortable board meetings to a recall election. I just hope all the drama doesn't negatively impact SGUSD's supe search because it's a uniquely demanding position to fill.

Next SRVUSD Superintendent John Malloy confirmed on Feb. 22 that he'd be departing in June after an up-and-down four years. Though the district press release referenced retirement, our reporter Jeanita Lyman simultaneously found that Malloy had accepted a job as assistant executive director of the national School Superintendents Association.

My jaw dropped one month later when LVJUSD Superintendent Chris Van Schaack said on March 29 that he would be gone after two years at the helm and 30 years overall at the district, expressing a desire to scale back his load and "enjoy some of the things that make me smile and laugh." I've been recently wondering if the fact he narrowly cleared his performance evaluation last year on a 3-2 vote was at all a factor.

As for Haglund, he revealed April 22 that he'll be relocating back to Southern California after exiting PUSD on Aug. 1 to be closer to his family and grandchildren. We'll see what the late-in-the-year announcement means for Pleasanton's upcoming hiring search timeline.

That leaves Funk, who once entered a lion's den of uncertainty in Dublin Unified, as the lone symbol of stability in the entire Tri-Valley. He sees the latter as a hallmark of his tenure so far.

"Based on my yearly performance reviews, my contract renewed for three more years and general feedback from staff and community, I feel we have brought much stability back to our academic program, bond and construction program, student wellness and support and we continue to be a destination for families to send their children to our amazing schools and people want to work for DUSD," he told me. ■

About the Cover

On the surface, a hospital kitchen may look like one at a restaurant or hotel. But behind the scenes at Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, each item on a plate is part of the plan defined by the doctor and overseen by the clinical dietician to enhance a patient's health. Photo courtesy SHC Tri-Valley.

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In today's world of constant distractions, what do you do to keep focused and present in the moment?



Don DiBenedetto

Retired teacher/coach and digital creator

What I've learned to do to stay focused is to visualize, at the outset of each encounter, the outcome I desire. Also, I assess and take stock of the people I'm engaged with, and find some reason to affirm them and their contribution to the task at hand. Taking this measure not only helps me to stay present and focused, but also helps to build self-confidence in whoever I'm interacting with.



Fabi Piedade

Retired

Whatever situation I find myself in, I feel like I'm able to be present in and focused on it so long as I prepare beforehand by thinking about and listening to religious/spiritual people talking about life and our respective relationships with God and one another. This gives me the sense of connection I need. Once I have that, it's easy to weed out distractions and focus on what really matters.



Hemali Panchal

Health care

Whenever I'm feeling distracted and unable to focus, I try to step away from my immediate surroundings for a while, to meditate or go to a yoga class. Something else I do when I need to focus on and be present in the moment is to unplug from all of my social media apps by putting time limits on them so that they automatically shut off for a while.



Maureen Miranda

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While I'm at work, I do everything I possibly can to weed out background noise and stimuli, including my own personal phone, which I shut off when I get to work. I also shut the door to my office, and most importantly, I set up my "office music" play list for the day in a way that helps me to focus on and accomplish every goal I've set for myself.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis



Heather Kehring

Manager

I steer clear of the news because I find it so disturbing and can't stop thinking about it. I also try to take time to do things I enjoy, like reading and exercising because both are great for my mental health and help me to maintain my concentration and focus.

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Wine Stroll

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is holding its annual this Saturday (May 4) from 5-8 p.m.

“Spend a beautiful evening in downtown Pleasanton sampling wine and strolling while musicians perform live music throughout Main Street,” PDA reps said.

Tickets to the event, which are on sale now online, will include a commemorative wine glass, event map and tastings for more than 20 varietals. Participants must be 21 years old or older. For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Sheriff interview

First-term Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez recently sat down with host Dr. Marshall Kamena for the latest episode of “About the Tri-Valley” on Tri-Valley Community Television.

Topics during the conversation, which is airing now on TV30 and livestreaming online, included updates at Santa Rita Jail such as programs to help inmates for life after incarceration, according to TV30 reps.

“This production is a delightful television and streaming introduction with insight as to Sheriff Sanchez’s well-planned goals for her first term of office,” Kamena said in a statement.

To learn more or to view the episode, visit tv30.org or check local cable TV listings.

Pollinator corridors

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club is presenting a special guest speaker at its meeting next Thursday (May 9) from 6-8 p.m. in the Farm Theater at Crosswinds Church on Freisman Road in Livermore.

In her “Creating Pollinator Corridors with Native California Plants” program Carol Garberson will discuss “how increasing native plant biodiversity in gardens and other landscapes will provide food and nectar resources for a variety of native pollinators,” club officials said.

“She will describe how she created her own ‘caterpillar garden,’ club officials added. “She will also address the importance of ensuring that such native plant diversity is not limited to isolated pockets, but rather becomes part of larger corridors and she will talk about how that can be accomplished.” Go to lavgc.org for more details. ■

Corrections

Two articles from last week’s paper — “A park of possibilities” and “A glimpse inside Emerald High” — misattributed the photography credit on two pictures. The photos were sourced from the Save Tesla Park and Emerald High School Facebook pages, respectively. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors.

Pleasanton school board updates policy on hate-motivated speech

Black and African American parents call change a good first step in addressing longstanding issue

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

After finding out about an ongoing problem of Pleasanton Unified School District students — who are not Black or African American — using a racial slur and saying derogatory things to students of color, the Board of Trustees updated its board policy last week as a way to begin confronting those issues.

The revised board policy that addresses hate-motivated behavior now states the board and district will support a zero tolerance policy

against hate-motivated speech, require cultural competency training for all staff and students, prioritize support for youth who were impacted by hate speech and require these types of incidents to be thoroughly investigated.

Collaboration with other educational partners will also be a main focus as the district works on eliminating the use of slurs like the N-word, which many parents said has been a systemic issue for many years that is seen in high schools and now more recently in elementary schools.

“We’ve been talking about this for probably about seven years or eight years now,” Michelle Tompkins, a parent who has had four kids graduate from the district, said during the April 25 board meeting.

She said she has been with PUSD since 2006 and recently had her youngest child go to school in Pleasanton before having to pull him out because of various racial attacks from other students.

“Last year he was in a lot of pain and a lot of hurt and not just because of the use of the N-word but just the way he was being treated

by his peers,” Tompkins said. “He was probably one of two African Americans in his class and I think he just felt like he was being demeaned ... they would say Black people are dumb.”

The district had been revising its hate-motivated behavior board policy over the last month ever since two PUSD parents raised concerns at the March 28 board meeting about their Black student being asked by other students if they can get an “N-word pass”, which is when people who are not

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Family dies in crash on Foothill

Speed might have been factor in single-vehicle crash with large oak tree, PPD says

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO AND JEREMY WALSH**

A Pleasanton family of four died last week after their vehicle crashed into a large oak tree along Foothill Road, according to city police.

The Alameda County Coroner’s Bureau confirmed the identities of three of the victims on Sunday afternoon: father Tarun Cherukara George, 41, and children Rowan George, 13, and Aaron George, 9. Coroner’s investigators were still working to positively confirm the identity of the fourth victim due to the condition of the body, but Pleasanton authorities said she was the wife/mother of the family.

“The city of Pleasanton offers its deepest condolences to everyone affected by this heart-breaking loss,” Pleasanton police Capt. Larry Cox said in a press release Friday, two days after the deadly crash. “We understand that this tragedy deeply impacts the victims’ families, first responders, and our entire community, and encourage those affected to seek support through available resources.”

Hart Middle School principal Caroline Fields stated in an email to the community that the two children were Pleasanton Unified School District students — one attended Hart and the other Donlon Elementary School.

PUSD officials echoed similar sentiments about seeking support through available resources. Fields stated in her email that social workers, substitutes and additional resources and support were



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Flowers and signs have been placed at the site of the crash along Foothill Road where a family of four were killed on the night of April 24.

deployed to Hart to “help students and staff make it through the day and navigate this tragic situation.”

The district also created a document, “How to Support Your Grieving Student”, which aims to help people navigate tragic loss conversations with students, PUSD director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly. PUSD also compiled a list of grief resources and offers a 24/7 online resource to help people find local mental health-related programs and counseling services.

Gannon said the service has been available for students, family

members and staff. Social workers and counselors can help connect folks with these resources or it can be done anonymously by calling or texting 888-515-0595.

The single-vehicle crash occurred around 9 p.m. April 24 on Foothill Road near Stoneridge Drive, according to Cox. The circumstances remain under investigation, but police think speed may have been a factor that night.

“The vehicle appears to have lost control and collided with a large oak tree,” Cox stated in the

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Hernandez files for BART seat

Two other candidates also vying for District 5 vacancy

By **JEANITA LYMAN**

The Tri-Valley BART hubs of Dublin and Pleasanton are set to have a new representative for their district on the transit agency’s Board of Directors for the first time in decades, following the departure of the longtime director in that district earlier this spring.

The agency announced that three applications had been received following a deadline April 25, with the board now poised to interview the applicants next Thursday — Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Pleasanton tech entrepreneur Bruce Delevaux, and former Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office deputy Gabriel Rodrigues.

The announcement comes following the resignation of John McPartland on March 28, leaving a vacancy on the board seat that he had occupied since he was first elected in 2008. Directors voted on April 11 to opt for an appointment process to fill the remainder of McPartland’s most recent term through Dec. 6.

From Dec. 6 onward, the seat is set to be held by the winner of a race for the full term in the position that will be decided in November’s general election.

Following interviews at the upcoming meeting, the board will have the option of appointing a candidate on the spot.

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Board president faces backlash over leaked email to district counsel

Trustees approve placing censure resolution for Jergensen on next meeting agenda

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Dozens of speakers voiced their anger toward Sunol Glen Unified School District Board President Ryan Jergensen at last week's school board meeting after seeing an email between him and the school district's attorney, Lindsay Moore, in which he asked if she could make a request to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office to get a copy of signed recall petitions.

The discussion came up during the April 23 board meeting after Trustee Peter (Ted) Romo leaked the conversation between the two and stated that it was an issue because in the email, Jergensen wrote that he wanted the inquiry to remain confidential.

"Just curious ... Looks like an attorney for a school district can request a copy of signed petitions. Can you do that? Would you?" Jergensen said in the email to Moore on March 12. "Would you please keep this confidential and not share this question with Ted, (Molleen Barnes), or others as that would definitely cause quite a stir with the recall people even that I'm asking?"

Jergensen stated during his closing comments on April 23 that Moore sent Romo a memo stating that Romo was not legally allowed to disclose that confidential information and Jergensen said that after sending that memo, Moore quit her job as attorney for the district.

"With this knowledge, Mr. Romo intentionally violated the attorney-client privilege by releasing to the public, confidential communications between the attorney for the school district and members of the board," Jergensen wrote in a statement to the Inform Sunol newsletter on April 22. "Mr. Romo's lack of regard to his obligation of confidentiality now requires the school district to hire new counsel at the most inopportune time when we are right in the middle of bond projects and hiring a new superintendent/principal."

Despite Jergensen's assertion that he had the fiduciary duty to the school district to request the names of those who signed the petition to recall him and Trustee Linda Hurley, both Hurley and Romo voted in favor of placing Romo's resolution proposing to censure Jergensen on the agenda for the next meeting of the three-member board.

Jergensen didn't vote on the matter due to conflict of interest given that the resolution pertained to him.

Romo said during the meeting that originally, he had planned on placing his resolution to censure Jergensen on that week's agenda.

The resolution goes over two governance board bylaws that state, among other things, that board members are expected to hold themselves to high ethical conduct standards and that they should not expend "any public money for the purpose of seeking elective office."

It then lays out the email communication between Jergensen and Moore on March 12.

"Ryan Jergensen sought to have the district's legal counsel use her position as counsel for the district, and expend time and resources of the district, in interactions with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, to 'request a copy of signed petitions' of individuals who signed petitions for Ryan's recall as a member of the governing board," the resolution states.

Late last year Sunol residents, commuter parents and community members formed a pro-recall campaign that worked on gathering signatures and getting a petition passed by the county to conduct a recall election for Jergensen and Hurley.

The recall election is scheduled for July 2, but in the last couple of months both of the trustees were a part of a lawsuit that aimed to get the Registrar of Voters' Office to stop the recall process after alleging election code errors. That lawsuit was denied.

According to the emails that were leaked by Romo, the lawyer that had represented the two trustees in that lawsuit against the registrar's office — Thomas Knutsen — had reached out to the Alameda County Counsel's office to obtain a copy or review the petitions, which Romo stated in his resolution was Jergensen attempting to "block the recall".

Knutsen's request was denied by the county.

"The petitions are not public documents, and their examination is

very limited," Raymond Lara, senior deputy county counsel, told Knutsen in a March 6 email. "As I understand it, the petition was found to be sufficient, so not even the proponents can examine them at this point."

That same email from Lara stated that a government code limits who can view the petition to other entities, including a school district attorney, which is what led to Jergensen asking if Moore could request a copy of the petition. However, she could not do so.

"Because I represent the district and not individual board members, I cannot make that request under the conditions that you have requested," Moore emailed Jergensen on March 13.

Romo said that Jergensen's request to obtain the petition was unacceptable, unethical and a violation of the board's governing bylaws, which is why he had wanted to place his resolution on Tuesday's agenda. But as it was revealed during the meeting, the board had to legally discuss the resolution in a public forum first and vote to place it on a future agenda.

While Hurley and Romo voted in favor of placing the resolution on the next meeting agenda, dozens of residents, parents and community members made it clear to Jergensen that they were not happy when they learned about his request.

"So Ryan, if you weren't trying to operate in secrecy why did you say 'don't tell Ted or Molly'?" Laura Oka asked. "I'm a little stuck there because it sounds underhanded, unethical and secret ... and you haven't explained it properly."

"If this is board business, this fiduciary responsibility, why not discuss it with the board as a whole?" Oka added. "And you haven't explained why you or the board have a legal pressing need to see the names of the petition signers."

Others also said Jergensen got

caught red-handed doing something that they said was clearly not right and how this was just one of his latest attempts at trying to find out who the people who signed his recall petition were in order to scare them into changing their minds.

"Now you are trying to get the names of the people who you think opposed you, who started this recall. What are you going to do with those names?" asked Erin Choin, a Sunol resident who is on the pro-recall campaign. "The only thing I can think is intimidate or retaliate ... you sought to violate the protection of these citizens."

Peggy Carpenter, a former long-time school board trustee, also spoke out and said transparency is the most important thing as an elected official and that what Jergensen did was flat out wrong, which is why he should resign.

Carpenter is also involved in the recall campaign.

"These signatures are not in the public domain, they are private. Our community group promised the voters no one would know who signed, only the Registrar of Voters and the person who collected the signatures," Carpenter said. "Ryan, your efforts to gain access is a violation of this right of privacy and it needs addressing."

Although Carpenter noted that community members have pledged to cover the cost of the election so that it won't take dollars away from the school, she also pointed out that resignations by Jergensen and Hurley would save money.

"I'm asking Ryan, you and Linda to resign," she added. "It will save the cost of an election of \$15,000 to \$17,000, which was on the petition that people signed, not the \$20,000 to \$25,000 that has been passed around."

While the majority of speakers shared the same sentiment of opposing Jergensen's actions, there was also a small group of speakers who showed their support for Jergensen and Hurley.

Some said that Romo has been the main problem for causing the divisiveness in the community and one Sunol resident went as far as saying he agreed with Jergensen's inquiry to the registrar's office because the

office has made mistakes in the past.

"The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office is one of the most corrupt and dysfunctional offices in the United States," Sunol resident Bob Frillman said. "The registrar of voters miscounted then falsely declared a school board candidate in last November's election."

While Jergensen did not comment on the censure resolution that will now be on the next board meeting agenda, he did offer some explanation about why he had requested the copy of the petition to determine if the cost of the recall was legally required.

"When the questions regarding the recall and the cost were brought to me by several different community members, I took those to our attorney and I asked her with confidentiality to ask what do we do about the community members that are concerned," he said.

"In exercising that fiduciary duty, which is the highest duty imposed by the law, it was incumbent upon me, as well as other members of the board, to determine if the expenditure of \$20,000 for a recall election was legally required," he stated in his letter to Inform Sunol.

Jergensen then went on to explain that the community only received a part of all the emails he exchanged and that he also told the attorney that he didn't want to see the names on the petition and that he only wanted to make sure the cost of the recall was appropriate.

Jergensen and Hurley also took turns calling out Romo, saying that it was ironic that he was mad about Jergensen's email request when Romo himself has broken several board policies and, more importantly, broke the attorney-client privilege Jergensen had with Moore.

"Ted, you should keep confidential matters confidential," Jergensen said. "Ted, you should understand that the authority rests with the whole board and not with individuals."

Jergensen added that it was "unethical" for Romo to use his right to access communications between another board member and the attorney to use "for your personal agenda and your politics."

Hurley also said during her closing comments that she plans on bringing up Romo's past instances where he broke board bylaws to push his political agenda and that she will be bringing a similar censure resolution against Romo.

"Mr. Romo has taken it upon himself to usurp all kinds of things," Hurley said. "We're going to go into this more next time."

But Romo defended himself and said that Jergensen's attorney-client confidentiality argument has no basis due to California evidence code and as supported by the State Supreme Court because the school district's attorney is not Jergensen's personal attorney.

The next board meeting is currently set for May 14. ■



A pro-recall supporter hold a sign during a packed Sunol school board meeting on April 23.

COURTESY UNITED FOR SUNOL GLEN

LARPD replacing playgrounds at three parks

Construction set to be completed by end of month

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has launched the first phase of its playground replacement program by installing new playgrounds at Jack Williams, Bill Clark and Ida Holm parks.

LARPD officials said in an announcement last week that work began on April 22 and is set for completion by the end of May.

“These three parks were identified based on an evaluation of age and

condition,” said LARPD parks and facilities manager Fred Haldeman. “The playground at Bill Clark was originally installed in 1985, while Jack Williams and Ida Holm were installed in 1999. This program is part of LARPD’s commitment to providing safe and engaging recreational spaces for the community.”

As part of the ongoing program, LARPD aims to address deferred maintenance by prioritizing two playground replacements annually.

Features at the new playgrounds

include integrated shade structures and modern equipment designed for safety and fun with a range of play elements geared toward children of all ages.

Once construction is complete, residents will be invited to explore the new playgrounds.

The three parks will also be featured as part of the Livermore Public Library’s Storytime in the Park series this summer, with Bill Clark Park on July 13, Ida Holm Park on Aug. 3 and Jack Williams



COURTESY LARPD

Rendering of the new play structure being constructed at Jack Williams Park.

Park on Aug. 10.

Bill Clark Park is located at 5451 Hillflower Drive, Jack Williams is

at 2041 Neptune Road and the Ida Holm Park address is 1106 Crystal Circle. ■

BART

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In addition to Dublin and Pleasanton, District 5 consists of Livermore and portions of Hayward, San Leandro, and unincorporated Alameda County according to the district boundaries that were most recently redrawn following the 2020 census.

Hernandez is likely the most recognizable applicant for Tri-Valley residents on the current list seeking the remainder of McPartland’s term. She is in her second term as

mayor of Dublin and will be termed out of city office at the end of the year.

“I am confident that my background in public service, coupled with my understanding of transit systems and strong fiscal management experience make me a good fit for the BART board,” Hernandez said in her application. “I am excited about the possibility of undertaking this important work and would be honored to serve as a member of your Board.”

Delevaux, a Pleasanton resident, is the vice president and

co-founder of Mountain View-based modem manufacturing company Teledesign Systems Inc. and a former design engineer for Stanford Telecommunications.

“As a lifelong resident of the Bay Area, I have a deep-seated appreciation for the vital role that transportation infrastructure has in shaping communities and improving quality of life,” Delevaux said in his application. “I remember being incredibly excited the first time I rode BART as a child. I am eager to contribute my expertise to furthering its mission and vision for the future.”

Rodrigues is currently a volunteer member of the BART Police Citizens’ Review Board, appointed by the BART Police Officers Association. He retired from a 12-year career as a deputy with the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office in 2019.

“I understand the significant responsibilities associated with serving as a BART Director, particularly amidst the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic. I am confident that my blend of experience, dedication, and passion positions me well to contribute effectively to the BART

Board of Directors,” Rodrigues said in his application. “Now semi-retired, I also have considerable time to devote to the position.”

As of press time, Hernandez and Rodrigues had both launched websites campaigning for the full term in the seat in the November election. Their early endorsements include outgoing director McPartland on Hernandez’s part, and the BART Police Officers Association on Rodrigues’ part.

The BART Board of Directors meeting next Thursday (May 9) is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. ■

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Court upholds county's half-cent sales tax increase for child care

Plaintiff: Decision 'gutted' constitutional protections against excessive taxes

By THOMAS HUGHES / BCN

Backers of an Alameda County sales tax increase to fund child care are celebrating after a ruling by the California Supreme Court has finally validated the measure, four years after voters approved it.

Measure C passed with 64% of the vote in 2020 but was challenged by the Alameda County Taxpayers Association and others who said it needed two-thirds approval because it was a new tax.

In a denial of a petition to review a lower court's decision on April 24, the court let stand the appeals court decision that the measure was a citizen-led initiative, not a lawmaker-sponsored ballot measure, and therefore needed only a simple majority to pass.

The 20-year half-cent sales tax

increase is expected to generate about \$150 million a year, proponents said in a press conference last Friday.

Supporters of the measure included First 5 Alameda County, Parent Voices Oakland, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Service Employees International Union, and other child care advocates.

Clarissa Doutherd, executive director of Parent Voices Oakland, said the organization was disappointed that the measure faced a legal challenge right as the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"It is disheartening that families have had to wait during one of the most traumatic and difficult times, economically, public health-wise, and in our systems, that families and our care workers have had to wait for four years — four

devastating years — because a small group decided to target this initiative," Doutherd said.

Hundreds of millions of dollars can now be accessed that have been frozen in escrow as the legal challenge unfolded, Doutherd said.

The Alameda County Taxpayers Association denied in an email that it was responsible for the legal delays, pointing to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' process of delaying the tax collection for more than a year and preemptively suing all county residents to affirm the measure's legality. The appeals court noted that the Taxpayers Association was the only party that responded to the lawsuit. The group also then filed its own suit challenging the validity of the measure.

The Taxpayers Association's

president, Marcus Crawley, was critical of the court's decision as well as a failed challenge with the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

"In ACTA's lawsuit, courts gutted Proposition 13 and other longstanding constitutional protections against excessive taxes," Crawley said. "Judges have cut a huge hole in the financial fence which the people of California in their constitution have erected around their government."

The association had also contended that the participation in the campaign by the late Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan and her chief of staff constituted lawmaker sponsorship and the use of public resources, but the appellate court disagreed.

The money will be divided into

two accounts, with 20% devoted to pediatric health care in an account overseen by a citizen oversight committee. The other 80% will be dedicated to child care, preschool and early education, to be administered by First 5 Alameda County. The organization must still choose an oversight board that will establish a spending plan.

"Access to child care and early care and education is crucial for children's development," said Kristin Spanos, CEO of First 5 Alameda County.

The 2020 measure was the second attempt to pass dedicated funding for child care. In 2018, Measure A narrowly failed after receiving 66.2% of the vote, just shy of the 66.67% majority needed because it was placed on the ballot by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Chan died after being struck by a driver as she crossed a street in Alameda in 2021. Supporters of the measure held a moment of silence at the end of the press conference in her memory. ■

City begins work on road maintenance, street resurfacing

Residents should expect more traffic along roads under construction throughout summer

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

If you have seen more roadwork around Pleasanton this spring, which might have led to increased traffic, that's because the city is currently working on several major roadway construction projects as part of its 2024 Pavement Management Program.

The program started in April with several curb, sidewalk and other replacement projects along Hopyard Road and will continue to

make more improvements in other locations until October, which means residents should be prepared to see more traffic throughout the summer.

According to the city's Public Works Department website, generally and without maintenance new street surfaces deteriorate in 18 years and only get worse, if left untreated.

"As the street ages, the rate of deterioration speeds up," according

to the city.

That's why the city's Pavement Management Program aims to "maintain city streets and keep them in good driving condition."

Each year, the city manages two street resurfacing projects: a street resurfacing project and a slurry sealing project, communications manager Heather Tiernan told the Weekly. Both projects are part of the city's overall pavement management program.

"The annual street resurfacing project includes the repaving of streets with a new layer of hot mix asphalt. This project also includes pothole repairs and surface crack sealing," Tiernan said. "In contrast, the annual slurry sealing project applies a thin seal coat to the road surface (made up of) of liquid asphalt and sand."

While the city was able to carry out some of the slurry sealing projects — they are usually less

expensive — last year's street resurfacing project was postponed because of high contractor prices that were caused by a local shortage of asphalt.

This caused a backlog of pavement improvement projects that the city had to push to this year. However, the city still had to choose which streets need immediate, quick fixes that come from

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Black or African American ask for permission to use the racial slur.

According to the staff presentation at last week's board meeting, while race-motivated suspensions have generally decreased in the high schools and at Harvest Park Middle School over the last three years, both Hart and Pleasanton Middle School have seen an increase.

Data presented at the meeting shows how in the 2022-23 school year there were eight suspensions regarding race-motivated behavior at PMS while in the 2023-24 school year, there were 14.

But many parents, some of whom had kids in elementary school, said this is an issue that has been happening now at the elementary level and needs to be addressed early on so that kids know it's not OK as they grow up.

Feyia Simpson, a PUSD parent who has a daughter at Donlon Elementary School, shared a story about how she was picking up her

daughter from a school performance last week and learned that a group of kids had told her daughter that Black people are ugly.

"She went to school excited, happy, felt beautiful ... I pick her up from kids club and she's sad, she's hurt," Simpson said. "We get in the car and she says a kid told her that a small group of kids said that Black people are ugly."

She said her daughter tried confronting the students to let them know that was racist and not OK to say but the kids dispersed. Simpson said her daughter tried telling a teacher who didn't do anything.

"We love Donlon but this is painful and it makes us feel like we need to move," Simpson said.

After trying to contact the teacher and principal, Simpson said the teacher had told her it was the end of the day and that they didn't have time to address the situation. Simpson also said she spoke with the principal who told her the school was going to talk to the students and parents but even during that phone call, she could feel the

discomfort in having that sort of conversation.

That's why Lashawn Atkinson, one of those two parents who originally brought these concerns up at the March 28 board meeting, had wanted the district to be more aggressive in how staff and teachers respond to students using the racial slur and asking for a pass across the district.

She said that while she is worried about how training will look like for administrators and teachers — she suggested the district might need to get experts on that sort of training because many of those employees might have their own bias that they need to address — last week's discussion was a good first step in addressing this serious issue.

However, she said it is only the first step out of many the district needs to take in order to fix a problem that many parents and families who are not Black or African American in the district don't even know is happening at their schools.

"There is a lot more work that needs to be done," Atkinson said.

"The presentation is good, updating the policy is good but if no one knows about it or knows there's a problem or that is happening they can't have those crucial conversations at home."

Like Atkinson, other Black and African American parents said the district needs to be more proactive in informing the rest of the community about these issues and incidents where students of color are harassed or discriminated against so that parents can talk to their kids to let them know that type of behavior is not OK.

While district staff at the meeting agreed that addressing these racist behaviors and hate speech at home is important and will take a lot of collaboration between the district and parents, they also talked in their presentation about how the district will be helping staff so they can address it at school.

According to staff, the board's policy on hate-motivated behavior has been in place for quite some time but what hasn't been in place, which is what the district is now implementing, is a systemic

approach for how staff should respond when hearing things like the N-word or students asking for a pass at school.

The district will now have uniformed responses for teachers and staff to say when they hear students using the slur or when they ask for a pass and explicit expectations for how the word is not welcomed so it's consistent across the district that this behavior will not be allowed.

Part of the conversation also revolved around discipline as some parents pointed out how their students who are Black or African American had gotten into fights because another student used the N-word and received a longer suspension than the student who said the racial slur.

Trustee Kelly Mokashi suggested working on an administrative regulation to address what happens when a student breaks the newly amended board policy, which other members of the board agreed with and said it could be part of the next steps in addressing this ongoing issue. ■

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slurry seals and which ones need a complete resurfacing.

“A lot of thought and effort is used to determine how to best spend the limited funds available for street work as there is simply not enough funding to keep every street in a like-new condition,” according to the Public Works Department.

Every two years, all of Pleasanton’s 518 lane miles of paved roads are inspected and assigned a numerical rating between zero and 100 under what is known as the pavement condition index (PCI).

A PCI rating of 100 means the street was newly paved, anything above 75 is considered to be in good condition and streets above 50 on the PCI are considered fair. Streets marked above 25 on the PCI are labeled as poor and anything below 25 is considered to be in very poor or in failing condition, according to the Public Works Department.

Pleasanton’s streets were last inspected in December 2023.

According to Tiernan, the city uses a software developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission called Street Saver, which relies on the PCI ratings, to prioritize road surface maintenance.

Tiernan said streets with a PCI rating of or under 60 are generally considered to be candidates for the annual street resurfacing project and for this year’s pavement management program, the streets that fit within this category are on Hopyard Road between Valley Avenue to Gibraltar Drive and Dorman Road between West Las Positas Boulevard

and Denker Drive.

Construction for those resurfacing projects along Hopyard and Dorman Road are set to begin in June while other resurfacing projects along Bernal Avenue and a couple other streets are estimated to begin in May.

Other projects to seal cracks and do slurry seals; replace curbs and sidewalks; and fix the city’s water system are all also set to take place in the following months ahead.

According to the city, almost two million square feet of streets will be treated this year thanks to the program.

Tiernan said Pleasanton uses a variety of revenue sources to fund both the street resurfacing and slurry sealing projects. She said the State of California Gas Tax is the largest contributor followed by Alameda County Sales Tax Measures B and BB, Measure F and California Senate Bill 1.

In total, Tiernan said the 2024 annual street resurfacing project includes a total allocated budget of almost \$7.6 million while the 2024 annual slurry sealing project includes a total budget of almost \$548,000. Combined, the city’s investment in road maintenance this year will be close to \$8.11 million.

While many residents might want the city to address the worst streets first, the city has stated that approach isn’t the most feasible one.

“Under that approach, all available funding would go to repairing the worst streets and not much else,” according to the city. “More importantly, many streets currently in good or fair condition would deteriorate without maintenance, and the overall condition of the street system would diminish.” ■

TAKE US ALONG



An icy headline:

Marty Daniels takes a break at the Ice Domes in Overbygd Norway to read The Weekly. The Ice Domes features an eight-room hotel made entirely of ice — including the furniture — and a campground. She also visited Holmenkollbakken where her maternal grandmother was a ski jumper in the 1890s. She traveled through the country, visiting several cities from Oslo to Tromso where she saw the Northern lights.

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North Rotary ready for A Starry Night charity gala

Celebrate spring and support foundation at Castlewood this month

By JIM BRICE

Pleasanton North Rotary is inviting adults with whimsical spirits and charitable hearts to attend the annual A Starry Night charity gala, a charity auction, dinner and dance May 17 at The Club at Castlewood.

A tradition since 1979, A Starry Night has always been a fun-filled evening, according to event organizer Kristin Bureman. It returned to Castlewood in 2023 after a short hiatus to enjoy near-record attendance and fundraising totals for the club's nonprofit Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation.

"It's kind of a rite of spring," Bureman said in an interview. "We expect more than 200 guests in formal or business attire, to share the fellowship of ending the rainy season and enjoying an excellent dinner, drinks, music, dancing and, of

course, charitable giving."

The date for this year's A Starry Night was moved from April to mid-May to increase the likelihood of fairer weather, she said. Bureman believes the change will make the event more accessible, especially for evening access to the club's outdoor space.

As the gala's top sponsors, Gina Piper and Elation Real Estate in Pleasanton will play prominent roles.

A guitar, autographed by 14-time Grammy award-winner Taylor Swift, tops the list of items at this year's live auction. A measure of gastronomical fame will come to the successful bidder who earns the right to name his or her own hamburger on the menu at downtown Pleasanton's SideTrack Bar + Grill. And, another successful bidder will win a four-day, three-night getaway at Squaw Creek Resort at North Lake Tahoe.

The two-bedroom, two-bath suite will accommodate up to eight and features views of the mountains, ski slopes, and a nearby 18-hole golf course.

Sugar Bear, a popular six-piece rock band, will play tunes for dancing, according to Bureman. Band leader Steve McDowell will double as program emcee.

Net proceeds from A Starry Night will support the nonprofit Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation and grants awarded in the next year to essential Tri-Valley social services organizations, youth programs and international projects.

For ticket and sponsorship opportunities, go to www.pnr-rotaryfoundation.org/astarrynight. The foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax-deductible contributions help the foundation continue to provide critical services



JIM BRICE

Pleasanton North Rotary members Tami Hennegan (left) and Pam Azevedo at a prior A Starry Night charity gala.

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Las Positas, UC Merced solidify transfer pathways

Agreement between colleges seeks to provide expanded opportunities, bridge educational gaps

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

With a new partnership, Las Positas College has taken a significant stride toward enhancing educational pathways for students seeking to continue their education at a four-year university.

The Livermore community college announced the signing of a memorandum of Understanding with the University of California Merced, cementing their commitment to facilitating seamless transitions for students.

The MOU between LPC and UC Merced symbolizes a landmark moment for both institutions. Through this collaborative agreement, both colleges pledge to prioritize the smooth progression of students from LPC to UC Merced, ensuring they receive the support and resources necessary to excel in

their academic endeavors.

"This MOU signifies our shared commitment to student success and academic excellence," Las Positas President Dyrell Foster said in a statement.

"By working closely with UC Merced we can provide our students with expanded opportunities for higher education and empower them to pursue and achieve their educational and career goals," Foster added.

Highlighting the significance of this partnership, LPC representatives emphasized the institutions' shared status as Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). This alignment underscores their dedication to providing inclusive educational opportunities for diverse student bodies.

By joining forces, LPC and UC Merced aim to bridge educational

gaps and promote positive academic outcomes for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances, representatives said.

Chancellor of UC Merced, Juan Sánchez Muñoz, also shared reflections on the new academic collaboration in the statement.

"At UC Merced we believe in the transformative power of education," Muñoz said. "Through our partnership with Las Positas College, we're expanding access to opportunities and nurturing the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers."

LPC, recognized as the No. 2 best community college in California and No. 4 in the nation by Niche, offers a plethora of resources, academic programs and transfer options.

To find out more LPC and its programs, visit laspositascollege.edu. ■

CRASH

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press release on April 26. "Despite efforts to render aid to one of the children, all four individuals died at the scene."

In a follow-up interview this week, Lt. Erik Silacci confirmed the father was behind the wheel of the VinFast electric car when it crashed. Evidence from the scene indicates the vehicle hit a roadside pole, went airborne and struck a large oak tree that night.

"Speed was a factor just because of the level of damage to the vehicle,"

Silacci said. "That vehicle ... there's not much left of it."

The car caught fire, but investigators do not think the fire killed the family, according to Silacci. First responders had to put out the flames a second time after the car reignited, which Silacci said PPD has experienced with electric vehicle fires in the past.

Silacci said investigators are still trying to figure out whether all of the occupants were wearing their seat belts. "It's something that we're gonna have to see if we can determine through some investigation," he added.

Flowers and other roadside memorials were set up near the tree along Foothill Road in the hours and days afterward to honor and remember the family.

This marked the second time in April that a Tri-Valley community was rocked by losing four members of a local family to a deadly crash. The father, mother and two children from the Negrete Guerrero family in Livermore were killed in a solo wreck on a highway in Manteca on the night of April 13; the other three of the young siblings survived that crash with moderate to major injuries. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Approving, authorizing and directing execution of certain financing documents and certain actions in connection with issuing up to \$19,000,000 in water revenue bonds for financing improvements to the City's water system
- Public Hearing: Consider adoption of a resolution for the Housing and Human Services Grants and Community Grant Program, and approving the Annual Action Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant funds

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Stoneridge Mall DA Extension - Application to amend and extend the Stoneridge Shopping Center Development Agreement (DA), governing a previously approved approximately 362,790-square-foot shopping center expansion, for one year, with a City Manager option to extend the DA for one additional year subject to the completion of performance standards set forth in this sixth amendment

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Recommend City Council approve an updated resolution for access to Augustin Bernal Park through Golden Eagle Estates and rescind Resolution No. 93-44
- Select Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee representative for the remainder of the calendar year 2024

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State water managers boost supply deliveries for 2024

System's forecasted allocation increased to 40% of requested amount for agencies like Zone 7

By KILEY RUSSELL / BCN

California water managers have announced an increase to this year's allocations from the State Water Project due to the healthy Sierra Nevada snowpack and Lake Oroville's bountiful supply.

State Water Project is one of California's two largest storage and delivery systems and supplies water to 27 million people and 750,000 acres of farmland, including the Zone 7 Water Agency in the Tri-Valley.

The system's forecasted water allocation was increased from 30% of requested supplies to 40% since March, officials with the state Department of Water Resources said last week.

The increase is enough to deliver an additional 420,000 acre-feet of

water — enough to supply roughly 1.5 million households for a year.

The decision to boost allocations is supported by an 800,000 acre-foot increase in storage at Lake Oroville, one of the state's main reservoirs, according to state officials.

Currently, Oroville is holding about 3.3 million acre-feet of water, which is 95% of its total storage capacity and 125% of average for this time of year, according to data on the department's website.

Additional factors include the fact that the state's 17 major reservoirs are cumulatively at about 118% of average, the key snow survey data from April 1 clocked in at more than 100% of normal and the spring runoff forecast numbers are also above average.

DWR director Karla Nemeth

used the announcement as an opportunity to plug Gov. Gavin Newsom's controversial plan to build the Delta Conveyance Project, a proposed tunnel and pump system to move water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to water agencies and farms to the south.

"This year highlights the challenges of moving water in wet periods with the current pumping infrastructure in the south Delta. We had both record low pumping for a wet year and high fish salvage at the pumps," Nemeth said. "We need to be moving water when it's wet so that we can ease conditions for people and fish when dry conditions return. It's one more reason the Delta Conveyance Project, which would move water when the flows are high in a manner safer for

fish, is a necessary climate adaptation project for California."

The increased allocations announced April 23 include 40% of requested supplies to water systems and farms south of the Delta, which accounts for most contractors.

It also includes 65% of requested supplies to contractors north of the Delta and 100% allocation to systems in the Feather River watershed.

In addition to the state's announcement, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced another increase in its water supply deliveries from the federally managed Central Valley Project.

For 2024, all north-of-Delta Central Valley Project users are currently at 100% of requested supplies and south-of-Delta agricultural contractors' supplies have

been increased from 35% to 40%.

The Central Valley Project delivers water to wholesalers and retailers in 29 of the state's 58 counties, including 5 million acre-feet to farms and 600,000 acre-feet — a year's supply for roughly 2.5 million people — to cities and towns.

"Hydrologic conditions have improved enough that we are able to provide this gradual increase," said Karl Stock, the bureau's California-Great Basin regional director. "We realize that our contractors were hoping to see a greater amount of water, and we understand how critical irrigation is to California agriculture and the surrounding communities. However, continued uncertainty in long-term hydrology and regulatory constraints necessitate Reclamation's approach with available water supplies." ■

BART to improve disability access after lawsuit alleging ADA violations

Agency agrees to settlement while still denying accusations

By KATY ST. CLAIR / BCN

Finding an elevator out of order at a BART station can be an inconvenience for many, but for people with disabilities who rely on elevators to reach the platform, a non-operational elevator or escalator can mean getting to work late, missing appointments or simply feeling like second-class citizens.

On April 18, the transit agency settled a class action lawsuit brought by members of the disability community to clean up BART's elevators and escalators and ensure that the agency is making a genuine effort to keep these conveyances working and in good repair and condition.

The suit was filed in April 2017 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on behalf of the group Senior and Disability Action in San Francisco

and the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco, along with two people with mobility issues. The plaintiffs were represented by Disability Rights Advocates, or DRA, a national nonprofit legal center.

According to DRA, the settlement resolves allegations that BART has systematically failed to ensure full and equal access to its stations and services, thereby violating the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA.

As part of the settlement, BART has agreed to renovate its elevators and escalators and must dispatch a repair person within one hour after either conveyance breaks down at a station (two hours are allowed on weekends and holidays).

The same goes for station cleanliness, including conveyances. If financially feasible, BART is to

continue its escalator and elevator attendants program, which monitors vandalism and/or urination on or in the contraptions.

"The Agreement ensures, among other things, that BART will make reasonable best efforts to renovate, make prompt repairs and implement preventative maintenance plans of elevators and escalators to provide continuous, uninterrupted service," reads the judge's order.

The court found that BART failed to provide equal access to its services for people with mobility issues, and that "Plaintiffs allege that they and other people with mobility disabilities are denied full and equal access to the BART system and are provided a level of service vastly inferior to that which BART's non-disabled customers enjoy."

BART denies this, according

to the final settlement, with the court noting that "Defendants expressly deny these allegations and assert that they have always complied with the law."

BART must also now develop an emergency preparedness plan for passengers separated from their mobility devices during an emergency. The agency must also beef up its procedure and protocol for complaints regarding accessibility issues.

"This settlement ensures that people with mobility disabilities are not excluded from the Bay Area's mass transit system and do not receive a level of service vastly inferior to non-disabled people," said Jinny Kim, supervising attorney at DRA.

Ian Smith, a plaintiff in the case and wheelchair user who rides BART, said on April 18 that he was pleased with the judge's order.

"I am proud of what we accomplished through this settlement and happy that BART is prioritizing the needs of the disability community," Smith said.

The judge's final order states that BART denies the allegations and does not concede liability.

In an email on April 18, BART spokesperson Alicia Trost said the agency has a long track record of providing equal access to all riders.

"BART has been a pioneer in ensuring access to all people throughout our history," she wrote. "We were the first 100% accessible public transit system in the nation and we have reinforced our unwavering commitment to meet the needs of everyone regardless of their level of mobility."

Trost said the agency's efforts are ongoing.

"Working with advocates and those most impacted, we are advancing a series of improvements to elevators, escalators, training, and other things like accessible path signage," she said. "We will continue to work to make BART as accessible as possible for all of our riders." ■

Grants available for clean water projects

County program focuses on stormwater pollution prevention

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Alameda County residents can now apply for thousands of dollars in grants for projects to prevent stormwater pollution and protect the health of local creeks and streams and the San Francisco Bay.

The Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program is inviting

organizations to apply for up to \$6,000 per project.

The funds are available for things like litter cleanups, creek restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement projects, art and multimedia projects and community outreach events, among other things, according to county officials.

Eligible applicants include

teacher and student groups, youth organizations, homeowner associations, community groups, environmental groups and nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is next Friday (May 10).

For more information and to download the application, people can visit www.cleanwaterprogram.org/grants. ■



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Participants of a litter cleanup at the Alameda Oakland Estuary. The cleanup was funded by grants from the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program.

Feeding patients

Inside the Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley culinary operation

BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

A hospital stay begets many questions. Why all these medicines? What can calm my pain? How long will I be here?

Another unknown for patients: Will I like the food?

The food delivery person peering through the curtain is often a more welcome sight than the nurse ready to poke your arm. You may sense that eating well is a key to unlocking your speedy recovery.

As director of food and nutrition services and inpatient clinical nutrition services at Stanford Health Care (SHC) Tri-Valley in Pleasanton, Joe Napoli correlates his role to the hospital's mission.

"Food is medicine for the spirit as well as the body. Delivering a safe, quality meal with a smile is our contribution to giving our patients the best possible experience at SHC Tri-Valley," Napoli told the Weekly.

Well aware that most patients would prefer being anywhere but the hospital, Napoli added, "We have the unique opportunity to deliver something our patients actually want while they are here."

The inpatient meals at SHC Tri-Valley are far different from your father's hospital food. The menu is configured like room service. You simply use a phone handset to order from the broad range of options on your menu.

Delivered within 45 minutes, your dinner is one of the 350 meals on average prepared and customized every day to meet the dietary and nutritional needs of each patient. Napoli's kitchen staff also cooks the

hot entrees for the public cafeteria and prepares meals for two community organizations. Napoli also aims for sustainable practices throughout the food service operations.

At first glance, the size of SHC Tri-Valley hospital in Pleasanton is deceiving. Largely hidden by the two, multi-story medical office buildings, the 167-bed center draws patients from the Tri-Valley, greater East Bay and beyond. The hospital and associated facilities in the Tri-Valley are part of the Stanford Medicine network based in Palo Alto.

Overseeing the hive of activity, Napoli is a certified dietary manager (CDM) and certified food protection professional (CFPP). Quality control is a critical aspect of the food service and clinical nutrition operation given the serious consequences for patients' wellbeing if a meal is less than 100% accurately prepared and delivered.

The food service team of 52 includes nine cooks, various clerical and kitchen staff, a registered dietician and two managers. The clinical team comprises seven registered dietitians, two certified diabetes educators plus a clinical supervisor who ensure each meal meets the dietary requirements for the patient's medical conditions from diabetes to dysphagia (difficulty swallowing).

About the 'At Your Request' menu

In 2006, the hospital — then known as Valley Care — was one of the first regional medical centers to implement "Meals at Your Request" inpatient room service dining.

Stanford Health Care renamed the program "At Your Request" after assuming ownership of the hospital in 2015 and upgraded food service operations at SHC Tri-Valley four years later.

"We took patient meal service to the next level by using advanced technology to increase safety measures. We also added new items and developed creative ways to format our menu to enable more choices for our patients on therapeutic diets," Napoli said.

The restaurant-style, multi-page, fold-out menu offers a bevy of food items. For those patients unfamiliar with dining out or who are uncomfortable selecting from so many options, the food service clerks who take the "At Your Request" orders can help patients decipher the menu.

During the admission process, patients can request halal, kosher or designate other food preferences. The menu identifies heart-healthy, vegetarian, fat free, low fat and low sodium food, and offers choices for clear liquid and full liquid diets.

The SHC Tri-Valley room service dining differs from hotel room service which is often available 24 hours a day. Patient meals can be ordered between the prescribed kitchen hours of 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. At other times, the nursing staff can procure cold food for the patient.

Inside the menu

The SHC Tri-Valley menu is not aligned with the options at the larger Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto.

"Our menu is designed to accommodate the rich cultural diversity of



A look at the counter line at the cafeteria in Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley hospital.

the community and patient population," said Napoli, who pointed out several of the most requested menu items. He also noted that the menu is available in Spanish and translator service is available for other languages.

Unfolding the menu reveals that breakfast and between-meal nourishment and snacks are served all day; hot breakfast items are available until 11 a.m. only. The breakfast "Burrito Station" section presents the tortilla with an array of fillings: eggs two ways, bacon or turkey sausage, Swiss or cheddar cheese and five vegetables. The made-to-order omelet station features ham, turkey sausage or tofu, two cheeses, and five vegetable choices. For "Mains", buttermilk pancakes are popular.

The combined lunch and dinner options are available from 11 a.m.

to 7:30 p.m. Soups are followed by entree salads such as chicken Caesar or pita and vegetables. The "Grill" section lists burgers, tuna melt and quesadillas. The most popular "Main" is parsley and garlic salmon. Highlighting Indian flavors, tilapia is topped with mango chutney.

The "Stir Fry Station" generates broad appeal. Along with rice and chicken or tofu, you can choose four vegetables from the list of 12 and add curry or teriyaki sauce. With a nod to the diversity of palates, you can add cilantro, fresh ginger and fresh garlic.

Many patients are drawn to the pasta station with whole wheat penne or ditalini, small tubes of pasta like macaroni but smaller without the curve. You can add meatballs, chicken or tofu with up to four vegetables and add classic



SHC TRI-VALLEY

The commercial kitchen inside Stanford Tri-Valley in Pleasanton.



A lunch for two purchased from the Stanford Tri-Valley cafeteria.



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in Pleasanton.

comfort food sauces such as Alfredo or marinara. An extensive fajita station is also available. The menu also lists additional vegetables and sides from sautéed mushrooms to macaroni and cheese and baked potato chips.

Desserts range from Oreo cookies, chocolate brownies and apple pie to puddings, ice cream and popsicles. There is no special menu for pediatric patients, but the same desserts are welcomed by inpatient children, too.

What about hungry new mothers? A special meal with sparkling cider and entrees such as miso-glazed salmon is wheeled into the room with gifts for the new mom and her guest. For those hospitalized on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, a special turkey meal is offered.

For the doctors who work around the clock, Napoli's team stocks the physicians' lounge with food and beverage. Food service also handles catering as requested for administrative and medical staff meetings and events.

Cafeteria food at value prices

The other SHC Tri-Valley locations in Dublin and Livermore do not offer food service. The hospital's main lobby hosts the Pleasanton Coffee Cart with hand-crafted Starbucks beverages, open from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during weekdays.

The Pleasanton cafeteria in the medical building at 5575 W. Las Positas Blvd. adjacent to the hospital is open to hospital and clinic visitors, staff, and the general public during limited hours, 7:30 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. on weekdays and 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends. A new feature is online ordering through an app.

A rotating selection of hot entrees are served on weekdays. When biscuits and gravy, beef Stroganoff and honey walnut prawns are on the menu, they sell out quickly. Menu items such as seafood bisque are \$4.; tortellini with pesto and mixed vegetables, \$8.

The grill is open at lunchtime for burgers and steak sandwiches, wraps and BLTs, priced from \$5 to \$7. The Buffalo chicken wrap on a 12-inch tortilla resembles a large burrito. In the cold case, grab-and-go selections range from Asian chicken salad and Super Veggie sandwiches to subs and desserts.

The food service team at the SHC Tri-Valley kitchen facilities at 1111 E.

Stanley Blvd. in Livermore prepares meals for two community nonprofit organizations. During the week, an average of 350 meals and 175 on the weekend are cooked for Meals on Wheels which supports older, lower income seniors. On weekdays, the staff makes about 175 meals a day for the Head Start pre-kindergarten care and nutrition program.

Another of Napoli's responsibilities is reducing the environmental footprint of food service. As part of the Green Team at SHC Tri-Valley, Napoli has increased sourcing of local and sustainable food products, incorporated compostable and recyclable disposable flatware, and has partnered with the Daily Bowl nonprofit in Hayward to reduce food waste by diverting surplus food from landfills and compost bins to community members living with food insecurity.

In 2023, Napoli's efforts were honored with a Partner for Change Award from Practice Greenhealth, a national organization providing support and recognition for businesses who promote sustainable work practices.

At the hospital, patients are aware of the nursing and medical staff dashing around the corridors administering care. Rarely do they

consider what goes on behind the kitchen door.

"If a food service employee at SHC Tri-Valley were asked, 'What is your job at the hospital, what do you do?' They would answer, 'I save lives.' They truly believe it because it shows in their work, 365 days a year," Napoli said. ■

Observations after a hospital stay

Earlier in the year, my husband spent two days at SHC Tri-Valley. On the second day when he was feeling somewhat better, he ordered lunch from the options on the fajitas station of the "At Your Request" menu.

His regular dietary orders enabled him to order two desserts. A rarity at home, creamy tapioca pudding plus a cup of chocolate ice cream won his heart, and he perked up.

Recently, I stopped by the cafeteria to purchase a take home lunch for us. His eyes lit up at the sight of sweet potato fries and upon hearing the price for the two items was less than \$15.



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Stanford Tri-Valley inpatient fajita station lunch.



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Map outside the hospital helps patients and visitors navigate the grounds, including finding the public cafeteria.

CabFranc-A-Palooza back in Livermore

Tastings, winemaker discussions and more this weekend in wine country

BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

Local wine enthusiasts are gearing up as the Tri-Valley welcomes the second annual Cabernet Franc Festival, affectionately known as CabFranc-A-Palooza, to Livermore this weekend.

From Friday to Sunday (May 3-5), The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa will host what organizers are calling the “biggest Cabernet Franc festival in the world.” With an expected attendance of 700 attendees, CabFranc-A-Palooza organizers promise a weekend of wine, education and community.

“We’re taking this year’s festival to the next level,” winemaker and festival co-founder Steven Kent Mirassou said in a press release.

“The interest and support from Cab Franc producers and consumers has been incredible. Cab Franc is the most delicious grape in the world and we’re thrilled to be able to take CabFranc-A-Palooza to new heights,” Mirassou added.

The gathering will feature around 50 wineries showcasing their offerings through a series of curated events and tastings.

“This year’s CabFranc-A-Palooza festival is bigger and better than ever before. We’ve expanded our lineup of participating wineries, added more educational seminars and enhanced the overall experience for attendees,” Mirassou told Livermore Vine. “I’m excited to see the growing enthusiasm for Cabernet Franc among both winemakers and wine drinkers.”

“This year we have some exceptional new releases and special bottlings that I feel will really highlight the versatility and elegance of Cabernet Franc,” he added.

Mirassou said he and other event organizers are looking forward to interacting with festival guests.

“I’m eager to engage with our guests, share our passion for this grape and celebrate the community that has formed around it,” Mirassou said. “My hope is that visitors will gain a deeper appreciation for



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The 2024 CabFranc-A-Palooza is estimated to draw up to 700 visitors to Livermore.

Cabernet Franc and its potential as a standalone varietal. Whether they’re new to the wine or seasoned enthusiasts — I want attendees to leave feeling inspired and empowered to explore Cabernet Franc further.”

Mirassou has been operating the Steven Kent Winery since 1996, but his family has been in the California wine industry since 1854.

“Cabernet Franc holds a special place in my heart for its unique characteristics,” Mirassou said. “I’m drawn to its aromatic complexity, with notes of ripe red fruit, herbs, and spice. I also appreciate its structure and approachability, making it a versatile pairing for a wide range of dishes.”

“Above all, Cabernet Franc has a sense of authenticity and character

that resonates with me as a winemaker, and I love sharing that with others through our wines,” he added.

On Friday from 6-8 p.m. guests can join for “Friday Night Blind,” an immersive sensory experience designed to engage the nose and palate. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with winemakers through discussions and Q&A sessions.

Saturday’s “University of Cabernet Franc” from 12-2 p.m. includes a lecture on Cabernet Franc wines from around the world. Visitors will learn about growing climates, winemaker styles, taste nuances and more.

A second event on Saturday called “Francs n’ Franks” takes place from 4-6 p.m.

Organizers will pair Cabernet Franc with select sausages in a collaboration with the Livermore Butcher Shop. The event promises a discussion on food pairings, featuring six homemade sausages crafted to complement each wine selection.

“The Grand Tasting,” will take place on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to sample a wide array of Cabernet Franc wines from participating wineries.

“I hope the festival (helps to) fosters connections between guests, winemakers, and industry professionals, creating lasting memories and relationships,” Mirassou said.

Tickets for the CabFranc-A-Palooza are available online at www.cabfrancpalooza.com. ■



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The festival in the Livermore Valley will showcase local Cabernet Franc wines.

‘Art Made Easy’ exhibit opening at Senior Center

Student-artists have been creating works while taking class from Severin

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Students of the “Art Made Easy” watercolor class and artist-teacher Charlotte Severin will show off their paintings at the Pleasanton Senior Center in an annual exhibit next week.

The exhibit will include pieces ranging from nature scenes to pets, by current student-artists: Cindy Alvarez, Cynthia Altman, Claudia Curran, Henry Murakami, Betty

Nostrand, Trish Adams, Gerri Vegas, Janice Cantua, Arlie Alford, Patty Dobbin, Melissa Lenk, Patty Koepke, Ava Chinn, Jennifer Myslak, Candy Estalilla, Heidi Brown and LaRene Kidd.

Artwork in this year’s collection differs by age, as some were painted during the course’s spring session while others were made previously.

Many watercolors by Severin, an award-winning artist, will also be on display.

“Painting is a celebration of life for me,” Severin said. “I love bringing joy to other people through my paintings.”

In addition to artistry, she’s been teaching the city-sponsored “Art Made Easy” course for intermediate to advanced skill-levels to adults for 31 years running and has no plans of stopping.

“I love having people discover how wonderful painting is and the joy it brings,” Severin said. “People

want me to keep teaching the class, so I’ll keep teaching it as long as (I) can.”

The free exhibit kicks off with an opening reception, from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday (May 6) and will be on display until Friday (May 10). After Monday, viewers can visit the exhibit during open hours at the Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard, Tuesday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. ■



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Active figure painting by Arlie Alford, an “Art Made Easy” student.

Artists to showcase diverse creativity during open studio tour

Dozens to display their works and meet curious residents at locations throughout Tri-Valley

BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

This weekend creativity takes center stage as artists from across the region invite the public for a behind-the-scenes look at their work for the 2024 Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour.

Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday (May 4-5), over 100 artists are slated to participate. More than a dozen locations will be open across the Tri-Valley from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering visitors a unique opportunity to witness the creative process firsthand.

The TVAST initiative, a project of the Alliance for Visual Artists, aims to foster connections between artists and the community while showcasing artistic expression in the Tri-Valley area.

“The primary goal of the TVAST is to provide a platform for local artists to showcase their work and engage with the community,” said Linda Ryan, 2024 TVAST director. “We aim to promote the arts and creativity in the Tri-Valley area and foster connections between artists and art enthusiasts.”

The artwork on display will span a wide range of mediums, including painting, ceramics, glasswork, mixed media, photography and more.

Ryan and other TVAST organizers hope the event helps to shine a light on local talent and also strengthen a sense of community within the Tri-Valley, she said.

“(The tours) offer an opportunity for the public to explore the diverse talents and artistic expressions within our community. By opening up studios to visitors, we create a unique experience where people can engage directly with artists, gain insight into their processes and maybe even purchase artwork directly from the creators themselves,” Ryan added.

Visitors will be able to watch live art demonstrations and hear insights from artists on their work, inspiration and techniques.

“From paintings and sculptures to ceramics, there’s something for everyone to appreciate,” Ryan told the Weekly. “Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with the artists and then ask questions.”

Among the participating locations, Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center will be hosting nine artists.

Before the main event kicks off officially, art enthusiasts can get a sneak peek by visiting nine of the locations on Friday (May 3) between 5-8 p.m. This exclusive preview offers a chance for intimate conversations with the artists in a more relaxed setting.

During the preview, Emelie Rogers will showcase her glass artwork shaped using a kiln. Miles Santos will capture the essence of iconic Bay Area cityscapes with detailed brushwork, while Neha Singh draws inspiration from her global travels to create landscape art.

Other highlights include Alka Vaidya’s watercolor and acrylic paintings, Adriane Dedic’s textile art, the nature-inspired works of Malavika Oak, Alana Shoars and Deepti Saraswat.

“I hope the event provides valuable exposure, networking opportunities, and perhaps even some sales for artists. More importantly, I hope it reaffirms their importance in our



COURTESY TVAST

This weekend’s Tri-Valley Artist Studio tour will feature local artists such as (from left) Sydney Tang, Lynda Briggs and Lilly Caridis.

community and encourages them to continue pursuing their artistic endeavors with passion and purpose,” Ryan said of the tour.

The Alliance for Visual Artists has shared a self-guided cycling map that connects many of the main locations to visit. Through these routes, guests

will be able to visit with artists while traveling on bike.

Each location will be free to visit. More information about the alliance and its TVAST can be found at www.allianceforthevisualarts.org, along with a full schedule of artist demonstrations and activities ■

TV medium coming to Tommy T’s in Pleasanton

Kaza seeks to connect people with deceased loved ones during two-day appearance

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Those looking to make a connection with a deceased family member, friend or even a pet can head to Tommy T’s in Pleasanton in the coming days to see notable medium Cindy Kaza onstage.

Kaza said she welcomes everyone, including skeptics, because at the end of the day she is looking to help as many people get closure.

“The intention is to connect people with their loved ones who have passed away,” Kaza told the Weekly. “I don’t know who’s gonna come through from the other side. I just let it happen but I always tell people to be open minded ... It’s always an adventure and no two shows are the same.”

From co-hosting the Travel Channel’s “The Dead Files” to appearing in shows like “Fright Club” and “Portals to Hell”, Kaza has a long history of talking to spirits on national television. She has even appeared on “shock doc” documentaries like “Scream: The True Story, Ed Gein” where she tries to connect with not-so-friendly spirits.

Having seen her first spirit at the age of 10 when her school friend who died in an accident appeared at her bedside, Kaza said she has been pushing the limits of her otherworldly gift for quite some time.

In fact, she even said she has been



Cindy Kaza

coming to Tommy T’s since 2013 or 2014 and that it is one of her favorite places to work.

“I love the people that come see me,” Kaza said.

It’s also worth noting that she said work and not perform. That’s because she said she is there to perform a service, rather than investigate haunted homes as she so often does on TV.

She said bottom line, it is not going to be a scary event as many people might think when they hear the words psychic or medium.

“I’ve been touring the United States doing live events for over 10 years and I’ve never brought through a demon or anything like that,” Kaza said. “It’s not my experience, and it’s also not the intention of the event. The intention going

into my live event is to help people with their loved ones on the other side.”

She also explained how there is this stereotype when people hear the words psychic medium. She said that a good psychic medium should be able to provide evidence, of which they have no prior knowledge, that proves they are talking about a specific loved one who died but that evidence doesn’t look and feel like what one might think.

“When you see movies like ‘The Sixth Sense’ ... the movie makes it seem as though mediums are seeing full body apparitions all the time and we can’t tell the difference (between) somebody who is alive and someone who is dead and that’s very untrue for 99% of mediums,” Kaza said.

While she said she expects there will be skeptics in the audience, she isn’t trying to prove them wrong and make them into believers but rather allow them to decide what they believe on their own.

“My job is to show up and just do what I do and do the best job that I can and to help as many people as I can,” Kaza said.

Tickets for her shows are \$25 to \$35. Her show on Sunday (May 5) will start at 3:30 p.m. while her show on Monday (May 6) will be at 7 p.m. More information is available at tommyts.com. ■

LPC presenting Literary Arts Festival

Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival also taking place on campus the same day

BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

Las Positas College is set to host its anticipated Literary Arts Festival on May 11, promising a day of inspiration, learning and literary exploration. Now in its fourth year, the festival has become a cornerstone of cultural enrichment in the Livermore Valley, celebrating the power of storytelling and written word.

Held at the Mertes Center for the Arts (Building 4000 on the LPC campus) the event will feature a packed lineup between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. of critically acclaimed authors, writing workshops, activities for children and a variety of food trucks.

LPC officials said in a press release that the sessions will cover topics such as AI, the future of education, TV writing, zines and graphic novels, memoir writing and more.

Through its various events and activities, the festival aims to foster a deep appreciation for the art of storytelling while providing a platform for established and emerging voices alike.

“At Las Positas College, we believe in the power of storytelling to connect, educate, and inspire,” said Amy Mattern, dean of arts and humanities at LPC.

“The Literary Arts Festival is a celebration of creativity and community. It’s a day where writers and readers of all backgrounds come together

to share their stories, inspire each other, and foster a love for literature,” Mattern added.

Keynote speaker James Spooner will discuss his creative process and major themes of his writing. Spooner is an award-winning graphic novelist and filmmaker. His debut novel “The High Desert” is the LPC Campus Read for 2024.

Other featured speakers include Daniel Handler, better known as “Lemony Snicket”. Handler’s “A Series of Unfortunate Events” series has earned awards and received global recognition and acclaim.

In addition to discussions and workshops, the festival offers attendees the opportunity to engage in a variety of unique and interactive experiences, from Wine and Chocolate Tasting with Poetry (21+), to the LPC Poetry Slam and the Havik Literary Magazine Award and Publication Ceremony.

That same day, craft beer enthusiasts will have the opportunity to indulge their passions at the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival — held concurrently on the LPC campus.

Hosted on the athletic field from 1-5 p.m., the event is set to feature over 40 breweries from across Northern California, along with local food vendors and live music. The festival is a fundraiser benefiting the Las Positas College Fire Service Technology program. ■

Edna J. "Merle" Greer

July 13, 1926 – November 15, 2023

The family of Edna Janice "Merle" Greer are sad to announce her passing at the age of 97. She will be remembered for her strength and strong will, as well as her deep love of family. She will be sorely missed by all.

Merle passed away peacefully on November 15, 2023, after a brief period of health challenges.

Born in Gloster, Mississippi, to Dudley and Beatrice Byrd, on

July 13, 1926, Merle was the eldest of four siblings. Her colorful life started here, where her father owned a small trucking company, hauling gravel. The family left Mississippi in 1941 with their beloved dog, Poochie, in a black Chevrolet, headed for California where Dudley would find work. Landing in Farmington, CA, for a short period, the family then spent a year in Sunol, while Dudley worked at Camp Parks in Dublin, and Merle attended Amador High School.

Sunnyside, Washington, was the family's next stop for about 8 years, where Merle and her sister, Connie, graduated from high school. Merle met the love of her life, Frank Greer, while he was home on leave from Naval Service in World War II. After brief stops in Bridgeport and Scottsdale, AZ, the whole family finally settled in Pleasanton in 1952. It was here that Frank built their "custom" Jensen Tract home, where they would settle and spend the rest of their lives. Their only child, Michael Greer, was born in June that same year.

Merle and Frank were true soulmates and shared an adventurous life together. Merle was strong willed, and Frank was perfectly suited to her nature. Always active and looking for new things to do, their life in Pleasanton included square dancing, horseback riding, water-skiing, sailing and flying to many destinations in their private plane, for which Merle was also a licensed pilot. In line with her adventurous spirit, they acquired for Merle a sleek 1976 Jaguar XKE that she used for her commute to Hayward where she worked for the Alameda County Schools for over 20 years. She and a close friend, Muriel, also traveled to Canada in the Jag. Upon retirement, Merle & Frank and their lifelong friends chartered a boat and sailed the Greek Islands, then spent subsequent years roaming the west in their motorhomes, often spending several weeks at a time on the California coast, the Sierra Nevada and Arizona. Merle said goodbye to Frank when he passed away in 2012; they had been married 65 years.

As a loyal eldest daughter, Merle brought structure and steadfast devotion to her family. She was her mother's best friend, going above and beyond for family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Will Greer, sister, Connie, and survived by her brothers, James Dale Byrd (Mary Gullikson) of San Francisco and Robert Byrd of Pleasanton. Her devotion continued through the next generations, as she loved and cared deeply for her son, Michael, and his three children, Nicole (Greer) Klein, Julia (Greer) Tohlen (Ben Tohlen) and Joel Greer. She was blessed with five grandchildren, Kiley, Kaitlyn, Zoey, Savana and Sawyer.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, beginning with a graveside service at Pioneer Cemetery in Pleasanton at 11:00am, followed by a Celebration of Life at the family home for friends and family.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Livermore police arrest man for fatal Stockton shooting

A 38-year-old man was arrested by Livermore police in connection with a deadly shooting in Stockton from last year, police said.

The Livermore Police Department said they conducted a traffic stop on April 23 and detained Bradley Vargas for an arrest warrant issued by the Stockton Police Department for the shooting.

Stockton police said they had responded shortly before 10 p.m. on July 23, 2023, to the area of Sierra Nevada and Oak streets on a report of a person shot.

Guy Zielske, 34, of Stockton, was found at the scene suffering from gunshot wounds. He was taken to a hospital where he died from his injuries, police said.

Vargas was booked into the San Joaquin County Jail.

—Victoria Franco, BCN

In other news

- A Pleasanton resident reported nearly being carjacked after hearing gunshots in his neighborhood, leading to a multi-agency response and

suspect search on the edge of downtown on Saturday evening, city police said on Monday.

The primary suspect and an accomplice eluded officers, but investigators subsequently developed evidence connecting the pair to an armed robbery that occurred in near-by Sunol earlier in the day, according to the Pleasanton Police Department.

The situation in Pleasanton began unfolding around 5:25 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of Neal Street. A resident reported hearing two gunshots across the street from his home and then was approached by an unidentified male assailant who demanded that he hand over his car keys, police said.

"After the victim refused to comply, the suspect lifted his shirt, revealing a handgun tucked in his waistband. The victim retreated into his home, and the suspect subsequently ran from the scene with another accomplice," police said. "Fortunately, no individuals were reportedly harmed by the discharged ammunition."

Pleasanton police officers responded to the area and established a perimeter in an effort to catch the suspects, according to the department. They also brought in neighboring law enforcement agencies like the Livermore Police Department and Alameda County Sheriff's Office to assist.

Police used drones and K-9 units to conduct a yard-to-yard search of the neighborhood and Village High School, but to no avail, according to Pleasanton PD.

"It has been determined that prior to the attempted carjacking in Pleasanton, the suspects were involved in an armed robbery in Sunol," police said, without elaborating on further details. "Pleasanton police officers and deputies from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office are collaborating as both incidents are presumed to be connected."

The investigation remains ongoing. Police asked anyone with information about the incident on Neal to contact the department at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A coding education business that previously operated in the Tri-Valley prior to a rebrand amid multiple lawsuits from former students is facing a permanent ban on consumer-lending activities following widespread accusations of misleading students and a federal order supporting some of those allegations.

The Bloom Institute of Technology — formerly known as the Lambda School when it operated in the Tri-Valley — was ordered by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau last month to cease the use of what was advertised as an income-driven repayment plan with no upfront costs to students, with CFPB officials finding that the practice constituted a loan despite being advertised as an alternative to loans.

"BloomTech and its CEO sought to drive students toward income share loans that were marketed as risk-free, but in fact carried significant finance charges and many of the same risks as other credit products," CFPB Director Rohit Chopra said in an announcement on April 8. "Today's action underscores our increased focus on investigating individual executives and, when appropriate, charging them with breaking the law."

The unaccredited, for-profit vocational school is forbidden from consumer lending practices permanently under the CFPB order, with its CEO Austen Allred also facing a 10-year ban from student-lending practices. The order also requires the school to stop collecting income-share payments from former students and allow students to withdraw from the program without a penalty, as well as paying more than \$164,000 that will go to the CFPB's victim relief fund.

According to the CFPB announcement, the income share repayment agreements that students entered into with the Bloom Institute were falsely advertised as an alternative to loans, with CFPB determining that the agreement — which requires

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 26

Fraud

- 10:39 a.m. on the 5800 block of Corte Margarita

Theft

- 10:41 a.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Burglary

- 12:28 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

April 25

Theft

- 9:26 a.m., 4200 block of Stanley Boulevard; auto theft

- 9:54 a.m., 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting

- 1:35 p.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

- 7:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 1:25 p.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

April 24

Burglary

- 1:47 p.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

Theft from auto

- 4:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Robbery

- 9:06 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

April 23

Warrant arrest

- 2:06 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 7:36 a.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto

- 9:31 a.m. on the 3800 block of Nevada Street

- 11:17 a.m. at Ray Street and Walnut Drive

- 3:01 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

- 3:19 p.m., 3200 block of Touriga Drive; auto theft

- 3:47 p.m. on the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive

- 3:54 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:03 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from structure

Fraud

- 4:31 p.m. on the 3100 block of Tokay Court

April 22

Burglary

- 2:54 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

- 2:59 p.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

- 5:22 p.m. on the 3500 block of Chippendale Court

Theft

- 6:18 a.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Drive

April 21

Drug violation

- 9:12 a.m. on the 3600 block of Stanley Boulevard

Theft

- 11:26 a.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 3:45 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

- 9:21 p.m., 5500 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft

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graduates of the school who earn more than \$50,000 working in relevant fields to repay up to \$30,000 in tuition via monthly charges — is in fact a loan, with an average finance charge of approximately \$4,000.

The CFPB order echoes a number of allegations brought forward by a number of lawsuits from former students in the program, most recently in a class action lawsuit that was filed last year, that the school advertises an inflated job placement rate for its graduates. They currently advertise an 86% job placement rate according to 2022 data, with an average salary of \$73,000 for graduates.

However, according to CFPB “the company’s internal metrics showed placement rates closer to 50 percent and in some cases as low as 30 percent.”

Allred took to social media following the CFPB announcement on to say that the company agreed to the order from the federal authority “because it was clear that ongoing litigation would be extremely time consuming, incredibly expensive, and distract us from our core mission,” and emphasize that the company made the agreement “without agreeing to or denying any of the allegations in the consent order.”

“BloomTech continues to focus on its core mission: improving the lives of students and enabling them to fulfill their economic potential,” Allred said in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, on April 17. “While it’s been frustrating, we’re glad to put this behind us.”

The Bloom Institute of Technology currently operates in San Francisco, where it continues to be unaccredited but is approved to offer programs in data science, enterprise backend development, and full stack web development according to the state Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education’s Department of Consumer Affairs.

However, the company got its start in the Tri-Valley, with its original office listed at 921 Crescent Court in San Ramon during its inception in 2017, then in Pleasanton at 5820 Stoneridge Mall Road in a 2019 citation from BPPE that included a \$75,000 fine that stemmed from a 2018 complaint filed with the bureau for operating without its approval. The company ultimately paid a reduced fine of \$50,000 and submitted the necessary paperwork with the bureau to continue operating.

In 2019, the then-Lambda School was among the nine honorees recognized by Innovation Tri-Valley in its fourth annual #Gamechangers event as a “groundbreaking online coding school eliminates student debt and grows the regional talent pool,” according to a press release that year.

—Jeanita Lyman

• Police have arrested three men for an armed robbery spree that took place over seven months in the East Bay.

From August 2023 through

February 2024, the suspects were allegedly connected to 11 robberies, including seven in Hayward, one in Livermore, one in Fremont, one in San Leandro and one in Castro Valley.

Hayward police said Friday, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service, they arrested 42-year-old Jaray Washington, from Oakland, on Feb. 13. Washington is believed to be responsible for all 11 robberies.

They also arrested 24-year-old Oakland resident Cameron Watkins on March 11. Authorities believe Watkins took part in two robberies with Washington.

Police also arrested 26-year-old Concord resident Deante Hunt on April 4 for allegedly taking part in two robberies with Washington.

The men are suspected of multiple crimes, including robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, aggravated kidnapping, and various weapons violations.

“I want to thank the detectives for their hard work and coordination with our allied agencies,” Livermore Police Chief Jeramy Young said in a statement. “Jaray Washington is a violent repeat offender who has been previously convicted for armed robberies in the South Bay Area. We will be tracking this case as it moves through the criminal justice system.”

Hayward police said during each robbery, at least one suspect brandished a firearm.

In some cases, the subjects allegedly moved employees and/or customers to other parts of the businesses and forced employees to hand over cash from registers and/or safes while being held at gunpoint.

The suspects also allegedly forced employees and customers to hand over their personal property while at gunpoint before fleeing the scene.

Multiple agencies collaborated with Hayward police during the investigation, including the FBI, the U.S. Marshals Service, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, San Leandro Police Department, Fremont Police Department and Livermore Police Department.

—Bay City News Service

A 60-year-old San Ramon man who allegedly threatened to kill his wife was arrested on Friday after negotiations with a SWAT team in the Canyon Lakes neighborhood.

Brian Richard Smith is accused of threatening his wife with a gun at about 12:20 p.m. in a residence in the 2100 block of Canyon Lakes Drive, according to the San Ramon Police Department.

SRPD officers responded to the residence and safely evacuated the victim from the home. Officers attempted to make phone contact with Smith but were unsuccessful, according to police.

A Central County SWAT team was called in. The team consists of officers from the San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Martinez and BART police departments.

After more failed attempts to make contact by phone, Smith was ordered

out of the house by SWAT officers. He surrendered after about 30 minutes, police said.

A search of the residence by San Ramon police detectives allegedly turned up 11 firearms, including handguns, shotguns and rifles, which were seized.

Smith was booked at the Martinez Detention Facility on allegations of making criminal threats and exhibiting a firearm in a threatening manner.

Surrounding streets were closed while SWAT negotiated with Smith. They were reopened at about 7 p.m. No injuries were reported in the standoff, police said.

—Bay City News Service

• Authorities investigating a retail theft ring arrested a suspected fence in Oakland and recovered nearly \$327,000 in stolen products last month, officials said.

The investigation started in September 2023, when the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office arrested several theft suspects accused of targeting several stores.

Investigators with the sheriff’s office then identified a suspect, Octavio Ambriz-Valle of Oakland, who was allegedly fencing the stolen items.

While they worked on the case, San Ramon police arrested two women for allegedly stealing more than \$13,000 in cosmetics from a Sephora store in San Ramon, police said.

San Ramon police then identified the same suspected fence already being investigated by the San Mateo Sheriff’s Office.

The two agencies started collaborating with the California Highway Patrol Organized Retail Crime Task Force, building a case, and obtained search warrants for two Oakland homes and an off-site storage container.



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About \$327,000 worth of stolen items from Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Kohls, TJMaxx, Safeway, RiteAid and Sunglass Hut were recovered from the three locations in Oakland, officials said. In addition \$12,196 in cash profits from the operation was also seized.

On April 17, authorities arrested 52-year-old Ambriz-Valle on suspicion of organized retail crime, grand theft, possession of stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime.

—Bay City News Service

• Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price said her office has set up a hotline for those impacted by 35 death penalty cases that are under review over possible prosecutorial misconduct.

The DA’s office, which is reaching out to victims and survivors affected by the cases, released a phone number and email for anyone directly impacted by the cases who hasn’t yet been contacted.

Victim-witness advocates can be reached at 510-208-9555, and by

email at shawn.mitchell@acgov.org. Lawyers are also available to answer questions about the status of each case.

Last week, Price announced she is investigating all 35 of the county’s existing death penalty cases for possible evidence that Black and Jewish people were excluded from juries because of their race.

Price said her office was ordered to look into the cases by U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria after potential wrongdoing was found during the resentencing settlement of Ernest Dykes.

Dykes was convicted in 1993 of the attempted murder of Bernice Clark and the murder of her 9-year-old grandson Lance Clark during an attempted robbery and sentenced to death in 1995, according to Price’s office.

The cases go back as far as 1977 and it’s unclear how long the review process will take or how many prosecutors might have blocked jurors because of their race. ■

—Bay City News Service

Employment

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AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Why I'm voting no on SRVUSD's parcel tax measures

Ballots for the special election on May 7 hit San Ramon Valley mailboxes last month. At issue are two parcel tax measures that would provide funding for San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Measure E is a \$144-per-parcel annual tax that would generate approximately \$6.8 million annually.

Although called a renewal of a parcel tax, there is one important wording change in the current Measure E text. In the previous three iterations, there was a reference to an "annual audit." This version says "annual adjustment," meaning it will increase over the nine-year period it is being proposed for.

There might be a need for this because what the \$144-per-parcel paid for 20 years ago is vastly different. But the increase was disguised by changing one word and the annual increase was not specifically communicated to voters, which I consider a lie of omission.

Since it will no longer be \$144-per-parcel eight of the nine years it will be in effect, calling it a renewal is disingenuous.

Measure F would establish a new \$98 parcel tax annually, estimated to generate roughly \$4.6 million annually for nine years. This is on the ballot because one-time state and federal funding provided to districts recovering from the pandemic shut-downs is coming to an end.

But I'm not supporting these parcel taxes because of deceptive practices like the wording of Measure E and the systemic, consistent lack of transparency from SRVUSD.

As a district resident and parent, SRVUSD has lost my trust and I am far from alone.

Spending \$1.4 million for a special election raises eyebrows when asking for money. And special elections are, for lack of a better term, sneaky.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations Stella Kemp said special elections, which were

also held for parcel taxes in 2004, 2009 and 2015, are done "because we don't want the water to be muddied by the other local politics or national or state initiatives that are on the ballot at that time."

She said it's also because there is time before the tax expires for another attempt if the measure doesn't pass.

Perhaps, but not only is a special election more expensive than putting measures on a primary or general election ballot, special elections historically have low voter turnout. In other words, special elections are a way to surreptitiously slip in a tax measure when most people aren't thinking about voting while rallying the supporters to vote in favor.

I am also not convinced funds are being spent wisely.

During the Jan. 30 meeting, Board Vice President Shelly Clark said, "I can assure you that not one dime of our funding is wasted or that we don't need it."

"Not one dime" is wasted is debatable.

Many consider spending \$1.8 million to hire "equity liaisons" wasting money. The "need" was prompted by a scandal in which innocent children, members of the California High School cheer squad, were condemned by Superintendent John Malloy, his cabinet and the board as racists, even though the facts proved otherwise.

According to Malloy, these facts were known to him and the others, but he still jeopardized the girls'

physical and emotional well-being by apologizing for them instead of making the truth known.

(Kudos to the district, though, for changing the duties of the liaisons. These individuals now "support instruction by helping review student performance, coach teachers and develop programs for students who are struggling" in the elementary schools, according to Kemp.)

Honest communication and transparency are crucial to building trust.

However, the redefining of the district's communication policy to allow only "media coverage that supports the District's reputation and image" shortly after Malloy arrived and the staff and board's avoidance of putting anything in writing have eroded transparency.

Couple lack of transparency with how the accusation of racism against the Cal High cheer squad was affirmed even though it was untrue, and accusations of sexual abuse by a teacher proved true but were ignored, and this district has lost the trust of many community members.

Unfortunately, Measures E and F reflect the district's untrustworthy nature and voters should reject them. ■

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LETTERS

Maintain a small regional airport

The city of Livermore has asked for input from the community regarding the potential development options for the Livermore Airport as they complete the Airport Land Development Framework.

The citizens of Livermore should have the predominant voice in the future development of the airport as Livermore is their home. The city mentions having focus groups with current and prospective airport users, why not a focus group of the citizens and community who will be most impacted by development of the airport?

We would like and hope that the city will maintain a small regional airport that will enhance the quality of life here in Livermore. A small regional airport is an asset to the community whereas increasing fixed-base operators (FBOs) with larger aircraft has detrimental impacts to air quality, water pollution, biodiversity loss, greenhouse gas emissions and noise pollution.

If the airport is expanded and larger aircraft are allowed to operate it will diminish the health, comfort and happiness of the citizens, not to mention lower property values. Noise levels from the airport need to decrease not increase. We do not need any more jet traffic.

Reduce the size and height of hangers to keep the aircraft that inhabit the airport small and noise

levels reduced along with protecting the view of the surrounding hills.

The Livermore city government continues to push the boundaries with the airport and development. The airport should not be viewed as a revenue stream but an amenity that benefits the community, not something that constantly has its citizens fighting city government to maintain the character and value of their way of life.

—Paul and Lori Sanborn

Don't expand the airport

Please, please, please do not expand the airport! Those of us living on this side of town close to the airport knowingly bought homes here with the size of the airport as it exists now. But no one who bought a house by the airport wanted any kind of jet flying in there.

How much does Livermore want to grow? Enough is enough. I'm not anti-growth, but this directly hurts many of the Livermore citizens as it will lower the value of our homes, create too much noise and more pollution. Once and for all will you stop thinking of all the outside business Livermore could get and consider the people you are representing:

- No more expansion with jet service.
- No more noise than we already have.
- No air taxi service.
- No air cargo service.

No FBOs to attract more aviation service — the students in the helicopters are ridiculously loud and pose danger to those of us living here, especially the schools under their path.

No more pollution.

—Karen Allen

What happened at focus group meetings?

It has come to our attention that there have been focus group meetings regarding airport development taking place since December 2023. We are concerned about the lack of transparency surrounding these meetings and would appreciate it if the Livermore City Council could provide us with the following information:

1. Who are the focus groups involved in these meetings?
2. Who participated in these meetings?
3. When did these meetings take place?
4. Are meeting agendas and minutes available?
5. Were any action items identified during these meetings?

The community surrounding the airport is most impacted by any new development at LVK Airport. We believe the community deserves to be kept informed about any such developments. Withholding information from the public raises concerns about transparency. We urge the city to be more forthcoming about these meetings.

—Vishal Soni

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER



MARTHA BROWN

Pleasanton RAGE Soccer Club's college commitments.

RAGE celebrates players to sign with college soccer programs

Also: Regular season champion Foothill wins EBAL boys' volleyball tournament

The Pleasanton RAGE Girls Soccer Club held its annual Honors Night Event on April 25 at the Pleasanton Marriott.

Celebrated at the event were the class of 2024, as well as the sophomore, junior and senior scholar-athlete award recipients.

The recipients of the Pleasanton RAGE Scholarship Award for Excellence in Academics and Community Service were Lena Garuda (Foothill) and Kathryn Go (Amador Valley).

Seniors who committed to playing college soccer include Skylinne

Avalos (San Jose State), Savannah Battaion (Cal State Fullerton), Madelyn Funk (Linfield University), Jasleen Gasca (Linfield University), Kaiah Gentry (Santa Barbara City College), Sydney Head (Oregon State) and Summer Lane (Sarah Lawrence College).

Also signing with college programs were Gianna Masinter (Point Loma Nazarene University), Jenna McDonnell (Utah Tech University), Maddie Molkenbuhr (University of the Pacific), Kyndra Obermeyer (Cal State Stanislaus), Kate Phelps (San Joaquin Delta College), Sammy

Schulze (Tarleton State) and Azariya Smith (Southern University).

Foothill boys' volleyball

The Falcons kept the streak going as they went 3-0 and captured the East Bay Athletic League playoffs.

The week started with a thrilling 25-23, 25-18, 23-25, 21-25, 15-10 win over Amador Valley to end the regular season.

Leading the way was Yun Bae (30 assists, 14 digs, 12 service points, 8 kills), Noah Mitzenmacher (18 receptions, 12 digs, 12 service points) and Kayan Vohra (13 kills, 1 block).

Next up was a 25-17, 25-13, 25-17 win over Monte Vista in the EBAL semifinals. Highlights came from Casey Collins (11 receptions, 10 kills, 7 service points), Caden Stedman (7 kills, 2 blocks) and Cameron Hitchan (5 kills, 1 block).

Finally, a 25-21, 25-18, 25-21 win over Granada gave Foothill the league playoff title. This time highlights came from Bae (46 assists, 10 digs), Mitzenmacher (20 digs, 15 receptions), Dean Caudill (13 kills, 5 digs), Collins (10 kills, 5 digs) and Vohra (15 kills).

Foothill boys' lacrosse

The Falcons ended the regular season with a 10-8 win over Amador Valley.

In a complete team effort, junior Darrin Lau had five goals, seniors Tyler Walsh and Wyatt Lam each had one goal, junior AJ Becker had one goal, and senior long pole Graham Zander had two goals for Foothill.

Sophomore keeper Alex Morgan had eight saves, and Foothill won seven faceoffs with Nico Lau, Ethan Lam, Jack Eaton and Walsh.

Amador ice hockey

The Dons won their first game of the weekend but closed the weekend out with a loss, which sets their season record as 4-2.

Their win was 11-5 over Foothill. Highlights for the Dons came from Dexter Harkness (5 goals) and Will Harker (3 goals, 2 assists).

Other goals came from Justin Bures, Tyler Causey and Tiara Yu. Five goals were scored by the Dons in both the first and second periods, but only one goal was permitted in the third.

Later in the week, the Dons were met with a loss against Granada (6-5), the No. 1 team in the league. The Dons held their ground, with help from Justin Bures (3 goals) and Harker (2 goals, 2 assists).

Amador swimming and diving

The Dons were third in the boys' varsity and fifth in the girls' varsity competition at the EBAL Championships.

In boys' action, the 200-medley relay team of Cade Vieler, Devyn Caples, Oryan Liu and Andrew Lillie, got first in a North Coast Section automatic time of 1:33.41.

Vieler also won the 100 backstroke and was sixth in the 500 freestyle. Caples was fourth in the 500 free, and second in the 200 individual medley. Christopher Wang was eighth in the 500 free.

Liu was third in the 200 IM, and Kealan Tupper was sixth.

Ben Lentz won the 1-meter diving, with James McGeown getting fourth.

In varsity girls' action Rylee Hutchinson, Lillyana Caples and Francesca Lin all made the A finals in the 200 and 500 free.

In the 200, they finished fifth, sixth and eighth, respectively. In the 500 Caples was third, Hutchinson fourth and Lin was sixth.

In the JV girls, Adwaita Mohanty won the 100 breaststroke. In the boys' JV Alan Deng won the 100 breast and was second in the 100 free. ■

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BUSC hosting golf tournament and awards banquet

Fundraiser showcase returns to Castlewood on May 13

By DENNIS MILLER

The Ballistic United Soccer Club has always been about celebrating its illustrious past while also moving forward.

Nothing better shows this than Ballistic bringing back the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament and Awards Banquet.

The event will be held on May 13 at The Club at Castlewood. The golf tournament will be a four-person scramble and starts at noon, shotgun format.

"I'm excited to announce that we are bringing back the BUSC Golf Tournament and Awards Banquet," BUSC president Scott McMillin said. "The Board of Directors and executive team recently completed our

three-year strategic plan, and it became very apparent that we are in growth mode and maintaining our culture is one of our top priorities."

The award ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m. in the banquet hall at Castlewood. The awards that night will be the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Team of the Year, and the Team Manager of the Year.

The latest class of Hall of Fame Inductees will be feted as well. This year's class is Mike Deleray, Rob Flores, former BUSC president Nandor Krause and the 1975-76 Under-12 team that was coached by BUSC Hall of Famer Harry Miller.

All proceeds from the golf tournament and the awards banquet

will benefit the BUSC Financial Aid Scholarship Fund and Eric's Corner Epilepsy Center.

The cost for each foursome is \$950 and includes (4) tee times, (4) box lunches and (4) tickets to the awards dinner. You can also purchase individual player tickets for \$250 per person or attend the awards dinner for only \$70. There are a few spots available for individual hole, closest to the pin and long drive sponsorships.

All the sign-up information can be located at www.busc.org/golf-and-awards/. Tax-deductible donations will also be accepted for those that are unable to attend. Contact Daniel Montes at danielmontes@busc.org for additional information. ■



COURTESY MILLER FAMILY

The 1975-76 BUSC U-12 team in Mexico City.

Entertainment

ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CELEBRATION

Fun for the whole family featuring activities and performances to honor and celebrate. 6 p.m., May 3. Free. Visit livermorearts.org.

GIRLS NIGHT: THE MUSICAL Follow five friends as they visit their past, celebrate their present and look to the future on a wild and hilarious night out, bursting with energy and packed with hits. 7:30 p.m., May 3. Tickets \$45-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

ROY ROGERS AND THE DELTA RHYTHM KINGS Experience the unparalleled mastery of Roy Rogers, renowned as one of the world's foremost Delta slide guitarists with a musical legacy spanning over four decades. 8 p.m., May 10. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

COMEDIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT The Comedians with Disabilities Act brings authentic and traditionally unheard voices to the forefront and shines a spotlight on a variety of disabled and outrageously funny comedians. 8 p.m., May 11. Tickets \$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

JAKE'S WOMEN BY NEIL SIMON America's premier comic playwright makes another hilarious foray into the world of modern relationships. The wildly comic and sometimes moving flashbacks played in his mind are interrupted by visitations from actual females. 7:30 p.m., May 11, 17, 18. 2 p.m., May 12, 19. Tickets \$25. Bothwell Arts Center. Visit livermorearts.org.

SOMETHING ON THE LIGHTER SIDE Join Valley Concert Chorale as they lighten things up a bit with a salute to Nat King Cole and the musical world of Walt Disney. Additional selections from Billy Joel, Simon and Garfunkel, the Beatles and Elton John. 7:15 p.m., May 11. Resurrection Lutheran Church, Dublin. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

JASON LYLE BLACK: FROM BLOCKBUSTERS TO BROADWAY From Blockbusters to Broadway: 100 Hits of Stage & Screen features viral piano sensation and Livermore's own Jason Lyle Black. Accompanied by live drums and closeup video, this is a musical spectacular not to be missed. 3 p.m., May 12. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE Creatures of Impulse-As-If! A Totally Improvised 90s Musical, goes back to the 1990s where teens in the show talk about overalls, grunge, Sega Genesis and more in a show that's guaranteed to be all that and a bag of chips. May 16-18. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

JOURNEY REVISITED Founded in 2011, Journey Revisited dedicates themselves to replicating the classic Journey sound through their spectacular live performances. These exceptional musicians cover all of the fan favorites. 8 p.m.,

May 17. Tickets \$35-\$79. Visit livermorearts.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND The Pleasanton Community Concert Band performs at the Pleasanton Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-12 p.m., May 18. Visit pleasantonband.org.

IMAGINATION: A MATINEE FILLED WITH FANTASY AND DREAMS Join for a matinee filled with music from Into the Woods, Queen, Willy Wonka, Man of La Mancha, Seussical and La La Land. 2 p.m., May 19. Tickets \$10-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

Talks

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES Sally M. Reis, Ph.D., will discuss "Using Strength-Based Pedagogy to Engage All Students" in this free Alan Hu Foundation webinar. Learn about cutting-edge new research to address the academic, social, and emotional needs of high ability students with learning challenges. 5-6 p.m., May 7. Register by May 6 at alanhufoundation.org.

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION CHAT This month's Religion Chat topic is "When bad things happen to good people: How does your faith/congregation help someone to recover following a significant loss, emergency, or tragedy?" 5 p.m., May 8. Lighthouse Center for Spiritual Living, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Visit interconnect@gmail.com.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB "Creating Pollinator Corridors with Native California Plants" is the subject of this meeting where Carol Garberson will discuss how increasing native plant biodiversity in gardens and other landscapes will provide food and nectar resources for a variety of native pollinators. 6-8 p.m., May 9. Crosswinds Church. Visit lavgc.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Bob Trapp will discuss "Researching the Genealogy of Mayflower Families" at the next Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meeting. 7-8:30, May 13. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Visit l-ag.s.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH CORETTA SCOTT KING In partnership with her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., she assisted in the planning of marches, boycotts and speeches all over the country. Chautauqua scholar Rebecca Jimerson will portray King in this Ed Kinney Speaker Series. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., May 14. Tickets \$15-\$25. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS The Tri-Valley Writers May Speakers are Editors Eva Barrow and Lila LaBine who will present "Get Ready to Publish: Selecting the Right Editor for Your Writing Project". 2 p.m., May 18. Las Positas College. Register by May 16 at trivalleywriters.org.

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

Exhibits & Shows

PLEASANTON ROSE SHOW Alameda and Contra Costa County residents can enter home-grown roses for a chance to win. Registration and admission are free. Exhibitor registration 8-10 a.m.; Event 2-5 p.m., May 11. Pleasanton Senior Center. Visit pleasantonroseshow.com.

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

IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2024 The Pleasanton Art League's annual showcase of recent works by artists of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley is on display at the Museum on Main. Visitors can enjoy works produced in a wide variety of media including painting, watercolor, colored pencil, photography, printing, ceramics and more. Through May 11. Visit museumonmain.org.

FRESH WORKS XII ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION This celebration of different artistic practices at the Harrington Gallery includes approximately 80 works. Through May 18. Visit firehousearts.org.

Food & Drink

DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON WINE STROLL Pleasanton's Annual Wine Stroll will turn various downtown locations into tasting rooms where guests will have the opportunity to sample wine from local wineries paired with tasty bites. Live artists and musicians will perform throughout Main Street. 5-8 p.m., May 4. Tickets \$45. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CRAFT COCKTAIL COMPETITION PCO presents the first-ever Tri-Valley Craft Cocktail Competition, in front of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore, benefitting PCO's in-school education programming and main concerts. 4:30-7 p.m., May 4. For more information and to purchase tickets Visit tvc3.info.

LIVERMORE VALLEY CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL The 8th Annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival returns to the athletic field at Las Positas College, home of the event beneficiary, the LPC Fire Service Technology program. The festival includes NorCal breweries, local food vendors, live bands and

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet Marjorie

Marjorie is the majestic maven of Kitty City! This mature and marvelous cat is a master of purrs and pet-pleasing pursuits. Marjorie is a model companion, mingling merrily with her feline friends. Make your home complete with Marjorie's melodies — she's a magical match for any cat-loving household. Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

demonstrations by firefighting students. 1-5 p.m., May 11. Visit lvcbf.com/beer-festival.

LIVERMORE VALLEY UNCORKED SHOWCASE Tri-Valley Conservancy presents its 15th Annual Livermore Valley Uncorked Showcase where guests can sample a award-winning Livermore Valley AVA wines, complemented a variety of main-course food. 5:30 p.m., May 16. Bella Rosa Event Center at Garré Vineyard & Winery. Visit trivalleyconservancy.org.

Outdoors

GARDEN SYMPHONY TOUR Join for a self-guided walking tour of five gardens in the Livermore and Pleasanton area. This fundraiser for the Livermore-Amador Symphony and the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club includes beautiful gardens and lovely music. 1-5 p.m., May 4. Tickets \$40. Visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

RANGER PROGRAM: AMAZING AMPHIBIANS Join for an introduction to the world of amphibians and learn what makes these critters so unique. There will also be an optional craft at the end of the presentation. 4 p.m., May 5. Sycamore Grove Park. Register at larpd.org.

TAKE YOUR MOTHER ON A HIKE Join LARPD on a hike to spend nature time with your mother. 9-11 a.m., May 12. Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road in Livermore. Visit larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM: TRACKS, SCAT AND SIGNS Receive an introduction on how to identify tracks, scat and signs on this LARPD hike through Sycamore Grove Park and learn what local animals roam in the park. Weather permitting. 10-11:30 a.m., May 18. Visit larpd.org.

Farmers' Markets

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

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

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.

Volunteer

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY Join the City of Livermore, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and LARPD to volunteer to beautify the community and create a lasting difference together. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 4. For more information visit livermoreca.gov.

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD Make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Help needed is sewing, ironing and cutting and cheerful cotton fabric is always accepted. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 18. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. For more information contact suzbeck@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER AT OPEN HEART KITCHEN Volunteers at Open Heart Kitchen help create a more food secure future in the Tri-Valley. Visit openheartkitchen.org.

Government

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

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., May 8. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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

Public Notices

CALLIPPE PRESERVE GOLF COURSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605573

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

1.) Callippe Preserve Golf Course , located at 8500 Clubhouse Drive 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):

PLEASANTON GOLF, LLC
5341 Old Redwood Hwy STE 202
Petaluma, CA 94954

State of Incorporation/Organization: DE/CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 24, 2004

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 16 2024. (PLW May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

JERSEY TAILS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605537

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

1.) JERSEY TAILS , located at 789 Bonita Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ASWINI SUKUMAR
789 Bonita Ave
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 12 2024. (PLW May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

SMART SHADES COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605478

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

1.) SMART SHADES COMPANY , located at 6635 DUBLIN BLVD B2, DUBLIN, CA 94568, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 2700

SALISBURY WAY, SAN RAMON CA, 94582. This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MOHIT ADIANI
2700 SALISBURY WAY
SAN RAMON CA, 94582

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 April 10 2024. (PLW Apr 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

ROMO'S CLEAN WASH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605609

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

1.) Romo's Clean Wash , located at 7279 Newcastle Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 2212, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JOSE ROBELO
PO BOX 2212
Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/10/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 16 2024. (PLW Apr 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

MOONFLIGHT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605716

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

1.) Moonflight , located at 2105 Eagle Ave, Alameda, CA 94501 , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MAYANK THANAWALA
2105 Eagle Ave
Alameda, CA 94501

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 April 22 2024. (PLW May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

MLFOX, LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605669

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

1.) MLFOX, LLC , located at 9104 Longview Drive, 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):

MLFOX, LLC
9104 Longview Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 13, 2022

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 18 2024. (PLW Apr 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

PRO-TECH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605834

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

1.) PRO-TECH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR , located at 21500 Eden Canyon Road Castro Valley, CA 94552 , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

DAVID TURK
21500 Eden Canyon Road
Castro Valley, CA 94552

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 1989

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 25 2024. (PLW May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

PRIMED 4 COLLEGE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605105

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

1.) PRIMED 4 COLLEGE , located at 1227 Hampel St. #1, Oakland, CA 94602, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

APRI MEDINA
1227 Hampel St. #1
Oakland, CA 94602

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 26 2024. (PLW Apr 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2024)

CASTRO GARDENS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605444

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

1.) Castro Gardens , located at 3636 Castro Valley Blvd STE 3, Castro Valley, CA, 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Joint Venture.

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

MAX MORRIS
2516 San Carlos Ave
Castro Valley, CA 94546

KAITZ PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC
774 Mays Blvd STE 10 PMB 143
Incline Village, NV 89451

NEVADA

CAROLYN CALIGIURI

3636 Castro Valley Blvd STE 3
Castro Valley, CA, 94546

PATRICIA PASCOE
3636 Castro Valley Blvd STE 3
Castro Valley, CA, 94546

GWENDOLYN MORRIS
3636 Castro Valley Blvd STE 3
Castro Valley, CA, 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/18/1973

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 09 2024. (PLW Apr 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2024)

JUICE AND JAVA EXPRESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 604960

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

1.) JUICE AND JAVA EXPRESS , located at 55 W ANGELA ST #101 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):

NOURISHEATS BRANDS LLC
4271 HEALDSBURG WAY
DUBLIN, CA 94568

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/19/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 20 2024. (PLW Apr 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2024)

ELEMENT DENTAL CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605118

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

1.) Element Dental Care , located at 7137 Dublin Blvd #A, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4639 MARGARET

ADELE LANE, Tracy, CA 95377

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

RAJWANT KAUR BHATTI DENTAL CORPORATION
4639 MARGARET ADELE LANE
Tracy, CA 95377

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 26 2024. (PLW Apr 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2024)

A CLEAR WAY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 605391

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

1.) A Clear Way , located at 3803 Muirwood Drive 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):

AKFDESIGN LLC
3803 Muirwood Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/1/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 08 2024. (PLW Apr 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV072226

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Maya Kalyan and Sharath Rathinakumar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DEV SHARATH to DEV M SHARATH

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: 06/21/2024, 9:30 a.m., Alameda Superior Court Rene C. Davidson Courthouse Department 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon Street, 2nd

Floor, 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: 04/17/2024

THOMAS NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

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

Case No.: 23CV037469

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Shiraz Eaton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SHIRAZ EINAV EATON to SHIRAZ HAREL

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: 06/21/2024, 9:30AM, Dept 1B 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: 06/12/2023

Sandra Bean

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 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.: 24CV071473

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ernest Marcelin Roberts filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ERNEST MARCELIN ROBERTS to ERNEST MARCELLIN ROBERTS

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: 05/31/2024, 9:30 a.m., Dept. 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon 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: 04/15/2024

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

KEANTE JAMES HOYETT

Case No.: 24PR062900

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KEANTE JAMES HOYETT. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DELICIA WHATLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 12 2024 at 9:45am in 201 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: DeLicia Whatley

600 central Ave
Alameda, ca 94501

415-960-5125

(PLW Apr 19, 26 and May 3, 2024)

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