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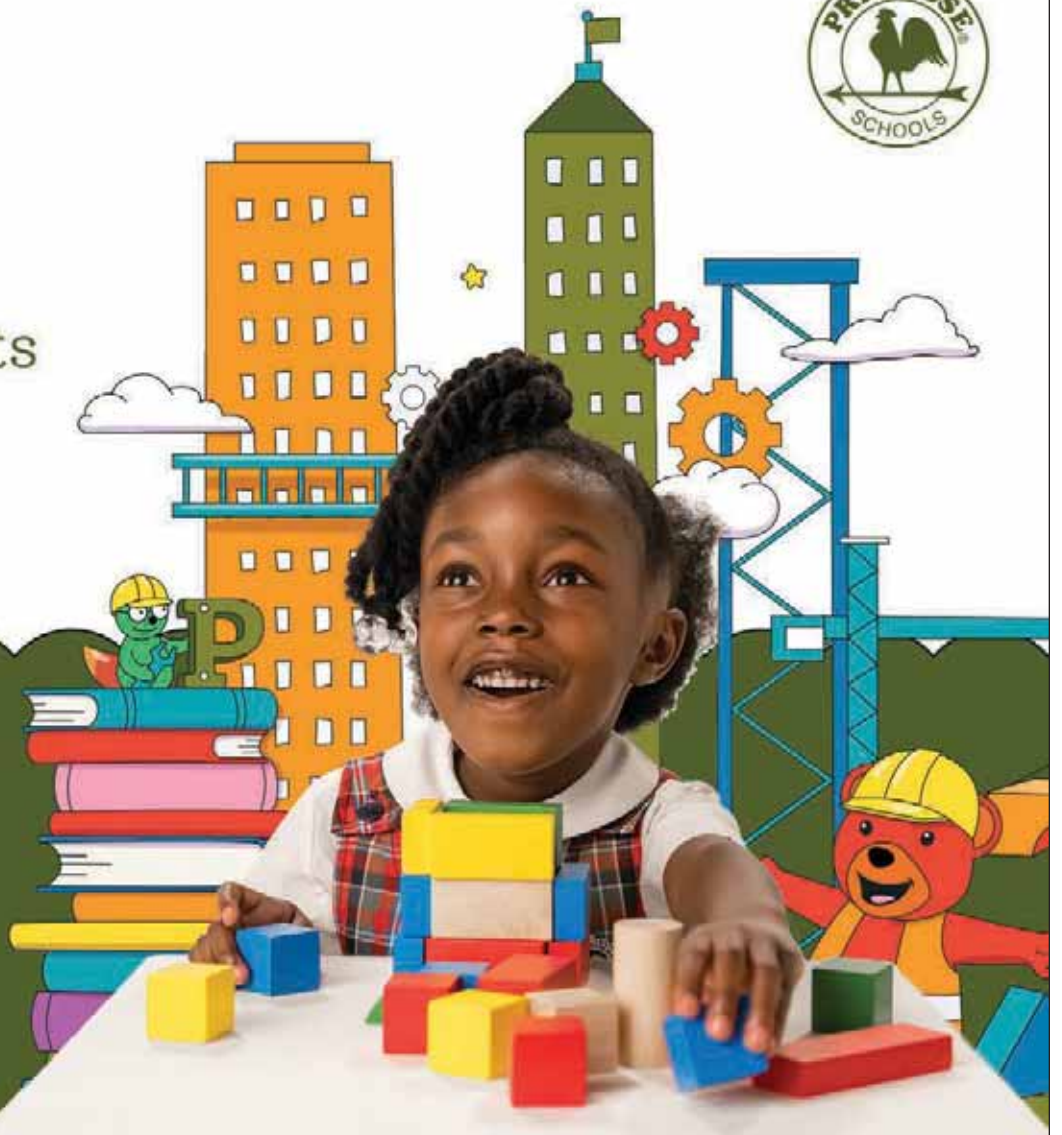
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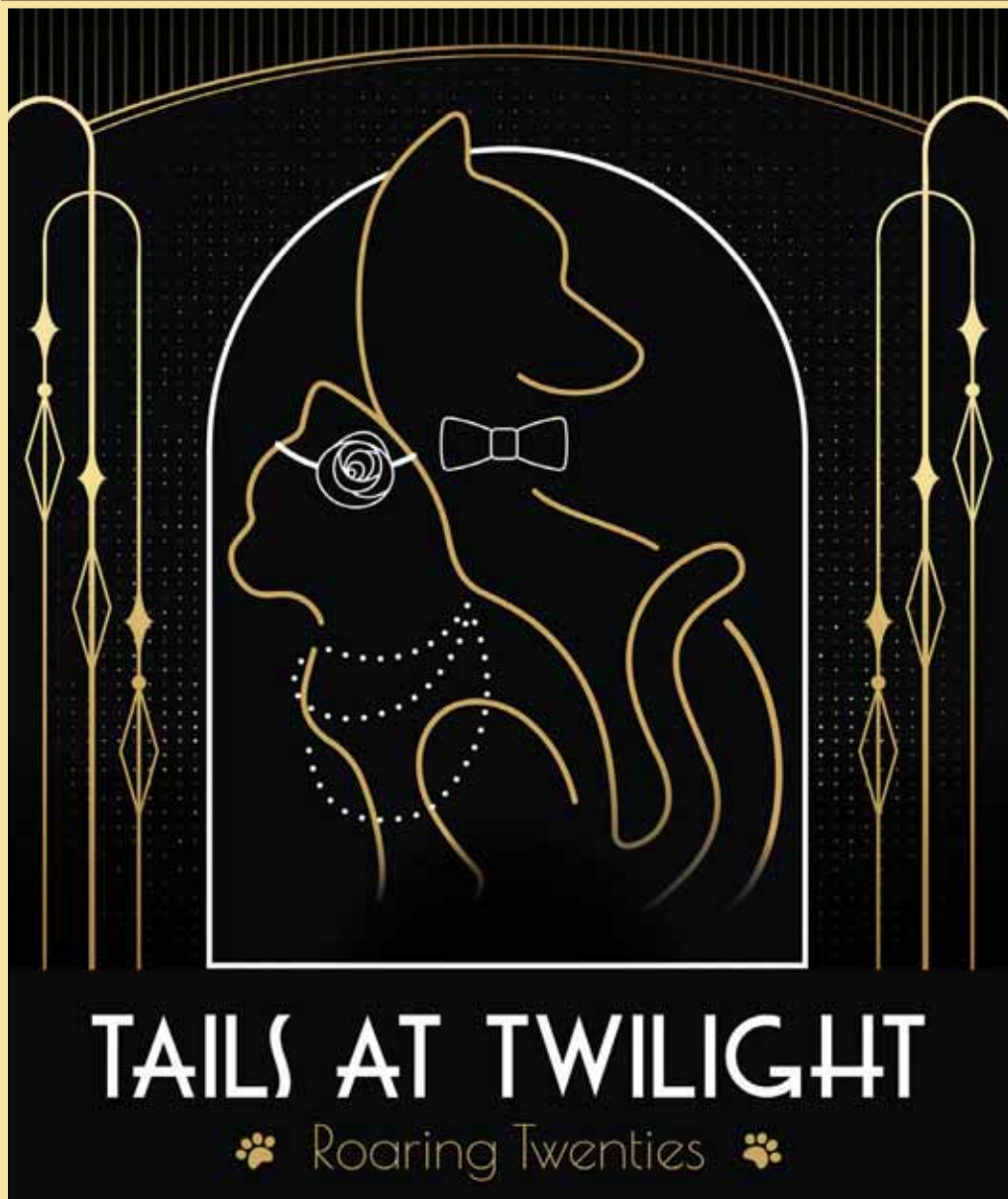


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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Another round for PCO

When Lawrence Kohl, music director for Pacific Chamber Orchestra, asked if I would serve as a judge for the nonprofit's inaugural Tri-Valley Craft Cocktail Competition, I was intrigued by the unique opportunity to put my taste buds to the test ... and genuinely curious to see what this brand-new fundraiser was all about.

What an illuminating personal experience it was.

The sold-out event on May 4 outside the Bankhead Theater in Livermore showcased 15 of the area's best mixologists from local bars and restaurants, including those you could see right from that corner of downtown.

It drew attendees of all ages (21 and older, of course) in part because in a region known for its wine tastings and beer crawls, a special event centered around local cocktails really stands out.

And the buzz around the Bankhead Plaza by the end, despite the unseasonably cool evening, was people on both sides of the tables looking forward to the competition returning in 2025. Count Kohl and his organizing committee and PCO volunteers among them.

"Personally, I think we achieved something precious beyond all basic goals — that is a sense of community," Kohl told me by email afterward. "Creating community, bringing joy and developing that empathy for each other, is the essence of what classical music and events like TVC3 aim for at the highest level."

"To me it still is utterly amazing and gratifying," he said, lauding everyone from the major sponsors to the bartenders and their support teams to the volunteers to "every single ticket buyer that gave us a sold out event took a chance to support, (participant) and attendee on a day when it was (pouring) rain right up to the last, an event that was nothing like any other here in area."

Though new to the Tri-Valley, the craft cocktail competition fundraiser format was borrowed from the Lamorinda Arts Council — the other community where PCO performs its concerts throughout each year.

"I have thought that the same sort of idea fitting our Tri-Valley community would meet all those same criteria," Kohl said. "What it takes is a committee that believes in and has the capacity, skills and connections to make it work. That committee came together this year."

The competing mixologists showed out too.

It was no easy task as our group of

judges gathered to review after moving table to table, shot glass in hand, like we were on "Top Chef: Cocktails". Joining me were Christina Cavallaro, assistant editor at the Independent (yes, I was mingling with the enemy ... wink), and Anne Giancola, visual arts and education manager for Livermore Valley Arts (who was tasked with judging booth decorations).

Our consensus was clear though: Tania Acosta from Hops and Sessions won 2024 Mixologist of the Year. Her submission, "The Riviera", had the depth of flavor, visual creativity (split color!) and origin story to rise to the top.

Second place went to "Satellitium" by Jeremy and Team from The Fat Pigeon, and Skye McMullen from Nightcaps at Rosetta took home third place for "Forbidden Fruit" (she also won Best Table Decoration).

People's Choice, by a tight margin, was "The Longshot" by Brittany and Jonny Lang from Jonny on the Spot Mobile Bar (an apt offering on Kentucky Derby day). "The Pancake Breakfast" earned Jake Fahnhorst the Amateur of the Year title (the late-arriving hit of butterscotch flavor sealed it).

Though we had to pick winners, I remember thinking that all of the drinks tasted great, with inspiring individual creativity to boot, so I hope each bartender left with their head held high.

And it sure seems the event was a success from PCO's perspective. Between sponsorships and ticket sales, the fundraiser netted the nonprofit about \$25,000 for its concerts and education programs, according to Kohl.

PCO, after all, is gearing up for its first-ever Summer Pops Concert on June 29 in Lafayette and June 30 at the Bankhead, as well as its full 2024-25 season ahead.

"As you know, ticket sales cover less than half of what it takes to put on a top quality professional concert. PCO consists of the Bay Area's finest pros and brings in guest artists of international stature," he said. "Educational programs cannot be maintained or grow to properly cover the Tri-Valley area on grants alone. A major fundraising event provides a yearly solid basis from which to plan."

Soon the attention will turn to preparations for the 2025 Tri-Valley Craft Cocktail Competition.

"The committee will be getting together in a couple of weeks for a review and improved discussion," Kohl said. "I am sure that they will have lots of ideas. That being said, everything worked well."

Cheers to next year. ■

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The Pleasanton Pedalers are a senior citizen bicycle group who meet once a week. Courtesy Wesley Lem. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Diane Lane
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Brianna Higgins
Office manager

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Jessica Gross
Lawyer

I'm really only concerned about what my son will remember me for once I've passed. I'd like to think he'll remember that I was an incredibly devoted, attentive and caring mother, whose extreme love for him he never, ever had to question. Anyone else can remember me however they want. Hopefully it will be in a good way because I'm a really decent person.



John Childs
Retired

Calm, capable and reliable. Cool under pressure. The voice of reason. I want to be remembered as one of those rare people who was able to create order out of chaos.



Gail Reasoner
Retired

Well, like most people, I'd like to be remembered as being good and kind and decent. But I also want to be remembered as being a very talented musician. I'm able to pick up just about any instrument and figure out how to play it quite proficiently. It's unusual for someone to be able to do that, so I want to be remembered for that.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

City budget workshop

The city is scheduled for a special budget workshop next Tuesday (May 21) where it will share a list of services that may have to be cut amid an ongoing budget deficit.

"To address the projected budget deficit, the city must identify new and/or expanded revenue sources to keep pace with the growth of expenses, or significantly curtail expenses and reduce service levels to maintain the required balanced budget," the city stated in a May 10 e-newsletter.

The city is also currently looking at the possibility of putting a half cent sales tax measure on the November ballot but stated that if it can not increase its revenues somehow, the list of services it will share on Tuesday may need to be reduced or eliminated.

The workshop will take place at the Pleasanton City Council Chamber on Tuesday, May 21 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Tri-Valley coalition trip

Elected officials from the Tri-Valley Cities Coalition recently took their annual advocacy trip to Sacramento where they met with key state legislators to discuss regional issues such as transportation, housing and environmental policies.

According to a May 1 press release, the coalition focused on legislation like Assembly Bill 1889, which was amended to "integrate wildlife connectivity considerations into existing conservation elements of general plans, streamlining compliance without adding new plan elements," and Assembly Bill 1820, which was amended to "allow cities a 20 business day window to deliver fee and excitation estimates."

Tri-Valley Writers talk

The Tri-Valley Writers Chapter of the California Writers Club will welcome Bay Area novelist, editor and writing coach Margaret Lucke as its next guest speaker to share tips on the art of successful storytelling.

Apart from writing her books, short stories, feature articles and scripts, she also works with businesses and individuals as a writing coach and editorial consultant.

Lucke will be sharing what she believes to be essential components of a great story and the tools to make sure readers will want to keep turning the page, according to a press release from the writers' group.

The meeting will take place at Las Positas College on June 15 at 2 p.m. with check-in beginning at 1:30 p.m. For registration and ticket information, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■

Pleasanton man found guilty of killing girlfriend

Joseph Roberts faces 15 years to life in prison for murdering and dismembering Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner

By Christian Trujano

A Pleasanton resident was convicted of second-degree murder on Monday for murdering his girlfriend last year, dismembering her body and dumping her remains on Bay Farm Island in the city of Alameda, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Joseph Roberts, 43, is facing 15 years to life in prison for the murder of Rachel Elizabeth Imani

Buckner after a jury found him guilty in an Oakland courtroom following deliberations which lasted less than a day, the DA's office stated in a press release Monday evening.

"Today's verdict brings justice not only to Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner but also to her daughter, her immediate and extended family and our community," DA Pamela Price stated in the press release. "What happened to Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner

is unimaginable."

According to the press release, Roberts and Buckner met at Golden Gate University Law School in 2019 and lived together in an apartment in Pleasanton. However, over the years police records showed that Pleasanton police officers were called to their apartment for multiple welfare checks and domestic violence calls, the DA's office said.

At one point last year, Buckner had disappeared but according to

evidence presented at the trial, Roberts never reported that she was missing.

Then on July 20, 2023, the Alameda Police Department responded to a suspicious circumstance report at the Harbor Bay Club on Bay Farm Island in Alameda and when officers arrived at the scene they found a woman's dismembered body inside a black garbage bag,

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CHUCK DECKERT

OHK Executive Director John Bost poses with members of the Unitarian Universalist Church presenting a check for \$2,324 to the Vineyard Resource Center.

Ribbon cutting celebrates new Vineyard Resource Center

Livermore facility offers free community meals, showers, laundry services and overnight shelter

By Cierra Bailey

The Housing Consortium of the East Bay and Open Heart Kitchen officially celebrated the opening of the new Vineyard Resource Center in Livermore with a ribbon cutting ceremony last week.

The permanent-supportive services launched in late January at the center located at 450

North Livermore Ave. However, the May 9 ceremony brought community members and officials from both organizations together to commemorate the facility's early success.

Since its January opening, OHK has produced over 34,000 meals out of the production kitchen on-site and the Housing Consortium of the East Bay

(HCEB) has all the permanent supportive apartments occupied with 24 residents.

"In the first three and half months of operations, we were able to provide 142 hygiene kits, 1,925 restful nights of sleep to 68 shelter guests, 500 loads of laundry for over 100 people, and

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Arkin running for second term

District 2 councilmember says campaign priorities include public safety, fiscal responsibility, quality of life

By Christian Trujano

Pleasanton Councilmember Valerie Arkin announced last week that she will be seeking a second term on the council during the upcoming general election in November.

According to her May 10 press release, her campaign's top priorities will be public safety, meeting state-mandated housing requirements in an appropriate manner, tackling water contamination issues and fiscal responsibility with the city's budget.

"I encourage community input and will continue to be responsive, respectful, and listen to various viewpoints," Arkin said in her press release. "I will continue my goals of leading with transparency, accountability, and oversight at the forefront of all decisions."

Currently working as a



Valerie Arkin

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Pleasanton council authorizes issuance of \$19M in water revenue bonds

Staff say this will allow city to fund near-term water system improvements, Water Supply Alternative Project design

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved finance documents to allow the city to issue water revenue bonds with a principal maximum amount of \$19 million, which will help pay for water system improvement projects and the first phase and design work for drilling new wells as part of the city's Water Supply Alternative Project.

Following the council decision to authorize the bond issuance during the May 7 council meeting, staff said pricing and interest rates for the bonds will be established on May 20 or May 21 with the goal of having the city receive the bond proceeds on June 4.

"This is similar to buying a house. You don't just get it from your salary, sometimes you have to go into debt and pay it back over time," Mayor Karla Brown said during the meeting. "But this

will be a big shift in this city."

"We are an old city at 130 years," she added. "We have a lot of old pipe and we have some changes that are required because of shutting down our three wells, so this is really going to step up the quality of our water distribution, which is extremely important for our residents."

Over the last couple of years, Pleasanton has been challenged with PFAS contamination in its groundwater wells, aging water system infrastructure and a Water Enterprise Fund that hasn't been making enough revenue to finance these issues.

The council approved increasing the city's water rates back in November in order to replenish the water fund over time but there is a financial need to replace the old water pipes throughout the city and pay for the design work to drill testing wells to determine

if building new wells in west Pleasanton in order to replenish the city's water supply is still too much for the water fund to handle.

That's why on March 5, the city declared its intent to reimburse money spent on near-term improvements to Pleasanton's water infrastructure through debt financing in the form of a revenue bond sale.

City Finance Director Susan Hsieh said the money bonds will be sold via a negotiated sale to Siebert Williams Shank & Co., LLC — an independent non-bank financial services firm. She said the interest rate is expected to not exceed 6% and the bonds will have a projected true interest cost of 4.10%.

Hsieh said the estimated cost to issue the bond sale is \$233,000, the estimated annual debt service payment will be \$1.1 million and

the total debt service payments are estimated to be \$33.4 million over the next 30 years, which is how long the repayment plan will last. However, she pointed out that these numbers could change.

"Please note that these are estimates and actual numbers may change when we sell the bonds," Hsieh said.

Vice Mayor Julie Testa made sure to point out the fact that contrary to the Pleasanton Unified School District's infrastructure bonds — which have residents pay off the bonds through property taxes — these water revenue bonds will be paid off by the city's Water Enterprise Fund.

"It's not going to be on their property taxes," Testa said.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin also reiterated that point that the \$1.1 million a year for 30 years will not be paid by Pleasanton taxpayers, but rather the net

revenues from the water fund.

Those net revenues will come from the increased water rates that the council approved last year, according to staff.

However, as Councilmember Jack Balch pointed out, the city will be conducting water rate studies every two years and will possibly have to raise its water rates each time in order to be able to pay off any new debt in the future.

"We are going to proceed forward with looking at our water rates every two years and if we need additional capital, that debt service for any additional capital debt will require rates to increase," Balch said. "Any future plans — those two or three new wells, working with Zone 7 (Water Agency), PFAS treatment plant — all of that funding, all of those solutions are not in this today." ■

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representative for Alameda County Board Supervisor Nate Miley, Arkin was first elected to the council in November 2020 after having served on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees for 12 years. After the city moved to district-based elections in 2022, Arkin has been serving as the District 2 councilmember, representing the northeast area of Pleasanton.

Arkin told the Weekly that during her time on the council she has learned how to work with groups of people such as city staff; listen respectfully and consider all sides of any matter; and effectively represent Pleasanton both regionally and in Sacramento. She said if she is elected again, she will continue

to advocate for issues specific to Pleasanton and put her years of experience to work.

"I have 16 years of elected service in Pleasanton. I know how to find solutions that benefit our city," Arkin told the Weekly. "I work well as a team and remain committed to working together as I have a passion for this work. I work very hard at maintaining an open mind — which can be changed. I continue to be respectful and responsive to all. I am not beholden to special interests and I have no bias in representing Pleasanton."

During her time on the council, Arkin said she had been a proponent of the city's new Alternative Response Unit, which responds to mental health calls rather than police officers, and has approved the Pleasanton Police Department to purchase a crime

scene investigation vehicle and a command vehicle to assist in natural disasters because public safety is important to her.

She said she has also lobbied for increased planning for natural disasters such as resident notifications and a comprehensive evacuation plan.

As for the city's requirements by the state to approve more housing units, Arkin said new housing should fit the surrounding areas whenever legally possible and noted that she has advocated for less high density housing, especially in areas like downtown Pleasanton.

"State housing mandates have increased pressure on cities to zone and approve significantly more housing, creating a problem for historic cities such as ours that are essentially built out," Arkin said. "I look forward to a second

term to continue the thoughtful and creative planning required to meet these housing mandates, while protecting Pleasanton's neighborhoods."

Arkin said if elected to a second term, her other priorities will be related to quality of life such as addressing the city's PFAS — otherwise known as forever chemicals — issue; mitigating the noise levels from the Livermore Airport; and the redevelopment of the Stoneridge Shopping Mall.

Her last main priority she pointed to was developing a balanced city budget that provides essential community services

while also focusing on key city improvements.

"For many years, Pleasanton has relied on tax increments from the Hacienda Business Park and Stoneridge Mall to bring in additional revenue," Arkin said. "The collapse of the retail and commercial office sectors in the wake of Covid and remote working has changed that. As a result, we have to reinvent new revenue streams for the city, as well as maximize the existing budget to the fullest extent."

More information about Arkin's campaign can be found at www.VoteValerieArkin.com. ■

PET OF THE WEEK



Lovely Lassie

She is a nice, medium size with the shape, coat and tail like a Rough Collie and a touch of Husky that makes Lassie extra sweet and adorable! She's a nice girl who loves belly rubs, having her coat brushed, and getting out for walks each day. She would make a nice companion in a home without a lot of activity where she can spend her days being adored by her favorite people. Lassie is house-trained, crate-trained and she rides well in the car. She is approximately 5 years old and she weighs 47 pounds. Spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via tvar.org.

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County supes vote to put DA recall on November ballot

Decision intended to save on cost of a separate, special election

By KILEY RUSSELL/BAY CITY NEWS

The election to recall Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price will coincide with the Nov. 5 general election thanks to a vote by county supervisors Tuesday night.

During a more than two-hour meeting, supporters and opponents of the recall effort reiterated their oft-repeated positions — with

anti-Price folks calling for a special election as soon as possible and the pro-Price crowd pushing for the Nov. 5 date.

“We are here today representing the 123,387 citizens of Alameda County that entrusted in us to help with the safety of our citizens, we’re asking for a special election,” recall supporter Brenda Grisham said before the supervisors’ vote. “All we

want is justice, accountability for the citizens of Alameda County.”

In the end, the supervisors voted 3-0 to follow Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis’ recommendation that the recall be consolidated with the general election, primarily to save the \$15 million to \$20 million cost of a separate, special election while the county is facing an estimated \$68 million budget deficit.

“The move to consolidate the vote with the general election is a win and will see more voters casting ballots and provide more time for the electorate to be informed with the facts,” said pro-Price campaign officials in an email Tuesday after the vote.

Price opponents started the recall signature gathering campaign soon after she was elected, unhappy with

her progressive, reform-minded platform they say led to an increase in crime.

Since the recall campaign started, however, crime in the county’s largest, most crime-burdened city, Oakland, has fallen by 30% compared to 2023, according to Oakland Police Department data — a fact Price supporters say undermines justification for the recall. ■

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1,100 showers for 150 people. Plus bus passes and clothing to over 500 people,” said OHK Executive Director John Bost. “This work is not done by Open Heart Kitchen alone, it takes all of our nonprofit partners to come together to help a person along their journey. Open Heart Kitchen has produced over 34,000 meals of which 12,000 were served right here at Vineyard,” he added.

The amenities provided at the Vineyard Resource Center include OHK’s main production kitchen and dining room, a laundry room with machines donated by the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, showers, clothing closet, mail services, a community room with free Wifi access, and offices and meeting rooms for local service providers to offer additional services and meet with clients.

At the grand opening event last Thursday, Darin Lounds, executive director of HCEB, reflected that “it took a great deal of grit to

move the Vineyard vision to where we are literally standing today.”

He continued, “Our development team, our funders and our partners all had to persevere and push through challenges. But, you know who else showed grit? Our residents, shelter guests, and diners. They have all been met with greater obstacles than I will ever understand. They have pushed through these obstacles to get to Vineyard. They, along with Vineyard staff and their support folks will continue to push through whatever is in their way

to make their reality match the vision for their life. And HCEB is proud to be a small part in their journey.”

Justin Chen, executive director for Chase Community Development Banking, lauded the partnership and collaboration that went into developing the project’s residential units.

“It has been a privilege working with the Housing Consortium of the East Bay — and the many partners involved — to create these high quality, affordable units for residents here in Livermore,” Chen said. “We are proud to fund a project that will support the community for the long term, with the addition of supportive services, healthy food and community space.”

Livermore Mayor John Marchand presented a proclamation to HCEB and OHK, and described the city strategic plan’s pillar of a thriving community.

“If a community is going to thrive then everyone has to have the opportunity to thrive. In order to do that, you need a place to thrive, you need a place to be. And that’s what this amazing facility is, it’s a place for people to be and to thrive. And thank you to all of you that made this dream come to reality,” Marchand said.

Community meals at the center are available Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information on support services at Vineyard, or to volunteer, visit www.openheartkitchen.org. ■

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according to the DA’s office.

According to testimony and evidence presented at the trial, the woman was identified as 27-year-old Buckner on Aug. 29, 2023. Roberts was arrested on Sept. 6, 2023 in connection with Buckner’s death by the U.S. Marshals Service and police from Pleasanton and Alameda.

Roberts had pleaded not guilty during two plea hearings last September and October, according to the Alameda County Superior Court Criminal Case Portal.

However, prosecutors presented evidence to the jury during his trial including DNA that matched Roberts’ DNA, which was found on the duct tape that was used to seal the garbage bag containing Buckner’s dismembered body, according to the DA’s office.

“The condition of her body

when it was found shocks our humanity,” Price said. “This tragedy will leave her family and our community forever traumatized whenever her murder is mentioned.”

According to the DA’s office, the second-degree murder charge was the maximum charge Roberts faced “due to the circumstances of the case.”

Roberts will be sentenced on June 14 at the René C. Davidson Courthouse. ■



COURTESY DA’S OFFICE.

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price stands in front of the steps of an Oakland courthouse with the family and friends of Rachel Buckner after the May 13 trial.

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Families enjoy the teacup carnival ride at a past Street Fest event.



COURTESY LDI

Popular local band Crawdad Republic is set to perform during this weekend's Downtown Street Fest.

Downtown Street Fest returns this weekend in Livermore

Longtime celebration spotlights local businesses, wineries and entertainment

By JEANITA LYMAN

Organizers with Livermore Downtown Inc. are preparing for their major annual fundraising event and a beloved showcase of the city's community, artists, and businesses this weekend.

This year marks the 32nd annual Livermore Downtown Street Fest — formerly known as the Honey and Wine festival — featuring a range of arts, entertainment, food and beverages. The two-day event highlights the best the city's growing downtown neighborhood has to offer.

"We have something for everyone really," said Ruby Lopez-Villarreal,

executive director for LDI. "It's a family event."

That includes a beer and wine experience for adults, as well as arts, entertainment, and celebration for all ages, including a robust lineup of local musicians.

With the longstanding celebration's deep roots going back multiple decades, some of those musicians — such as Brandon Olivero of Crawdad Republic — are now set to grace the same event that they remember attending growing up in Livermore.

"I have memories of seeing my father perform at the event, and memories of getting to see a lot of local music," Olivero said. "I played

in high school at the event, and I will say it's grown a lot and it's done a much better job of placing an emphasis on the music."

This year, that means a total of 14 bands on two stages throughout the weekend, at Bankhead Plaza and Stockmen's Park.

Musical offerings are just one thing that have expanded over the years for the celebration and for Livermore itself, following downtown redevelopment efforts that kicked off in 1995 and are among the factors that led to the current downtown landscape, with the historic neighborhood now bustling with a range of local, independent merchants beloved by diners and shoppers in the present day.

"What we do essentially is support and advocate for our downtown small business families year-wide, but this is our biggest fundraiser of the year that helps sustain us so we can continue to provide services for our small business community," Lopez-Villarreal said.

While the event is free, tickets are available for an adults-only beer and wine experience, with beer tastings from Altamont Beer

Works, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company, and wine from Cuda Ridge, Charles R Vineyards and Wood Family Vineyards, among other local wineries.

"Altamont Beer Works brings out their brew trailer," Lopez-Villarreal said. "People love that, and then we have our wine and beer pavilion or lounge. There's one at Stockmen's Park and one at the Bankhead Plaza."

Although the event returned in a modified form amid the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, one popular offering — a commemorative glass for the beer and wine experience — is returning this year for the first time since 2019.

"It really is a wonderful, free community celebration where we welcome locals and tourists to experience the best of the Livermore Valley," Livermore Mayor John Marchand told the Weekly.

That includes Crawdad Republic, with Olivero calling himself and his bandmates "products of the Tri-Valley," with five out of six band members having grown up in Livermore and attended Livermore schools. Some, such as Olivero,

played in other bands before the group came together.

"We formed and we're all kind of deeply embedded into our community," Olivero said. "We've got several members who work at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, some of us are teachers in Livermore."

However, a primary focus of the event is the city's downtown merchants.

"They're all really stocked up and ready to provide those one-of-a-kind finds," Lopez-Villarreal said.

The celebration — always set for the third weekend in May — is set to take place along First Street between L and Maple streets, plus South Livermore Avenue between Railroad Avenue and Second Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Wine and beer pourings are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

More information and tickets for the beer and wine offerings — as well as the commemorative glass returning this year — are available at livermoredowntown.com. ■

Three new stores announced at Livermore outlets

Shoe designer HEYDUDE now open; sustainable activewear brand Vuori and fashion house Alexander McQueen on tap

By JEANITA LYMAN

As of this month, Tri-Valley shoppers are set to have three new offerings available at Livermore's San Francisco Premium Outlets for shoes, activewear, and high fashion purchases.

Comfort shoe designer HEYDUDE is now open, offering what is advertised as "the lightest shoes on earth" thanks to the brand's signature flex and fold technology in styles ranging from sneakers to sandals to mules, as well as eco-friendly options.

An additional eco-friendly

shopping option is set to arrive on May 17, with activewear retailer Vuori — described as a lifestyle brand inspired by the California coast — debuting their offerings for fitness, surfing, sports, and artistic activities to shoppers at the Livermore outlets.

Rounding out the new additions is Alexander McQueen, the longstanding UK fashion house, making its Tri-Valley debut on May 24 with specialty handbags and ready-to-wear collections.

The outlets are located at 2774 Livermore Outlets Drive. ■



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Crowds are set to return to Downtown Livermore for this year's Street Fest on May 18 and May 19.

Dublin council postpones bikeshare rollout

Also: Council approves continuation of virtual public comment and Human Services Grant funding

By JUDE STRZEMP

Dublin won't be ready for an e-bikeshare program until large city initiatives like Downtown Dublin and Dublin Centre are completed, the City Council decided after receiving a report from staff about the feasibility of such a program at its May 7 meeting.

According to the report, bikeshare can aid short-term transportation, but successful implementation requires regional coordination and dedicated staff time for maintenance. High-density locations and bicycle docking stations are also pluses.

Without the right set-up, programs can be plagued by challenges. Theft, vandalism, personal injuries, failure by operating companies and sidewalk obstruction by bike abandonment are just some of the potential difficulties, a few of which Fremont and San Ramon faced in their program attempts.

City staff suggested bikeshare could start in Dublin with a pilot, focused on recreation and transportation to and from BART. If directed to proceed, the next steps would be developing a legal framework, establishing permit regulations, determining funding sources and more.

Councilmember Jean Josey, item initiator in 2023, responded in support of pursuing the program. She

suggested learning more about implementation from sister city Bray, Ireland and its e-bikeshare strategy.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez disagreed with conducting this research, given regulation and population differences.

"I think we should concentrate on the local areas and how we do things here in the United States," she said.

Josey restated her stance and shifted the topic to clarify laws on bikes and e-bikes, rider age restrictions, licensing and company offerings.

Even with the clarification, Councilmember Michael McCorriston came out against extensive pursuit of a bikeshare initiative at this time.

"Right now, I'm not real encouraged with what I see from your report. But it doesn't mean we can't look at carve-outs or specific uses," McCorriston said. "Or maybe this is something that will make sense later on"

Discontent continued, as Hernandez recalled San Ramon's bikeshare failure, where the city was required to collect abandoned bikes along riding boundaries on Alcosta Boulevard and Stagecoach Road.

However, Hernandez forwarded the conversation, suggesting that if such a program were pursued, BART could be a potential partner in a pilot.

The transit system may be able to offer an overnight storage area for e-bikes.

Councilmember Kashef Qaadri continued fleshing out implementation, asking where in Dublin is considered high-density. In other words, where would the bikes be?

Staff suggested they be stored near BART stations, high-density housing near transit and in the developing downtown.

Hernandez jumped in to suggest that riding on sidewalks in a close-quarters location, like downtown, posed a safety risk. But she supported the idea of dock locations nearby BART.

Following up on the topic of safety, Vice Mayor Sherry Hu sided against the pursuit of an e-bike program. She added that, as presented in the report, only a small portion of people are interested in it.

Despite council concerns, Josey suggested progressing the program.

She suggested staff complete preparatory work like establishing a legal framework, discussing potential partnerships with nearby cities, BART and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and planning locations for e-bike docking stations in upcoming projects.

"I think a little bit of preparation now would allow us to be more

nimble in looking for micromobility options down the line," Josey told the Weekly in a follow-up email after the meeting. Micromobility refers to any small, low-speed, human or electric-powered device, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Qaadri and other councilmembers hit the brakes on her suggestion.

"We're quite a ways from the DC project, downtown project, some of the larger initiatives. As we get closer to closing those projects out, I would be very keen on re-exploring this," Qaadri said. "I just feel like we're sending our staff down a wild goose chase at this point, way ahead of any concrete timeline."

McCorriston thinks bikesharing will be needed as long-term projects are completed, but discouraged spending much present-day time on this program. Instead, he suggested focusing on expansion and enhancement of bicycle lanes, safety and education and encouraging bicycle usage throughout the city, in a follow-up email.

Hernandez agreed that implementation is premature, but would be welcome once city initiatives are completed.

A precise timeline for the program wasn't determined at the meeting, yet Josey hopes to keep the bikeshare program in conversation as the DC

and downtown are developed.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to maintain virtual public comments as an option at meetings.

This means that COVID-era accessibility will continue, even though other Bay Area communities have ended the option and Dublin is not required to offer a virtual platform to in-person meetings.

Councilmembers came to this decision after voicing a variety of benefits to allowing virtual comments: seniors with mobility issues can participate, those who want to hear a specific topic can quickly tune into the meeting and it supports free speech.

Hu noted that regardless of the Zoom option, the public can also comment via email.

The City Council also approved funding for the Human Services Grant Program for fiscal year 2024-2025, which goes to local nonprofit organizations that serve Dublin.

A total of \$330,000 will be provided for 22 public service projects by organizations such as Spectrum Community Services, CityServe of the Tri-Valley and Hively.

Program funds come from the federal Community Development Block Grant, Dublin's General Fund, the Affordable Housing Fund and the American Rescue Plan Act. ■

PUSD announces teacher and classified employee of the year

Hearst teacher Paige Saunders, Foothill head custodian Richard Leal reflect on recognitions

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District recently named longtime Hearst Elementary School teacher Paige Saunders as the 2024-25 teacher of the year.

Saunders, a fifth grade teacher at Hearst, told the Weekly that receiving the recognition the same year she is celebrating being at the school for 10 years was a special moment for her.

"It means a lot for people to notice and to feel that recognition and not just feel like you're doing all of this work and you're here until 5 p.m. doing crazy things and not being appreciated," Saunders said.

Saunders originally had no intention of becoming a teacher, despite coming from a long line of educators where three out of her four grandparents were in education.

Instead, she had a love for science and history and was planning on getting into pre-med and physical therapy.

But after taking some classes on the history of science, she said she wondered if there was a way to incorporate the two subjects into one passion, which is when she thought about teaching the two subjects, began taking teaching classes and



COURTESY PUSD

Hearst Elementary fifth grade teacher Paige Saunders poses for a photo with her class and colleagues after receiving the news that she is this year's teacher of the year.

realized she should teach kids.

That's when she decided to get into general education, specifically fifth grade, because she enjoys teaching various subjects and topics, which is perfect for fifth graders who are at an age where they can absorb not just a wide range of topics, but also material that is fairly complex.

"I always have kids every year who amaze me with what they know ... and what they bring into the class," Saunders said.

Now that she has been at Hearst for 10 years, Saunders said she has mastered her curriculum and is

able to branch out to do fun activities with her students like teaching them how to make butter, which not only teaches them the chemical components of how butter is made but it also goes into the history of how it was made in the past.

She said when she heard about getting nominated for the teacher of the year award, she was surprised to find out that multiple of her peers had nominated her, which made receiving the recognition even more special.

"This whole thing came out of the blue and was a shock to me," Saunders said. "It took a couple of

weeks to actually accept it and not just brush it off when people would say congratulations."

According to a district announcement, the recognition shouldn't come as a surprise because of how much work Saunders puts toward developing unique lesson plans and activities all while creating a safe and welcoming environment in her classroom.

"Saunders is an amazing teacher who develops hands-on, engaging lessons that get students excited about learning," Hearst Principal Carla Henderson said in the district announcement. "She has created a classroom that is welcoming and safe for students who can sometimes feel alienated and misunderstood in the school system."

Saunders said creating that type of environment and especially getting congratulated by former and current students and their families has meant the most to her because those relationships are why she continues to be a teacher.

"I come in for the morning meetings that we have where we sit together on the carpet every day and talk about our weekend and talk about our day," Saunders said. "I come for that relationship."

The district also recently

recognized Foothill High School's head custodian, Richard Leal, as

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LARPD board chair receives statewide award of distinction

David Furst recognized for dedication to Livermore's parks over nearly two decades

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

Longtime member of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board, David Furst, has been recognized with the Award of Distinction for Outstanding Board Member by the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

The award highlights Furst's commitment to the Livermore area's parks and recreation over 18 years of service, according to a

statement from LARPD.

The CARPD Award of Distinction acknowledges Furst's exceptional leadership and vision in shaping the recreational landscape of Livermore and its surrounding areas, along with a focus on his volunteerism as part of his role on the CARPD board and serving on numerous regional committees.

"I am deeply humbled to receive this recognition from CARPD," said Furst. "With over 100

recreation and park districts in California associated with CARPD, totaling potentially more than 500 directors, being selected is indeed a special honor."

Furst's dedication to LARPD began in 2002 when he first joined the board and served until 2010. His passion for improving recreational opportunities prompted him to return to the board in 2014, where he has continued to serve until his current term,



David Furst

which extends through 2026.

Furst's "strategic guidance and advocacy have played a pivotal role in developing and enhancing parks, trails, and recreational programs that benefit residents of all ages," LARPD officials said.

Milestones that Furst said stand out during his time on the board include initiating the district's purchase of the Bobba Property — currently known as the Sycamore Grove Extension — which seamlessly connects Sycamore Grove to Del Valle.

Additionally, he cited his role in initiating the creation of the Patterson Ranch Trail and his

advocacy for establishing the Cattail Pond Loop Trail and the Valley View Loop Trail.

"I am motivated to serve because the work we do at the LARPD is important to the well-being and enjoyment of the residents of the Livermore area," Furst said. "I believe I have contributed and continue to contribute to the people."

The Award of Distinction will be formally presented to Furst at the 2024 CARPD Awards Banquet set for May 23.

For more information about LARPD and its ongoing programs, camps, classes and initiatives, visit www.larpd.org. ■

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this year's classified employee of the year.

Leal has spent the last 30 years at Foothill and has managed a variety of facility requests, organized staff schedules, maintained inventory of supplies and has overseen the entire campus.

Leal told the Weekly the people on campus have all been the reason he has stayed at Foothill for so long because they are all supportive of the work he and his team do.

"Everybody always says thank

you when you're done," he said.

Leal said when he first heard he had been recognized as the classified employee of the year he was shocked because he just comes in to do the best work he can do each day and always thought the daily praises from people at school were enough.

"You just do what you do every day no matter what," Leal said.

Foothill Principal Sebastian Bull also told the Weekly that Leal is an integral member of the school community who knows how to take care of the day-to-day operations and can also jump in when there

are emergencies.

"Richard is really like the lifeline that connects everybody and does a ton for everybody on this campus," Bull said. "I've never seen somebody be so important to a campus as Richard is to Foothill so it was an easy choice to choose him as the employee of the year."

Saunders will be considered for the Alameda County Teacher of the Year award, which will be announced in October and similarly Leal's name has been submitted for consideration for the Alameda County Classified School Employee of the Year award. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Where dad served: Taylor Kelly, Lynda Sanchas, her dog Finney and Laurie Kelly visited the Liberty Station in San Diego to walk the halls where their father/grandfather James Homer Workman was stationed during bootcamp, and served on the USS Rendova during the Korean War. Joining them on the trip was their brother/uncle James Bruce Workman, who took this photo.

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

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Special Meeting Workshop
 Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Receive a report outlining a contingency menu of potential service reductions that would be discussed further as part of addressing the forecasted structural budget deficit.

City Council Meeting
 Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Appeal of Planning Commission's denial of application P23-0599 for Design Review and a Vesting Tentative Map for a housing development that includes the demolition of two existing commercial buildings and construction of 146 multi-family residential units with 38 accessory dwelling units with associated site improvements located at 5976 & 5994 West Las Positas Boulevard
- Adopt a resolution accepting the fiscal year 2024/25 mid-term operating and capital budget amendments
- Receive a report and presentation on the use of Section 115 pension trust funds and provide feedback

Planning Commission Meeting
 Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- P24-0278, Meenu Gochhwal, 2207 Martin Avenue - Zoning Administrator referral of an application for Administrative Design Review to install six approximately 15-foot-tall tennis court lights located at 2207 Martin Avenue

Energy and Environment Commission Meeting
 Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton City Hall – 157 Main St., Conference Room 3

- Go Green Initiative – Local Leaders Program update – CRV Program
- Update Commission 2024 Schedule
- Committee on Energy and the Environment Work Planning continued

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

San Jose homicide suspect arrested in Livermore

All three suspects in a homicide in San Jose last year have been arrested, including one man taken into custody in Livermore, police said on May 8.

The shooting occurred on the night of Oct. 25 in the 1600 block of Tully Road, where officers arrived to find a man dead from at least one gunshot wound.

An investigation allegedly pointed to three suspects: Saran Moeun, 34, Chhorn Than, 35, and Vu Hung Le. Arrest warrants and search warrants were obtained for all three.

On March 26, Moeun was arrested in Oakland and Than was arrested in Livermore. Search warrants were executed at their homes in Oakland and Hayward, where detectives allegedly found multiple firearms and ammunition. Both men were booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on suspicion of murder.

On May 3, police located Le in San Jose and he too was booked into jail on suspicion of murder. The motive and circumstances of the shooting are still under investigation, police said.

— Bay City News Service

In other news

- Livermore police arrested two men early Wednesday (May 8) for allegedly possessing guns and drugs after a resident called police to say someone wanted to look at the truck she was selling at an unusually late hour.

The woman called police just after midnight. Officers located the supposed buyer and a passenger inside a vehicle near the woman's home.

Police allegedly found 31 grams of methamphetamine, heroin, a 9mm handgun, and ammunition inside the car.

Officers arrested the vehicle's occupants, two Oakland residents, ages 51 and 59, on suspicion of narcotics and firearm offenses.

— Bay City News Service

- Sycamore Valley Elementary School in Danville was briefly locked down on the morning of May 9 following a report of a man with a rifle walking nearby, police said.

Danville police issued an alert shortly before 11:30 a.m. about their response to a caller who reported

seeing a man dressed in fishing gear and carrying what looked like a rifle as he walked along Camino Tassajara in front of Sycamore Valley Park.

The nearby school on Holbrook Drive was locked down while officers searched the area for the man, who was not reported to have displayed the rifle in a violent manner, police said.

No other schools, businesses or homes were ordered to shelter in place or evacuate, and the lockdown at the school was lifted shortly before noon after the man was not found, police said.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call (925) 820-2144 or 911 if it is an emergency.

— Bay City News Service

- A dispatcher with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office was killed on May 5 in San Leandro by an alleged drunk driver, according to police.

At about 11:15 p.m., San Leandro police responded to the intersection of East 14th Street and 150th Avenue on a report of a roll-over vehicle collision.

Officers arrived and found an

unconscious driver suffering from significant injuries. An investigation revealed that her car was broadsided and then it rolled over as she crossed through the intersection. She was taken to the hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

The woman was identified as Antoinette Finau, an emergency services dispatcher with the Sheriff's Office. The driver of the other vehicle was uninjured and was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

According to police, Finau was on her way to work when the collision occurred.

"The San Leandro Police Department offers our condolences to the family of the victim as well as the men and women of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office," said Lt. Jeffrey Walton in a release sent out May 6. "This is a tragic loss of life and a painful reminder of the

dangers of driving while impaired."

The Sheriff's Office posted about Finau on Facebook following the incident.

"Last night, we lost a dedicated, energetic, loving Alameda County Sheriff's Office family member," reads the post, which said she loved being a dispatcher and took "pride in her work because helping others gave her joy."

The Sheriff's Office said its agency, along with California Highway Patrol, San Leandro police and members of Finau's family escorted her body to the coroner's bureau in the early hours on May 6.

"Antoinette's family said, 'She was born a star, and you escorted her to this place like a star. We are grateful,'" said the Sheriff's Office.

Finau was a loving mother, sister, daughter and friend, the Sheriff's Office said. ■

— Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 9

Warrant arrest

- 1:16 a.m. on Clorox Way/Hopyard Road

- 6:38 p.m. on the 3200 block of Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

- 5:58 a.m. on Andrew Drive

Assault/Battery

- 7:52 a.m. on the 5500 block of Las Positas Boulevard

Auto theft

- 1:57 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 9:26 p.m. on the 1200 block of Orloff Drive

May 8

Theft

- 6:50 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 12:02 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Fraud

- 12:10 p.m. on the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard

- 5:51 p.m. on the 4100 block of Stanley Boulevard

Alcohol violation

- 4:14 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Drug violation

- 5:10 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

May 7

Theft from auto

- 7:06 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

- 7:08 a.m. on the 400 block of Vineyard Place

- 11:08 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Burglary

- 8:11 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

May 6

Assault/Battery

- 12:13 p.m. on the 4900 block of Owens Drive

Theft

- 1:29 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 9:34 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

- 4:33 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Fraud

- 12:49 p.m. on the 000 block of West Angela Street

Drug violation

- 7:51 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Alcohol violation

- 9:59 p.m. on the 5500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 5

Warrant arrest

- 1:29 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Domestic battery

- 1:42 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 5:58 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

May 4

DUI

- 12:26 a.m. on Bernal Avenue/Puerto Vallarta

Theft

- 10:59 a.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 8:34 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 3:07 p.m. on the 3600 block of Touriga Drive

Drug violation

- 4:51 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Anthony (Tony) Costello

April 8, 1931 – April 26, 2024

Anthony H. (Tony) Costello, patriarch of one of Pleasanton's deepest-rooted families, died April 26 at his Birdland-area home of more than 50 years. He was 93.

Tony was born April 8, 1931, to first-generation Italian immigrant parents in Pennsylvania. The youngest of 10 children, he became the first in his family to attend college when he received a scholarship to play football at Fordham University in New York.

He and his high-school sweetheart, Joan, a registered nurse, married in 1954, and moved their growing family from the East Coast to Pleasanton in 1973.

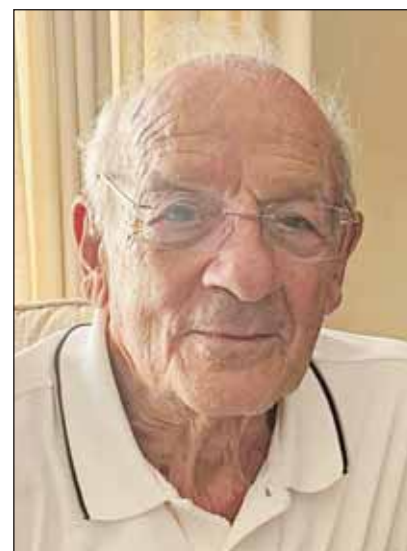
Athletics were at the center of the Costellos' activities for years. Each of the eight Costello children – two girls, six boys – played youth sports in Pleasanton and at Amador Valley High School, and several went on to compete in college programs. He coached many of their teams over the years. Two sons became revered basketball coaches in the area. As president of Pleasanton Little League in the '90s, Tony was influential in creating the Pleasanton Sports Complex, now known as Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Tony enjoyed a successful career as chief financial officer of several San Francisco companies. He was proud of his history as an athlete and a Marine, but he was foremost a family man and a devoted Catholic. Both Tony and Joan, longtime members of St. Augustine Catholic Church, have served as eucharistic ministers there.

He is survived by his loving wife Joan, his children Edward (wife Shannon), Colleen (husband Mark), Mary, Michael, John (wife Sylvia), Phillip (wife Mandy), and Thomas (wife Jennifer), and an abundant extended family. Tony and Joan's oldest son, the well-respected Las Positas College basketball coach and educator also named Tony (wife Liane), preceded his father in death.

A Funeral Mass for Tony Costello will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 20 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

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Lasting Memories

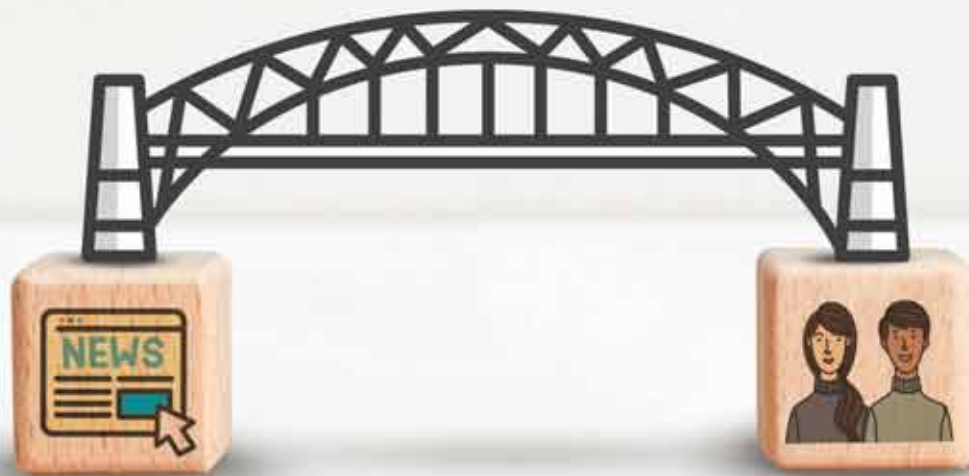
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An open letter to our readers: Building a strong foundation for local news.

Our news organization was a nonprofit a long time before our official transition to a 501(c)3 foundation in January. We were definitely not turning a profit, and paying our journalists became more difficult every month.

When the Pleasanton Weekly launched in 2000, the goal was to bring residents not just routine coverage, but the investigative journalism and analysis needed to make good decisions.

There was healthy competition with the Tri-Valley Herald and the East Bay Times. While they were reporting regional news, we were laser-focused on one community with five reporters and two editors.



Twenty-four years later we have three reporters and two editors covering five communities, the Times' newsroom has been decimated and the Herald no longer exists.

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

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

Others, like the Times' parent company, have been purchased by hedge funds that don't care about journalism or maintaining a strong press, which is essential to a strong democracy. They care about making money, so one of the first things they do when they buy a group is gut the newsroom, leaving behind understaffed ghost papers, publications that still exist but the quality and quantity of their news content have significantly declined.

We can't do it without you.

While other news organizations are regrettably being dismantled, we are looking to the future. The transition to a nonprofit was the start of a long, arduous journey to rebuild a strong foundation for local news.

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Improv club keeps seniors' minds active

What started as replacement for drama group blossomed into tight-knit community

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Is it possible for a group of seniors who live at the Stoneridge Creek senior living community to travel on a subway, argue while driving a truck and have lover's spats on a cruise all at the same time? The answer is yes, and all while being in the same room ... thanks to improv.

About a year ago, Stoneridge Creek resident Kathy Mello began teaching improvisation in the art studio at the senior living community. Improv is a form of theater where participants act out random scenes that are unplanned and unscripted.

But while the improvised scenes may seem like just a group of people saying random things while pretending to be in random places, Mello said the classes are so much more than just that. She said they act as a way to keep the minds of those seniors active and healthy.

"Everything that I've read, this type of focus helps seniors to be stronger mentally," Mello told the Weekly. "I've seen it in my class; I've seen it in myself."

Mello is a longtime professional in the improv world and acting. She holds a bachelor's degree in drama and has worked at the Improv Playhouse of San Francisco as well as having played various roles in television shows.

Two years ago, she moved into the Stoneridge Creek community in Pleasanton and thought her improv days were behind her. That was until about a year ago when Stoneridge Creek residents Denise Evans and Renee Bauer heard about Mello moving into the community.

Evans has been at Stoneridge for 10 years and originally was in the

drama club, which was inevitably canceled because they couldn't keep a drama director long enough to keep the club going. But when she and Bauer — who also had a love for the drama club — heard that Mello had taught improv before, they decided to approach Mello one day during lunch and ask if she would be interested in teaching an improv class.

Evans said she has done community theater in the past and has always been into drama, but because they didn't have a club anymore at Stoneridge, she wanted to give improv a shot, even if she thought it was scary.

"I was so into drama for so long that I was so happy to try something new," Evans told the Weekly. "And Kathy made it so easy that it wasn't frightening."

Ever since then, the group has grown from as little as three members to as much as 18 members on given days. Mello said the classes consist of physical activities, name recognition, storytelling games, two person scenes and plenty of other improv exercises.

She said that she has loved hosting the class because it allows her to keep doing improv and sharing her passion with others.

"It has kept me in my world," Mello said. "It's kept it alive for me."

It has also ignited a passion for the seniors who attend these classes.

On May 3, the Weekly was able to sit in during one of these sessions led by fellow improv enthusiast and former longtime recreation coordinator for the city of Pleasanton Mark Duncanson.

Duncanson participated in the Bay Area Theater Sports (BATS)



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A group of seniors who live at the Stoneridge Creek senior living community dance around the art studio at the living community during their improv class on May 3.

improv theater company at the same time Mello did during the '90s and early 2000s.

He said the two were reunited more recently when Mello attended one of Duncanson's improv shows at the Firehouse Arts Center. He then performed at the Stoneridge Creek community in January, at Mello's request, which is when he told her he was thinking of retiring.

It was at that moment that she asked him to help her out with teaching her improv class while she is away on trips and eventually take over the class when she's gone, which is why Duncanson was the substitute teacher on May 3.

He said what he has learned over his many years of doing improv is that experience breeds excellent improv, which is why he enjoys teaching the senior class.

"There are a lot of excellent experiences — professionally, personally — in the room in facilities and groups like this," Duncanson told the Weekly. "It brings a certain form of performance that you don't see anywhere else."

During the class, 13 seniors were moving around, acting out randomly hilarious scenes, playing fake instruments and joking with each other as if they were at their drama class in high school.

"We laugh a lot," Bauer said. "There is a family kind of closeness about us."

The residents were coming up with characters on the spot and keeping up with each other, which is what Mello said makes improv such a healthy mental exercise for the seniors.

"It's being in the moment, not letting your mind wander," Mello said. "It's so important for seniors especially to focus."

According to a peer reviewed article titled "Effects of Improv Training on Older Adults in a Long Term Care Facility", which was published in the National Library of Medicine, improv encourages creativity and adaptive cognitive stimulation.

But specifically after analyzing a group of senior citizens who live in long-term care facilities, the article found that improv training significantly improves the lives of older adults.

"Participants experienced significant improvements in social isolation and perceived stress, and trend improvements in positive affect, self-efficacy, and anxiety," according to the article. "Participants described themes of increased attentiveness, becoming more relaxed, increased cognitive stimulation, and improved communication skills."

But it also gives them so much more than that, according to Stoneridge Creek resident Tom Michalski, who is also in the

improv club. It gives them a chance to be themselves.

"We all have in us a desire and an ability to express ourselves but we tend to be quiet," Michalski told the Weekly. "Over the years you get used to not opening your mouth all the time and in situations."

He said at the club, they don't have to worry about expressing themselves and they're free to say whatever they want about how they feel without any risk. Whether it's raunchy jokes or playful jabs at each other, he said he feels like he can kid around with all of the club members.

"That sense of being able to do that is kind of like a freedom," Michalski said. "It's just fun."

Mello also said that apart from seeing her students be more present, being able to actively listen to each other and be more social, she has seen so much growth in their improv skills to the point where they're even planning on putting together improv shows for the Stoneridge Creek community in the future.

"Watching what I think is happening with my students, being appreciated by them and them coming up to me and telling me how much this means to them, it has meant a lot to me," Mello said. "I just love watching them just improve. They're becoming improvisers." ■

The same, yet different — seniors and real estate

Challenges for seniors looking to move include capital gains taxes and moving belongings accumulated over decades

By **DAVID STARK**

Seniors entering the current real estate market will be facing situations — some shared with all other buyers and sellers — and some unique to them.

Unique challenges for seniors who have been homeowners for many years and are now considering a move include potential exposure to significant capital gains taxes, the logistics of moving lots of “stuff” and finding a home that works for them that also is near family, friends, and services.

When a homeowner sells their home, the difference between what they originally paid and the sales price — the “capital gain” — may be taxable. According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR) since 1997, up to \$250,000 for a single person or \$500,000 for a married couple in capital gains on the sale of a home is exempt from taxation if the home has been a principal residence and for other factors.

In Pleasanton, with home sales prices typically in the million-dollar range, even with these capital gains “exclusions,” the tax bill a home seller may have to pay can be

significant enough to keep current owners from selling their homes.

Tracey Esling, 2024 president-elect for Bay East Association of Realtors, suggested senior homeowners concerned about a capital gains tax bill, “find an accountant and a financial person because those people are going to guide you.”

Esling, a Tri-Valley resident and realtor, said some senior homeowners may have a head-start on dealing with capital gains taxes. “What we do is we typically will tell them to go back and find every receipt of everything they’ve ever done for their home. We do find with many seniors is they were very meticulous in doing things like that. So again, get those receipts.”

Increasing the capital gains exclusion, which can decrease the tax bill a home seller may have to pay, has been a priority of the NAR.

Esling was recently in Washington D.C. with a team from the Bay East Association of Realtors, to encourage the East Bay congressional delegation to pass H.R. 1321, the More Homes on the Market Act. This bi-partisan



David Stark

and other homeowners, to make a move, and create home ownership opportunities for others.

In addition to the financial aspects of selling a home, the logistics of moving furniture, clothing, housewares and “stuff” can be difficult for anyone. For a senior who has lived in their home for decades, this may be particularly challenging because they may have more of everything compared with other home sellers.

“Sell it on Facebook marketplace,” was one suggestion Esling had for making minimizing easier. She also suggested the Pleasanton Garbage Service bulky items clean-up service. Esling said both options are easy for seniors and all home sellers because they don’t have to

leave their homes to manage the minimizing process.

With fewer things to move and store, a smaller home becomes more attractive and feasible. Esling shared that many senior homeowners want something smaller because it’s easier to maintain. “They’re coming out of homes that are 3,000 square feet, four bedrooms, three bathrooms. They don’t want that larger yard,” Esling said. “They want a smaller home that is two bedrooms, two baths with a small lot and that’s typically a condo in Pleasanton.”

However, they will need to be prepared for a high price tag. During April 2024, the median sales price for an attached unit in Pleasanton was more than \$830,000 and more than \$1 million in Dublin. “It’s going to be a challenge staying local if they want to downsize,” Esling said.

As an alternative, Esling mentioned many seniors seeking to make a change are considering communities to the north and east. “Lincoln and the Sacramento area seems to be the most affordable right now: restaurants and shopping

are really conducive to the senior lifestyle,” Esling said.

The median sales price for a single-family detached home in Pleasanton during April was more than \$1.9 million. Esling said current market conditions in Pleasanton can help all home sellers, including seniors, “the opportunity is you’re going to get the best amount of money for your home right now.”

If selling or buying a home now makes sense for a senior, Esling said their experience may be different compared with the last time they were in the real estate market. “It’s a whole different process than it was most likely when they purchased these homes some time ago. It’s just faster paced,” Esling said.

Esling shared that one skill can make coping and even thriving in the current real estate market easier for buyers and sellers regardless of their age: patience.

“You need to be patient with the process: whether it’s moving fast or slow or there’s too much stuff or I can’t do it all, or I don’t want to move,” Esling said. “Be patient with

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Senior cyclists reflect on bike safety in Pleasanton

Bicycles serve as easy exercise option — but without proper infrastructure, older folks may be dissuaded from riding in city

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Riding a bike is a skill that most people learn at an early age and take with them as they grow up. Whether it's riding a bike to school, to work or using it as a form of exercise, cyclists are all around most cities like Pleasanton.

But for older residents, bicycles are more than just a mode of transportation — it's a safe way to keep their bodies healthy during a time in their life when other forms of exercise are not.

"I for instance am starting to have mild arthritis in my knees. I find if I do too much walking it bothers my knees," Pleasanton resident Sharon Piekarski told the Weekly. "But bicycling — because I don't have my weight on those knees — doesn't bother me at all."

That's why for years, Piekarski has been a vocal advocate for bike safety not just for everyone in Pleasanton, but for seniors as well who might have more physical limitations and need better bike infrastructure in the city to ensure their safety.

With May being Bike Safety Month, the Weekly spoke with Piekarski to learn more about why bike safety is

important not just for all people of all ages throughout Pleasanton, but specifically for seniors who tend to ride at slower speeds and who don't have the same quick reaction speeds as other younger riders.

Piekarski said she has always loved bicycling and when she retired, she made it her goal to be more active in getting the city to improve its infrastructure to make it safer for bicycle riders, which would get more people to use their bikes and decrease carbon emissions that would help fight climate change.

She said some of the main issues that contribute to the lack of bike safety in the city are the arroyos that split up the city and the wide streets like Santa Rita Road that focus on fitting more cars and not more cyclists.

"Most people that you talk to who are not out there riding, they don't feel comfortable being out there with high speed traffic," Piekarski said. "And our city is designed in such a way that in order to go anywhere, you almost have to travel in a car."

That's why she believes it's important to have more bike lanes that travel along some of those busy roads that are essential for getting



Senior citizens who ride with the Pleasanton Pedalers group take a break for a quick photo while cycling around the Calaveras Valley in 2019. COURTESY PLEASANTON PEDALERS

around, but also having those bike lanes protected with things like those green plastic bollards that are seen in various intersections around Pleasanton.

According to the city's communication manager Heather Tiernan, the city has approximately 89 miles

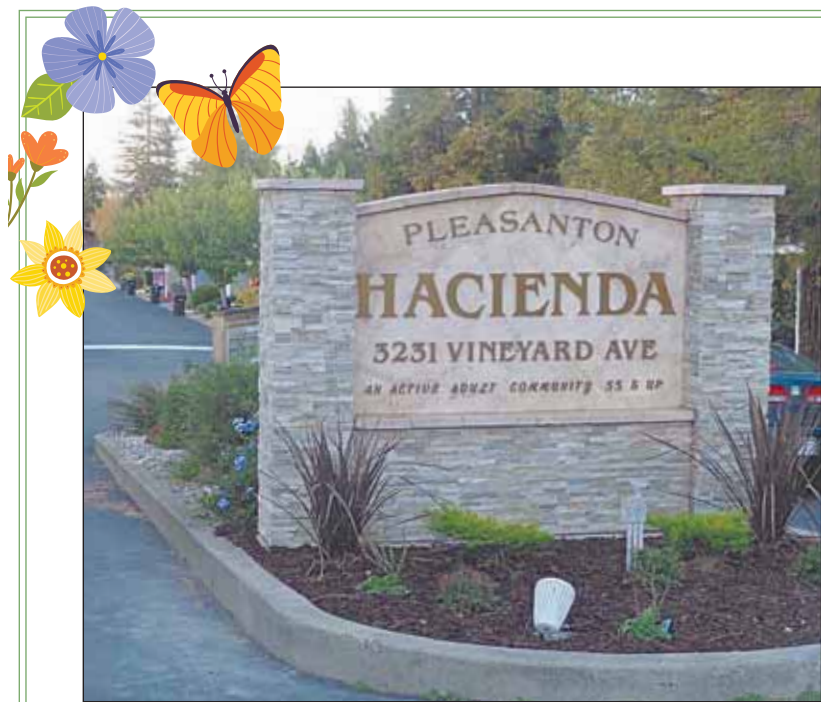
of bike lanes with a little over five miles of protected bike lanes that have those bollards.

Tiernan also said that the City Council, either this month or in early June, will be looking to approve a contract to complete the ultimate design of bike improvements on West

Las Positas between Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive.

The council approved the construction of a quick-build bike lane project on West Las Positas Boulevard between Hopyard Road and Hacienda

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See local screening of film on 'Hope in Aging and Dementia'

New doc selected to 'shift the narrative away from fear and hopelessness and bring in hope' for residents

By JEANITA LYMAN

The Danville Senior Center is hosting a screening of a new documentary on dementia by a Bay Area filmmaker at the end of May — recognized nationally as Older Americans Month — as a culmination of events for the month.

"Key Bags Names Words: Hope in Aging and Dementia" from North Bay producer and director Cynthia Stone was made available for screenings worldwide this year, with one of those screenings set for Danville's Village Theatre on May 28.

The screening is set to serve as a special event for the Danville Senior Center's monthly "buzz sessions" held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. While the offerings vary month to month, Leah Martinez, the town's program supervisor for adults and seniors, said that the film was selected in order to offer a different perspective on dementia and cognitive decline than the practical information often provided in the monthly events.

"There's some fear around cognitive decline and memory care issues that we see, but we're casting it in a more positive light and showing people what it looks like in real time," Martinez told Embarcadero Media Foundation.

Rather than a deep dive into the science and the often tragic experiences facing those with dementia and their caregivers, "Keys Bags Names Words" seeks to showcase the lives of people living with cognitive decline and point more broadly towards what their day-to-day lives say about the human experience and spirit.

Stone, a longtime Bay Area documentarian, said on the film's website that "the wisdom and humor of those in this film helped her better connect with, and care for, her own mother throughout her aging process from her vital active years through her memory loss."

The film is aimed at comparing and contrasting the lived experiences of people facing cognitive decline worldwide, and highlighting how they adapt to diagnoses of dementia, as well as the work of artists and scientists seeking a better understanding of the condition and developing solutions.

The people featured in the documentary come from a range of fields including theater, medical anthropology, music, policy and neuropsychology.

"This documentary is intended to be the starting point of a conversation for people who are in

similar situations to be able to connect," Martinez said.

In addition to being targeted towards local seniors who themselves might be experiencing or concerned about experiencing cognitive decline, Martinez noted that the film screening — along with other sessions and services offered by the senior center — are also aimed at supporting caregivers, including seniors themselves who might be in that role.

"We're a very active senior center, so some of our seniors are family caregivers for their partner or someone they know," Martinez said.

While general offerings from the senior center and its "Buzz Sessions" include community building and other enrichment activities, Martinez said she estimated that about a third of the events focus on cognitive decline in some way, with a session focused on Alzheimer's disease in December having been particularly well attended. She noted that information, resources, and referrals on the topic are in high demand.

"Our goal is to provide a safe space to get credible resources, so they don't feel like they have nowhere to go," Martinez said. "We're happy to be that starting point for them."

In addition to supporting seniors with information on cognitive



FILE PHOTO

Danville's Village Theatre will screen "Key Bags Names Words: Hope in Aging and Dementia" later this month.

decline and other conditions that older adults are at higher risk for, Martinez said she and the senior center staff also seek to support caregivers, and to provide resources and reminders of the importance of caring for themselves as well.

"I think people underestimate the impact on themselves when they're caregiving for someone with memory care challenges," Martinez said. "Sometimes we'll actually see the caregiver decline physically. So continuing to take care of yourself and your own mental and physical health, even when going through a family caregiving process is really important."

"Don't forget your own doctor's

appointments, and make sure you are still seeking social time outside of yourself," she continued. "The world can shrink when we care for one and that person is requiring a lot of attention."

While the film aims to highlight the personal experiences of those with dementia diagnoses and their caregivers and supporters, it also points towards broader issues that make the condition all the more challenging. One of the experts featured is Walt Dawson, whose father developed Alzheimer's disease when he was 10 years old and who went on to become a policy expert seeking to

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CYCLISTS

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Drive, which was the first phase of a six-phase project that Piekarski said is essential for that road, which serves as a key path for cyclists to travel from east to west Pleasanton.

"The recommendation for this 1.1-mile section of roadway is to be designed with elevated bike lanes," Tiernan said. "We have both the design and construction funding to complete this section of the project. We anticipate a 12-month design with construction beginning in the summer of 2025."

She said that the quick-build design has already shown that the reduced lanes on West Las Positas Boulevard still supports traffic volumes and has helped the city determine that a larger buffer between the parking lane and travel lane next to Hart Middle School is desirable.

"The fully elevated design between Hopyard and Willow will better accommodate student travel," Tiernan said.

She also added that if the ultimate design for the boulevard is approved, the remaining sections — Foothill Road to Interstate 680; Stoneridge Drive to Santa Rita Road; and Santa Rita Road to Fairlands Drive — will either have the paint and plastic design or the city will keep the existing

design until more funding is available for the elevated bike lane.

However, fellow senior Pleasanton cyclist Steve McGinnis said that while he has seen a more positive change to make it safer for cyclists in Pleasanton over the past decade, he thinks there is still more work to be done.

"What I think we can do to improve cycling in Pleasanton is to have more separated bike lanes," McGinnis told the Weekly.

McGinnis is another longtime cyclist who actually helped form the Pleasanton Pedalers in 2011. The group is made up of seniors who range in age from their 60s to early-80s.

He said that some of the issues he has seen while riding with his group and by himself include a lack of shoulders on streets like Foothill Road and dangerous trails throughout the city.

But one specific safety concern he pointed out, which relates to seniors, is the amount of time it takes to cross street intersections like the one on Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue.

"We had a member of our group who was riding down at Bernal and Stanley and as she attempted to cross the street, there was a seven-second yellow light," McGinnis said. "I think she was (in her) mid to late 60s and you can't cross Stanley in seven seconds on a bicycle. It can't be done."

That incident happened in 2016 and the cyclist ended up dying after getting hit by a truck, which led the city to install a protected intersection.

But while the city did that, McGinnis said the same issue pops up in other areas of Pleasanton and the city needs to be more aware of how long it takes for cyclists to cross streets, especially if they are older and can't go as fast as others.

While city infrastructure is a big part of this conversation, Kelly Dunlap who is the co-education manager for Bike East Bay said there is a lot of cyclists who can do to be more safe on the road.

"About half of bicycle crashes are solo crashes. They were something the bicyclist did," Dunlap told the Weekly. "So if you learn to be a better cyclist, you will be much safer and that's something you can directly control. We can't control the drivers around us."

Tiernan actually corroborated that fact by stating that while the city sees a consistent trend of about 30 bicycle accidents per year, for the past three years roughly 30% of those accidents were solo crashes.

She said over the past 10 years, they have had two bicycle fatalities and one of those was the one on Stanley boulevard.

So as Dunlap said, individual bike safety is an important factor when it comes to people wanting to ride their



COURTESY PLEASANTON PEDALERS

The Pleasanton Pedalers take a group photo during one of their rides where they started in Burlingame and rode all the way around Foster City.

bikes, which is why she encourages people to take the bike safety classes that Bike East Bay teaches.

But Piekarski doubled down on how important it is for more city infrastructure because at the end of the day, having more space and protection between a cyclist and a car as well as having safer trails will encourage people like senior citizens to get out there and ride a bike because they will feel safer.

McGinnis said that while it would also be safer for seniors to join groups like the Pleasanton Pedalers, who typically ride slower even if they do ride for over 20 miles sometimes, it's still important for the city to acknowledge that certain bike trails and roads need more improvements.

And as far as what the city is already doing to improve bike safety, Tiernan said that some other larger scale bike lane projects that are moving forward include separated and elevated bike lanes on Hopyard Road and Owens Drive in the southbound directions, along with a bicycle traffic signal movement and a protected intersection design.

"The City is also pursuing other improvements at the I-580 overcrossings," Tiernan said. "The designs are conceptual, and staff is pursuing a more detailed design to submit to Caltrans for review. The Caltrans review is mandatory, but also expensive and this review may limit the number of crossings that may be completed with the existing funding." ■

Seniors Calendar

Talks

MEET AUTHOR JACE CARLTON Meet author Jace Carlton where he will discuss his book "Letting Go". 5:30 p.m., May 18. Towne Center Books, Pleasanton.

HISTORY OF BRUSHY PEAK Brushy Peak is a nature preserve located in the hills above Springtown. Learn about the natural history of Brushy Peak and the surrounding region with a Ranger from LARPD in this presentation for adults. 6:30 p.m., May 21. Springtown Library Patio.

WHAT MEDICARE COVERS IN FULL This free monthly presentation from Legal Assistance for Seniors regarding Medicare and legal topics covers Free Preventative Benefits: What Medicare Covers in Full. 1-2 p.m., May 23. Visit larpd.org.

CONE WITH A COP Join members of your police department for a free cone of ice cream. This is an opportunity to chat about public safety while enjoying some ice cream. Attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the dairy to avoid traffic slowdowns. 2-4 p.m., May 29. Meadowlark Dairy.

LIFE INTO ART PROGRAM AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY Community members are invited to an afternoon of dance and storytelling as Lois Ann Flood performs a selection of the historical dances of Isadora Duncan where attendees will learn how California influenced Isadora Duncan on her path to becoming the mother of modern dance. 2-3 p.m., June 2. Civic Center Library.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH JUNKO Tabei Junko Tabei, the first woman to climb to the top of Mt. Everest and the Seven Summits, has come to address American audiences about her work with the Fukushima Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Programs. 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., June 4. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit museumonmain.org.

Exercise

PLEASANTON PEDALERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER Pleasanton Pedalers Cycling is Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Rides will be 15 to 25 miles and scaled for those who participate.

SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP Sole Mates Walking Group is Wednesdays, 8:45-10 a.m., at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Participants must be able to walk 2.5 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group.

PICKLEBALL LESSONS IN PLEASANTON Discover the excitement of Pickleball, the sport that's sweeping the nation with its dynamic, fun-filled gameplay. Players of all ages, athletic backgrounds and abilities are encouraged to try this fun and social blend of tennis and ping pong. Call at 925-931-3449 to reserve a court. 5801 Valley Ave.

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT FITNESS CLASSES LARPD offers a variety of adult fitness classes, including Line Dancing, Zumba, Aerobics, Chair Strength, Tai Chi and Yoga to keep fit while having fun. Visit larpd.org.

Technology

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VA Outreach

VETERANS EVENT Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to provide veteran benefits review, enroll veterans for care with the VA Palo Alto Health System, answer questions about VA services and provide medical care and referrals for enrolled veterans. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., May 20. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Driving

SENIOR DRIVERS RESOURCES For more information on Senior Driver Resources visit AARP Smart Driver Course at aarp.org/auto/driver-safety.

Walking Tours

RAVENSWOOD DOCENT TOURS Ravenswood Historical House will be open to the public on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Come out and see the newly renovated gift shop and Ravenswood fountain. 12-4 p.m., May 26. 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

EXPLORING THE BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON From the Ohlone to today this walking tour covers how the land along Main Street was used and developed over time. Learn about early settlements, the Railroad, Pleasanton's entrepreneurs and this town's agricultural bounty in the 1890s. 9 a.m., June 19 and 22. Visit museumonmain.org.

Assistance

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

CITYSERVE OF THE TRI-VALLEY SENIOR PROGRAMS CityServe provides services for older adults that will foster independence, promote safety and well being, preserve dignity, create community and improve quality of life. Drop by their office at the Pleasanton Senior Center to set up a care session to see how they can provide support or call 925-222-2273 (CARE).

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS Spectrum Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). Call 925-931-5385 for more or visit spectrumcs.org.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 60+ The Wiesner Memorial Fund is a special fund for seniors, 60 and older, who need financial assistance in the event of an emergency. For additional information, call 925-373-5760.

Hobbies

WOOD CARVING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER All experience levels are welcome. The club will provide a knife, safety equipment, gloves and leather thumb guard. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays. Drop-in fee \$3.00R/\$3.50NR.

KNITTING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Refresh skills, pick up some new tips, share techniques, get help or just sit and knit. 9:00-11:30 a.m., Fridays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR.

WOODSHOP AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Use state-of-the-art equipment to make projects with experienced hands to guide you. Must pass woodshop test before using equipment. 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri. Drop-in fees apply \$5.75R/\$6.75NR.

POKER AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 1-4 p.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR. Must be familiar with the game of poker.

Entertainment

MOVIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER Join for a movie at the Pleasanton Senior Center the second and fourth Monday of the month. 1-3 p.m., May 27. For more information call 925-931-5365.

MOVIE MADNESS IN THE VINTAGE LOUNGE Join the Senior Services crew for a movie in the Vintage Lounge at the Robert Livermore Community Center the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. 1 p.m., May 20.

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 17, 18. 2 p.m., May 19. Tickets \$25. Bothwell Arts Center. Visit livermorearts.org.

626 NIGHT MARKET 626 Night Market is back featuring food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an event that appeals to all ages. May 17-19. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT The Pleasanton Community Concert Band performs at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 27. Free but donations are gladly accepted. 5353 Sunol Blvd. Visit pleasantonband.org.

Shows & Festivals

SILICON VALLEY HORSE SHOW Watch top West Coast horses, including Saddlebreds, Morgans and Hackney Ponies compete for prize money and ribbons. The show supports We Ride Too, an equestrian outreach program for Alameda County youth. May 16-19. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

626 NIGHT MARKET 626 Night Market is back featuring over 200 food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an event that appeals to all ages. May 17-19. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN STREET FEST One of the longest running celebrations of wine, craft brew, arts, crafts, shopping, dining, entertainment and hometown charm. Explore unique vendor booths and enjoy restaurants that are globally inspired and locally enhanced. May 18-19. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

PLEASANTON HOT ROD ROW Main Street will be closed to enjoy a display of hot rods, motorcycles and trucks along with live music and fun activities. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 1.

Outdoors

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.

BUMBLE BEE HIKE Join a LARPD Ranger for a hike at Sycamore Grove Park to explore the world of bumblebees. Expect a leisurely 1-mile walk, weather permitting. 2-3:30 p.m., May 25. Visit larpd.org.

NIGHT HIKE WITH A RANGER Join a Ranger on an after-hours walk to learn about nocturnal animals and their adaptations on this 1 mile relaxed pace walk. Canceled if raining. 7:45-9:45 p.m., May 25. Sycamore Grove Park. Register at larpd.org.

Day Trips

SANTA CRUZ BEACH BOARDWALK Join for a historic seven-mile train ride through the beautiful redwood forests of the Santa Cruz mountains beginning at the town of Roaring Camp then board a train towards the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., June 13. Cost \$180-\$185. For more information visit the Travel Desk at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

A DAY AT THE ZOO Join Pleasanton VIP Travel for a day at the San Francisco Zoo. Tour includes motorcoach and lunch. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Aug. 13. Cost \$115-\$120. Visit the Pleasanton Senior Center VIP Travel desk for more information.

WICKED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATER This Broadway sensation looks at what happened in the Land of Oz, but from a different angle. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sept. 4. Tickets \$160-\$165. Includes roundtrip motorcoach, admission to the show and pre-paid food voucher. Visit the Pleasanton Senior Center Travel Desk.

LARPD SENIOR (50+) POP UP TRIPS Join LARPD for monthly pop-up trips throughout Northern California including Route 66 and the San Francisco Giants. For more information 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.-1 p.m. W. Angela St.

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

Pursuits & Hobbies

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.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St & L St.

Volunteer

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.-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/volunteer.

REAL ESTATE

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what people say to you and how people react to you.”

Compared with other home buyers or sellers, seniors in a real estate transaction may have other interested parties: their children. Esling said the same advice applies to them: “Be extremely patient. Be mindful. Be patient. Be empathetic. Be helpful. It’s a process.”

Asked about a recent transaction involving a senior homeowner, Esling said: “The last success story

was a woman whose husband passed away and she wanted to move. The house completely got away from her, and she knew she was going to have to pay capital gains.” Esling brought in a team of landscapers, cleaners, painters, stagers, and movers. She told her client: “Go be with your family. Let me handle the house. It took about six weeks after she left to get that house in awesome condition, and we ended up selling it for over her asking price.” ■

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

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improve support systems for patients and families.

“We don’t really have a system that provides long-term services and supports in this country,” Dawson said on the film’s website. “I felt at that age that that was not right. That we could and should do better. And I still believe that today.”

Although Martinez and other senior center staff don’t provide medical or full-time caregiving services, she noted that supporting local

seniors with memory decline means developing and acting with empathy to contend with challenges often caused by the condition.

“What we see most frequently in our interactions here would be that when people become confused they can get frustrated, so we’re in a position of managing that from a customer service standpoint,” Martinez said. “From an empathy standpoint, it can be very frustrating when people become confrontational, so we’re continuing to develop compassion and empathy through everything we do. We don’t know when someone walks in what they’re dealing with at home,

either personally or with their spouse.”

However, she emphasized that the upcoming screening and the conversations started by it would be unique, rather than the senior center’s standard fare of practical resources that are offered regularly.

“We do have ‘Buzz Sessions’ that are dedicated to things like that, but this is more to shift the narrative away from fear and hopelessness and bring in hope,” Martinez said.

“Keys Bags Names Words” is set to play in the Village Theatre at 233 Front St. in Danville on May 28 at 10 a.m. More information is available at danville.ca.gov. ■

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)

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)

PREMIER DENTAL CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 606259

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

1.) Premier Dental Care, located at 4466 Black Ave., Suite G, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

LIN LIN CHEN
4466 Black Ave., Suite G
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 10 2024. (PLW May 17, 24, 31 and Jun 7, 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)

GAME KASTLE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 605753

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

1.) GAME KASTLE, located at 3911 Washington Blvd, Fremont CA, 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 351 El Portal Way, San Jose, CA 95123

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

SOUTH SAN JOSE GAMES ASSOCIATION LLC
351 El Portal Way
San Jose, CA 95123

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 23 2024. (PLW May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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)

WANN NETWORKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 605887

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

1.) Wann Networks, located at 1401 Red Hawk Cir Apt N203, Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 39120 Argonaut Way #383, Fremont, CA 94538.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

BRYAN WANN
39120 Argonaut Way #383
Fremont, CA 94538

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 29 2024. (PLW May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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)

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)

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 EINA V 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.: 24CV073982
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Lyra Dietrich filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

LYRA DIETRICH to LYRA DELA ROSA

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)

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: 08/02/2024, 9:30AM, 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: 05/02/2024
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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)

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The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

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PLEASANTON PREPS

Foothill boys and girls volleyball score NCS titles

Also: Foothill freshman shines at CIF state swim championships

By DENNIS MILLER

It had been 14 years since Foothill won the girls and the boys NCS titles in the same school record.

Following the Foothill boys' thrilling 25-23, 13-25, 25-18, 25-22 win over Castro Valley on May 9, the Falcons now stand as the reigning NCS champs in both the boys and the girls divisions.

It was just the first set of the match, the Falcons found themselves down 21-13 at one point and didn't look like they had a chance.

But Foothill had been down in regular season in matches and fought back to win. The same happened here. Eventually they had cut the gap to 23-21, then with Yun Bae serving,

the Falcons tied. It was 23-23, forcing a Castro Valley time out.

An error by the Trojans made it 24-23, and the Falcons made the most of it — getting the winning point and silencing the loud Castro Valley contingent.

After a break, Castro Valley rallied and hammered Foothill 25-13 to even the match at 1-1. Then Foothill took the third set 25-15 and took a 2-1 set lead.

In the fourth set, senior Kayan Vohra started to take over the net, helping the Falcons build out an 18-11 lead. Castro Valley cut it to 19-17, but Foothill regained its composure, playing side-out volleyball and ended it with a kill from Vohra for the 25-22 win.

The highlights came from Bae (39 assists, 10 digs, 13 service points, 7 kills), Vohra (12 kills, 3 blocks), Jeremy Sun (11 digs, 6 kills), Noah Mitzenmacher (20 receptions, 9 service pts), Casey Collins (10 receptions, 8 kills), and Caden Stedman (8 kills, 2 blocks).

Two nights earlier in the semifinals,



STEVEN MITZENMACHER

Foothill volleyball after winning the NCS D-I championship.

Foothill beat Heritage 25-20, 25-14, 26-24.

This time the highlights were from Bae (33 assists, 5 kills, 2 aces), Vohra (10 kills, 5 blocks), Mitzenmacher (16 receptions, 10 digs, 2 aces), Collins (8 kills, 5 digs), and Cameron Hitchan (5 kills, 1 block).

Foothill swimming

Winning a boys' individual league title in swimming as a freshman would be an amazing accomplishment as the East Bay Athletic League is a highly regarded swimming league.

To go on and capture a North Coast Section title is almost hard to believe it could happen.

But how about a CIF State title in the swimming-rich environment that is California. A freshman winning a boys' state individual event?

Impossible.

Yet Saturday at the Clovis Olympic Swimming Center, there was Foothill High freshman Luka Mijatovic standing on top of the victory stand.

Read this again — a freshman.

Mijatovic obliterated the field, winning by almost seven seconds, touching first in a time of 4:16.57. His time approached the state meet record of 4:15.09.

And that wasn't his lone accomplishment as he was second in the 200 free with a time of 1:35.79. And it was close as the winner was Quin Seider of Nordhoff, who touched in 1:34.97.

Amador swimming

The Dons put in some solid efforts in the CIF State Swimming and Diving championships in Clovis.

Boys 200 medley relay (Cade Vieler, Devyn Caples, Oryan Liu, and Andrew Lillie) finished 15th in the state with a time of 1:33.70.

Caples got fifth in the 200 IM with a time of 1:48.68 and was 11th in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:29.04.

Diver Ben Lentz finished 8th in the 1-meter board.

Christopher Wang got 28th in the 500 free going 4:39.86, with Vieler getting 29th in the 100 with a 51.64, and a 37th in the 200 free.

The 400 free relay quartet of Liu, Lillie, Kealan Tupper, and Vieler got 29th with a time of 3:11.07.

On the girls' side, Rylee Hutchinson was 7th in the 500 free in 4:55.48. She was also 17th in the 200 free.

Lillyana Caples got 16th in the 500 free at 4:57.58. Elayna Ling got 30th in the 100-breast going 1:05.51. ■

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

Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Staff Engineer Software/ IT Digital Retail in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$151,650 - 204,506/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0501ST

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Staff Engineer Software/ Loyalty & Digital M in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$179,568 - 224,967/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0501KV

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Engineer Software (**working in multcloud environments, utilizing technologies such as IIB, Azure & Java**) in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$151,650-176,800/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: R. Samonte. Ref# 0506AP

Workday, Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in Pleasanton, CA:

Technical Product Manager (TPM-009-J01-13): Designs, develops, and manages technical activities for various Workday products ranging from Human Capital Management to Financial Management to determine product definitions and planning through production, release, and end of life. Salary: \$163,571 - \$196,000 per year, 40 hours per week.

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

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

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7 small ways to boost your savings for a down payment

BY SILICON VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

With interest rates ticking up to 7.17% during the last week of April, the typical monthly mortgage payment for a median-priced home is likely out of reach for many first-time homebuyers.

A recent study by the California Association of Realtors shows that California housing affordability is at the lowest level in 16 years, due to higher borrowing costs and a shortage of available homes for sale. Less than 1-in-5 (or 20%) Californians earned the minimum qualifying income needed to purchase a median-priced home in California last year.

To purchase the statewide median-priced home of \$833,170, a buyer would have to make monthly payments of \$5,570, including principal, interest and taxes on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, assuming a 20% down payment and an interest rate above 7%, according to the report.

“Just because you can’t qualify for a mortgage now doesn’t mean an end to your dream of

homeownership,” Eileen Giorgi, president of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors, said. “There are many ways to up your savings, but you should start now.”

Here are seven ways to boost your savings:

Track your spending

At the end of each month, take a closer look at how much you spend at the grocery store, your payments for utilities, rent and gas, and other miscellaneous expenses. See which expenses are necessary and which items you could do without.

Use cash

There’s a psychological advantage to using cash for daily expenses. It’s harder to have cash leave your wallet than swiping a card or tapping your phone when spending money.

Use a credit card that offers cash back

If you use a credit card for some expenses, make sure your card offers cash back and has a no annual fee. Most importantly, if using the card, make sure you can pay off the balance each month.

Eliminate automatic subscription payments

Signing up for services that automatically renew each month or year, such as magazines, streaming services, gym memberships, music subscriptions and data storage, is easy. These expenses add up quickly. Cancel automatic subscriptions that you don’t need.

Save on shopping

Check your weekly grocery ad for coupons and shopper savings or download the grocery store’s digital app to find the best prices, and clip coupons for products you need. Using the digital app or store card will earn you reward points, which can include discounts on gas.

Lower your utility bills

Consider getting an energy audit to pinpoint ways to reduce your electricity usage. Electric companies typically offer this service for free.

Cut back on your electricity usage from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. when electricity rates are typically at their peak. Also, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, it’s best to

keep your thermostat at 68 degrees for most of the day during the winter season. A programmable or smart thermostat can help trim your bill.

Reduce your water and power bills by decreasing your hot water usage. Other ways to shrink energy consumption is to add insulation to your attic, replace your incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient LED light bulbs and replace major appliances with Energy Star-certified appliances. By using Energy Star appliances, a typical household can save about \$450 on their energy bills each year, according to the Department of Energy.

Check out down payment programs

Down payment assistance programs often fly under the radar for potential homebuyers.

Government programs, such as the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) home loan program, Veterans home loans (VA) program or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) home loans program can help make

homeownership more attainable.

The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) offers several options for down payment and closing cost assistance where payments are deferred until the home is sold, refinanced or paid in full.

The Housing Trust Silicon Valley has Empower Homebuyers, a down payment assistance loan for first-time homebuyers in Santa Clara County. If a homebuyer can come up with at least 3% of a home’s purchase price, an Empower loan can provide 17% of the price, to help meet a 20% down payment on a home priced up to \$1.1 million.

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“Be consistent. These improvements to your savings, including depositing a portion of your paycheck directly into your savings account, or even simple things like gathering small change and keeping it in a savings jar can add up to big rewards sooner than you think,” Giorgi said. ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during Feb. 26-March 1 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol and April 15-19 for San Ramon

Pleasanton

3110 Arbor Drive A. & T. Orourke to Elim Trust for \$2,200,000

3061 Bolero Court Mosley Trust to J. John for \$1,135,000

7750 Canyon Meadow Circle #H Ghosh Family Trust to Burlingame Ventures for \$660,000

673 Del Sol Avenue Stahl Family Trust to M. & M. Taneja for \$1,352,000

13 Foothill Lane Jasuja Family Trust to K. & R. Oruganti for \$3,030,000

5407 Montalvo Court Slater Family Trust to C. Furmanek for \$1,195,000

1642 Orvieto Court Y. Jiang to Nagpal Family Trust for \$4,185,000

1619 Paseo Del Cajon M. & D. Grubbs to R. & A. Naik for \$1,782,000

5610 San Luis Court P. Massie to Abboud Family Trust for \$1,850,000

9767 Santos Ranch Road Finnegan Family Trust to 9767 Srr LLC for \$6,275,000

4544 Sutter Gate Avenue Iverson Trust to Revv-Mbex70 Inc for \$2,191,000

4164 Vineyard Avenue #B Sasak Trust to J. & G. Jain for \$1,150,000

Livermore

721 Alison Circle M. Ortega to L. & A. Fars for \$1,500,000

2498 Allegro Street S. Agarwal to S. & T. Chopra for \$2,405,000

4365 Arabian Road Rhoades Living Trust to K. & M. Ward for \$1,050,000

2902 Bresso Drive Richardson Trust to Goswami Living Trust for \$2,155,000

777 Cardinal Drive K. & A. Vonnegut to C. & D. Brown for \$935,000

3943 Dartmouth Way Va Tragni Dev LLC to T. & S. Singh for \$1,170,000

1214 Echo Summit Street Lewis Family Trust to S. & N. Bhavsar for \$1,285,500

6238 Forget Me Not X. Zhang to D. & A. Podder for \$750,000

1945 Heidelberg Drive T. & J. Schellenberg to C. & C. Innamuri for \$1,670,000

4104 Loch Lomand Way Kostalnick Living Trust to Y. & M. Jeevarajan for \$1,725,000

1831 Monterey Drive J. Chalfant to S. Carrillo for \$590,000

1001 Murrieta Boulevard #14 R. Akhter to L. & F. Irvannaldy for \$471,000

1009 Murrieta Boulevard #65 Chiu Trust to J. Levoy for \$625,000

261 Northwood G. & R. Patron to M. Davirankeshavarzi for \$855,000

5647 Oakmont Circle A. & L. Carpenter to Schindler Living Trust for \$895,000

793 Old Oak Road M. & J. Kibbe to N. & A. Giga for \$2,400,000

1448 Peachtree Common L. Tran to M. & S. Zelinka for \$875,000

671 Poplar Court A. Akbari to M. & S. Kuchibhotla for \$1,881,000

264 South R Street A. & T. Fay to M. Monterial for \$936,000

342 Rincon Avenue N Real Estate Investments Inc to J. & C. Duffy for \$940,000

542 Sandalwood Drive E. & H. Parikh to A. & A. Malaviya for \$1,222,500

1770 Sardonyx Court Shyani Family Trust to L. & E. Seshens for \$2,308,000

187 Selby Lane #9 E. Cooperman to H. & B. Kong for \$755,000

4254 Stanford Way Lucas Family Trust to B. Arth for \$905,000

881 Tranquility Circle #3 T. & D. Maw to S. Chhabra for \$800,000

2026 Verbena Common Betz Living Trust to Q. & H. Mortenson-Klemchuk for \$1,120,000

878 Via Seville McMahon Living Trust to A. & J. Mikolajczyk for \$900,000

139 Windward Common #8 Vermont Family Trust to Y. Yang for \$700,000

Dublin

7617 Arbor Creek Circle #107 M. Saffi to W. & Y. Zheng for \$579,000

7995 Bellina Street S. & J. Evasco to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$802,000

2352 Carbondale Way K. & S. Murali to S. & V. Chirukuri for \$1,351,000

4145 Clarinbridge Circle Mclean Family Trust to N. & H. Singh for \$830,000

6611 Donlon Way I. & E. Persoff to Jain Family Trust for \$1,860,000

2697 Mount Dana Drive Rourke Trust to Z. & L. Zhao for \$2,700,000

7405 Rolling Hills Circle Schafer Trust to I. & S. Padhi for \$1,175,000

7462 Starward Drive Opendoor Property Trust I to K. & K. Shah for \$1,245,000

8681 Waterford Court Mackey Living Trust to L. & C. Aboujwdeh for \$1,630,000

Sunol

936 Killcare Road Jennings Living Trust to Tuman Family Trust for \$1,350,000

San Ramon

1711 Arianna Lane J. Anderson to B. Kao for \$1,250,000

440 Bollinger Canyon Lane #196 Y. Bozorgi to J. Chin for \$495,000

4205 Canyon Crest Road Samaras Family Trust to F. & F. Mashayekh for \$1,836,000

1080 Canyon Green Drive Jones Living Trust to J. & Y. Feng for \$2,000,000

203 Claremont Crest Way F. Xiao to Sajjanapu Trust for \$1,820,000

207 Copper Ridge Road Motal Living Trust to C. Roman for \$800,000

9010 Craydon Circle D. Hofius to M. Bateman for \$455,000

298 Eastridge Drive K. Ramezani to Z. & A. Nisbet for \$505,000

4 Eucalyptus Lane Hooper Trust to Nguyen-Keller Living Trust for \$1,720,000

3 Lobelia Lane S. & C. Lindahl to P. & S. Mohapatro for \$1,700,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Feb. 26-March 1)

Total sales reported: 12

Lowest sale reported: \$660,000

Highest sale reported: \$6,275,000

Average sales reported: \$2,250,416

Livermore (Feb. 26-March 1)

Total sales reported: 28

Lowest sale reported: \$471,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,405,000

Average sales reported: \$1,208,000

Dublin (Feb. 26-March 1)

Total sales reported: 9

Lowest sale reported: \$579,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,700,000

Average sales reported: \$1,352,444

Sunol (Feb. 26-March 1)

Total sales reported: 1

Lowest sale reported: \$1,350,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,350,000

Average sales reported: \$1,350,000

San Ramon (April 15-19)

Total sales reported: 20

Lowest sale reported: \$455,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000

Average sales reported: \$1,710,000

Source: California REsource



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1699 BIVAR COURT, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 2 BA | 1,368 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE | .23 ACRES
LISTED FOR \$1,399,000

GOLDEN EAGLE



2173 INVERNESS COURT, PLEASANTON
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,520 SQ. FT. | 6,475 SQ. FT. LOT
LISTED FOR \$1,848,000

ORINDA



12 RICHARD COURT, ORINDA
4 BD | 3 BA | 2,415 SQ. FT. | .46 ACRES
LISTED FOR \$2,195,000

SUNSET WEST



921 LAGUNA STREET, LIVERMORE
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,519 SQ. FT. | 6,500 SQ. FT. LOT
LISTED FOR \$1,279,000

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663 ROMEO COURT, PLEASANTON
5 BD | 3 BA | APPROX. 3,700 SQ. FT. | .47 ACRES
SOLD FOR \$2,900,000

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