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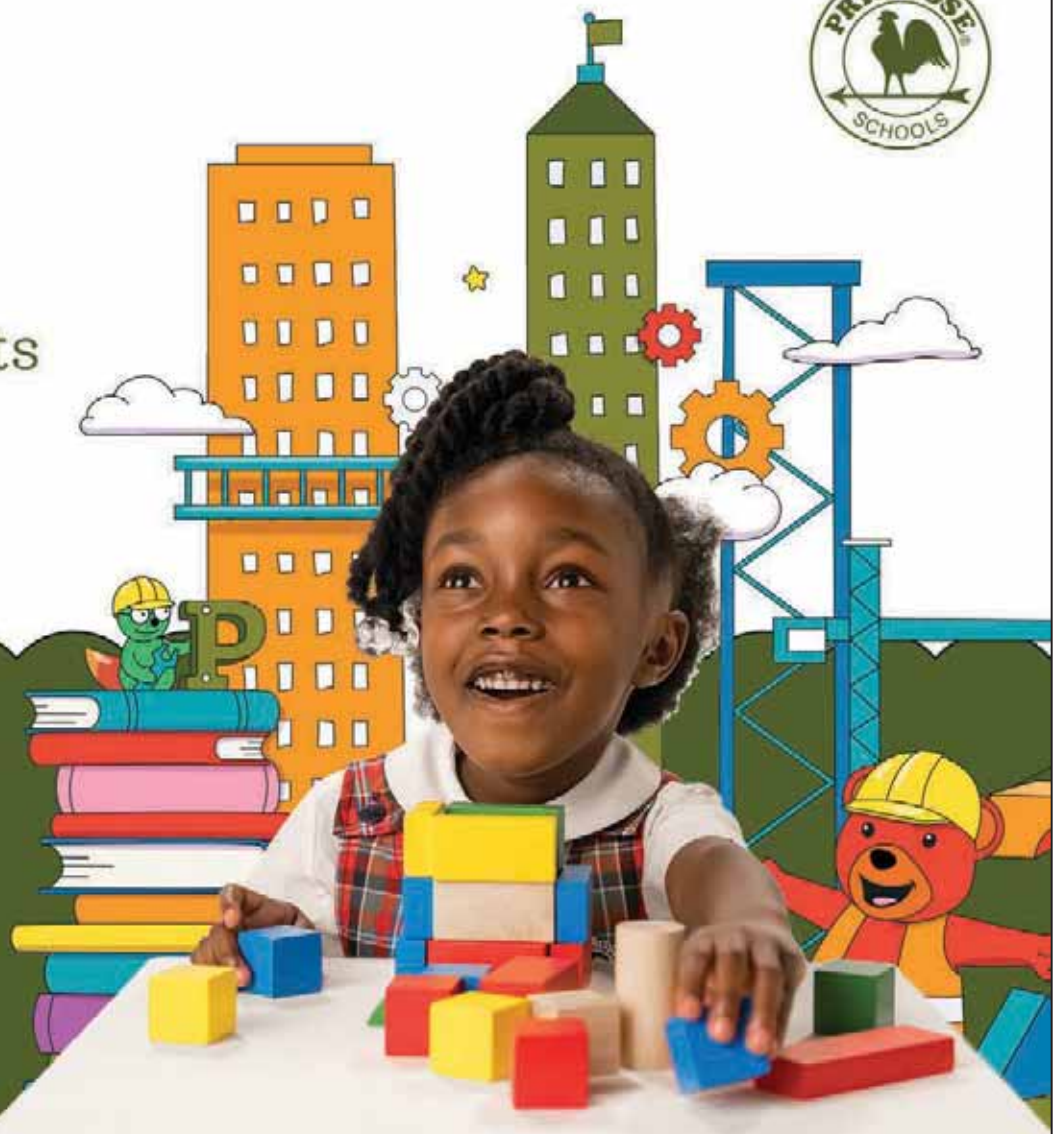


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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Love you, grandma

Our family said goodbye to my grandmother last weekend.

Eileen Walsh — “Mrs. Walsh” as she was known to nearly a generation of students at St. Basil Catholic School in Vallejo — died peacefully in palliative care at the hospital on the morning of May 18, almost a month from her 87th birthday.

As I work to process the grief that is still setting in, I find myself trying to latch onto a prevailing positive feeling. I’m so grateful: that I had such an impactful and inspirational woman to help mold me, that she got to know my wife and my young son, that I got to spend so much time with her in life, and that I was able to make it back from vacation to see her before the end.

She showed me the value of education and educators. She gave tirelessly for her family, her students, her friends and the cancer patients she drove to medical appointments in retirement (even into her 80s). She was probably the most open-minded and understanding person I’ve known. She was well-read, she listened and she valued others’ perspectives.

I wouldn’t be the man I am today without the guiding hand of Grandma Walsh.

Born Eileen Twissell on June 26, 1937, my grandma was raised in Crockett — an only child and first-generation American whose father worked at the C&H Sugar Factory there.

As the stories go, she (and all of us descendants) may have been lucky to even be here. Her birth was a very difficult one, she had her share of tough injuries growing up and as a young woman survived a serious car crash where she was pronounced dead at the scene before someone found a pulse.

It really makes you think about how thin the line of existence can be sometimes. (It also leaves me wishing I had documented her early-life tales more directly, as I’m sure they’ll get better for the telling as the generations grow.)

My dad was the second of her four children in less than seven years. She primarily raised her kids but did work some part-time jobs as a mother, including a teacher’s aide at their school (St. Basil’s) just a few blocks from their house in Vallejo.

It was after her children grew and my grandparents divorced that she

really entered the classroom full-time, teaching sixth grade at the Catholic campus. She taught there pretty much my whole youth.

I am the eldest Walsh grandchild. Spending my childhood in Vallejo and Benicia, I got to see my grandma often.

Operating on a school schedule herself, she would usually share the duty of driving me to afternoon baseball or soccer practices or karate classes. In my adolescence, I would be over almost every other weekend, watching classic movies or TV murder-mysteries, playing logic games, “helping” her grade assignments or just talking.

Those memories have been rushing back. As has recent reminiscing about trips she and I took (or us with my sister) to visit my aunts in San Diego and Utah in the summers. Those car rides are why I love listening to Harry Belafonte and Patsy Cline (although others, like Barbra Steisand and Yanni, never really stuck for me).

Consensus is John Denver was her favorite. I played some with her during a brief period of just she and I in the hospital room last week. I wish I could say it spurred a squeeze of the hand or a smile or a change in breath, but the end of life doesn’t always come with a movie moment.

It meant the world to me all the same.

Familiar songs hit differently that evening: “Carolina in My Mind” (thinking of my sister with her young kids at home in North Carolina), my personal fave (his version of “San Francisco Mabel Joy”) and of course grandma’s No. 1, “Some Days Are Diamonds (Some Days Are Stone)”.

She would pass away a day and a half later, after spending the better part of four days in the comfort care stage in the wake of a health avalanche that began with a fall a couple of weeks earlier.

As hard as it was to see her unresponsive and deteriorating in a bed at the same hospital complex where I was born, I’m so thankful that I could visit with her and her children and that she seemed so calm and restful at the end.

For now, I’ll keep trying not to dwell as this persistent “cold wind blows a chill in my bones” and instead embrace when the “sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy.” It’s what grandma would want. ■

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The Iron Horse Regional Trail serves as a recreational and commuter path for residents throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Users ride bikes, walk and run along the popular route, totaling about 3,000 to 4,000 trips per day. Photo by Jude Strzemp.

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Do you do anything in particular in observance of Memorial Day?



Warren Donohue
Busser / food runner

I usually do something with my family every year. Nothing in particular. We just all like to be together on Memorial Day.



Crystal and Julio Flores
Programs assistant and finance

We get together with friends and there's always a lot of food involved. It's always very enjoyable and we celebrate our past loved ones who worked so hard to ensure all of the freedoms we have today.



Colleen Lillig, with Dobbie
District manager

I go for a long bike ride with friends and then barbecue and have drinks with even more friends. We all enjoy it and I always make sure to express gratitude for my many freedoms and those who fought for us all to have them.



Vanessa Phillips, with Jax
Benefits administrator

I typically go floating on the American River in Sacramento. We enjoy the good weather and sunshine that our beautiful country provides for us.



Michael Kelly
Career consultant

I fly back East to upstate New York where I'm from, in order to spend time with my family. We usually take a drive to Niagara Falls. It's a family tradition.


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Memorial Day

Pleasanton's Memorial Day observance is set for Monday morning (May 27) at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform its Memorial Day Concert starting at 10:30 a.m., with the formal program of the remembrance celebration beginning at 11 a.m.

The event will include the presentation of colors, placing of the wreath, salute to the fallen and speakers such as Lt. Marisol Chalas from Camp Parks, Mayor Karla Brown and Phil Cazella of American Legion Post 237.

Take LFPD survey

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department has opened its "Community Risk Assessment" online survey to receive key resident input to guide departmental planning ahead.

"We believe that the best way to serve the communities of Livermore and Pleasanton is by understanding the needs and concerns," LFPD officials said. "By sharing your insights and experiences, you help us identify the specific risks and challenges our community's face. Your feedback will directly influence how we allocate our resources and respond to emergencies."

The survey closes June 7. Access it at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFPD-CommunitySurvey.

Prescribed burn

The Alameda County Fire Department is set to conduct an annual prescribed burn next week at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300, the lab's experimental test site south of Tracy.

"The purpose of the prescribed burn is to protect Site 300 by helping to prevent wildfires from spreading to or from the site. This process involves careful burning along the site fence line and in portions of the site interior under controlled conditions," LLNL reps said.

The operation is expected to start on or after Tuesday (May 28), but officials noted the schedule is "heavily dependent on appropriate weather conditions" so is subject to change.

Special ed change

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District will be looking for new leadership for its special education department as current executive director Frank Selvaggio has accepted a comparable new job on the Peninsula.

Selvaggio, who has held the position in LVJUSD since 2017 and has 25 years of education experience overall, was hired this month by the Mountain View Whisman School District as its next director of special education. ■

Pleasanton PD presents biannual report to City Council

Analysis focuses on 2023 data on crime trends, response time delays, departmental staffing

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Police Department presented its first biannual report of 2024 to the City Council earlier this month and updated the council on last year's longer response times, crime trends and personnel challenges.

The May 7 meeting was also the first chance for Pleasanton's newly installed Interim Police Chief Gina Anderson to be able to weigh in on these topics and offer different perspectives on issues like the department's longer response time to both emergency and non-emergency calls.

"As I look at the response time

information that is captured in this report, we have (data from) 2021, 2022, 2023, I would be really interested personally as the incoming police chief to take a look at what those response times looked like back in 2019 before the pandemic," Anderson said during the meeting. "I'm wondering if we're seeing this uptick not in part because of staffing but also because we just didn't see as many people out on the roadways and so our officers were able to respond faster around town for that reason and it could be that simple."

According to Capt. Kurt Schlehber's presentation to the

council, PPD's average response time for emergency calls in 2023 was five minutes and 19 seconds and nearly 25 minutes for non-emergency calls.

The city's General Plan goals for those response times is four minutes for emergencies and 20 minutes for non-emergencies.

Schlehber said in 2022, PPD's average response time for emergency calls was four minutes and 40 seconds — that same year officers responded to non-emergency calls in 22 minutes and 49 seconds. In 2021, PPD's response time was quicker by four seconds for emergency calls and by over a minute for non-emergency calls.

According to Schlehber, the reason for the uptick in response times has been because of PPD's officers being assigned to beat areas throughout the city.

"We have a five-beat system in Pleasanton and we have one officer per beat," he said.

He said the reason for that is because officers can get to know that specific area better and can get to know the residents who live in their beats so that when they get calls for service they, as the primary responders to their assigned beats, already have relationships with those people who

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COURTESY WENTE VINEYARDS

The summer concert series returns to Wente Vineyards next month and runs through August.

Wente Vineyards unveils lineup for summer concert series

First show set for June 7 with Queen tribute band

By Cierra Bailey

Livermore's Wente Vineyards has announced its lineup of thrilling performers set to hit the stage this summer for the winery's annual concert series.

"We can't wait to kick-off another year of live music here at Wente Vineyards," said Aly Wente, fifth

generation winegrower and VP of marketing and customer experiences. "Our summer concert series is beloved throughout the community, and our lineup of top acts such as Queen Nation, The Sun Kings, Crawdad Republic Plus Wolf Hamlin and The Front Porch Drifters, offers a little something for everyone."

From June through August, Wente will host several tribute bands performing on the concert lawn with wine, beer and cocktails available for purchase as well as food trucks offering diverse cuisine on site. For all concerts, doors will open at 5 p.m. and the

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Trustees to revisit flag rules

Jergensen censure fails; new effort to chide Romo emerges

By Christian Trujano

Several points of contention that have been boiling up in Sunol over recent months — such as the infamous flag resolution and efforts to censure not just Board President Ryan Jergensen but also Trustee Peter (Ted) Romo — were discussed during the last school board meeting.

As has been the case during these Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees meetings over the past year, many residents, parents and other community members were conflicted on these various issues, except for a resolution brought forward by Romo to relook at the flag resolution at a future board meeting in order to allow for more leniency.

"We don't need to ruin the resolution we already have, (but) we may need to amend it so that we can allow for banners and that kind of thing here at the school," Trustee Linda Hurley said at the May 14 meeting. "So maybe further discussion is warranted."

Last September, the school board majority of Jergensen and Hurley approved a resolution that specified the school would only display the state and U.S. flag at the school after concerns were raised by a small group of

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School board, council discuss range of topics at joint meeting

Key subjects included successful collaborations between two agencies and fiscal challenges

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council and school board got together last month to talk about a myriad of topics that the two agencies have been working on both individually and collaboratively.

The April 30 discussion ranged from the positive achievements of the joint collaboration such as the after-school program at the Pleasanton Public Library and the police department's Alternative Response Unit, to the fiscal challenges both agencies are facing and how the city and district can work together to address those issues.

"It's always uncomfortable talking about money and finances," PUSD Board President Mary Jo Carreon said. "I'd like to see us do a little bit more collaboration as far as money. I am just feeling like some of the decisions made at the City Council ... (are) going to be a financial impact to our students."

The first major presentation the council and board listened to was about last year's highlights on the two agencies' successful collaborations, which included the newly developed after school program at the library.

According to Heidi Murphy, director of library and recreation at the city, the program started as a pilot at the end of last year in response to a fight that broke out at the beginning of 2023 outside of the library where a Pleasanton Middle School student was caught on video stomping another girl on the head.

Murphy said the program now serves over 380 students each month, with most coming from PMS.

"This was born out of a health and safety initiative where we wanted to provide a sense of community, supervised activities and also tutoring services for our students," deputy superintendent Ed Diolazo said.

Another major accomplishment that was noted during the presentation was the success of the city's Alternative Response Unit, which is specifically dedicated to responding to mental health crisis calls.

Diolazo said the district had a high number of students being placed in police custody for mental health holds, but since the combination of an officer and clinician being brought in to address these calls, the district has seen a significant drop in juveniles being placed in mental health holds.

"It's an amazing success story," Vice Mayor Julie Testa said.

Outgoing Police Chief David Swing told the council and board that diversion and the school resource officer (SRO) program have also helped with there not being any juvenile custodial arrests at any PUSD campus last year.

However, as Councilmember Jack Balch pointed out in his questions, the SRO program along with the crossing guards is one collaboration between the city and the district that will be changing in the near future and could end up hurting the district financially.

Back in March, the city voted 4-1 with Balch dissenting to move toward a cost-sharing plan where the city, which previously took care of paying the crossing guards and SRO, would move to pay 50% of the costs and the district would

pay the other half.

As clarified during last month's meeting, the city will continue to pay for both services for the next 12 months but after that, it would have to come down to whether or not the district can absorb the other 50% of costs and whether or not the city will even be at a point financially where it even can cover its half or if it will have to put the entire burden on the district.

"As you're all aware, it's not just cities. School districts also are suffering financially in the current state budget and so any increase in expenditure will be very difficult for the district to support," Superintendent David Haglund said.

Another point of contention that Balch brought up was the city's upcoming ban on gas-powered leaf blowers, which takes effect on June 1.

As Balch asked what the district's plan was to make the conversion to leaf blowers not powered by gas, assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami said that it will be an issue for PUSD but that staff are looking at different options and looking for grants to help fund the conversion.

"One of the issues we're also looking at is the technology is still catching up in that industry," Sheikholeslami said. "The units are very heavy, so that is also a concern."

He also said he doesn't know how much the district's budget will be affected due to that ban.

Speaking about other financial challenges, Sheikholeslami along with the city's finance director

Susan Hsieh spent the next portion of the meeting talking about the financial challenges the two agencies have been facing following the pandemic and how both are seeing similar issues with increased expenditures and a decrease in revenues.

One of the biggest expenditures for both the city and the district has been salaries and benefits.

"Similar to the percentage of your budget with salaries and benefits, I think it's similar with the city," Councilmember Valerie Arkin said. "We are kind of in that same boat in that regard."

And while both are doing everything from looking at services the city might have to cut to the district looking to cut positions and lay off employees, both agencies have also been looking at other potential revenue streams.

Hsieh reminded the room that the city has been engaging with the community to see if there would be any support with placing a half-cent sales tax measure in the upcoming November ballot to help combat the city's flat sales tax and virtual loss of hotel tax revenues.

On the other hand, Sheikholeslami talked about how apart from local donations, the district and community can increase funding through a parcel tax. He said no decisions have been made on that front either but that the district is putting together data in order to figure out whether there is an interest for a community-led parcel tax to be placed on the ballot or for the district to vote on it, which would need a two-thirds majority vote.

However, many of the councilmembers and trustees agreed that putting both a parcel tax and a sales tax measure in front of voters might hurt the chances of either getting approved.

"We should not have competing measures," Arkin said. "If we have competing measures, I think you will find consultants that will say you're very likely going to sink both of them because people will not want to vote for two things."

"We just had a whole thing on collaboration and I think we should not compete," Arkin added. "We should work together."

Apart from the projected deficits from both the city and the district and the potential negative impacts those would have on both if they don't find some solutions, the district and city staff also reviewed the collaborative work between the city's planning department and how the district has used that work to change its elementary, middle and high school boundaries in the past year.

They also went over how more housing, which could come thanks to the city adopting its sixth cycle Housing Element, could bring in the much needed families and students to help alleviate some of the district's fiscal issues given the fact that most of its revenue comes from student enrollment, which has decreased significantly over the past few years.

"Our housing costs are higher so it is harder for younger families to move in," Sheikholeslami said.

He also touched on the future plans for workforce housing, which was originally planned to be considered at the old district office property located at Bernal Avenue. However, Sheikholeslami said that with having to move the Village High School operations and other departments, those plans are still at least three to four years down the road. ■

Livermore boy drowns on Bethel Island

Rescue diver finds body in Delta

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Contra Costa County Coroner's Office last week identified a 5-year-old boy who drowned over the prior weekend on Bethel Island.

Lucas Zhang was from Livermore. He was found submerged near the docks at Bethel Island by a rescue diver on May 11.

Deputies from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 400 block of Halcyon Place in Bethel Island in the Sacramento-San

Joaquin River Delta around 4:30 p.m. May 11 in response to a report of a missing child.

Deputies searched for the boy, who was believed to have fallen into the water. Sheriff's office marine patrol deputies also searched, and a diver from the fire district entered the water near the docks to search for him.

The diver found the boy around 5:10 p.m. Rescuers immediately attempted life-saving measures and the child was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. ■

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music will begin at 8 p.m.

Organizers noted in a statement announcing the lineup that attendees are encouraged to bring low-back chairs or blankets for seating as they are first come and first served on the concert lawn. No outside food, alcohol, or coolers will be permitted, and all events are 21 and over. General admission is \$50 per ticket, and the club discount applies.

For those seeking a more exclusive and premium experience, VIP admission is available. VIP guests are provided a chef's table experience with a buffet-style dinner curated by executive chef Daniel Massie, reserved seating at a private table on the outdoor patio, and access to VIP bars.

VIP tables come with either eight or 10 tickets to the event, with two

bottles of wine included per table. Dinner will be served in the winery's event center, with reserved seating and tables on the outdoor patio in a prime location to watch the show.

Kicking off the series on June 7 will be Queen tribute band Queen Nation, followed by the Tri-Valley's own Crawdad Republic on June 14 with Wolf Hamlin and The Front Porch Drifters.

The Best Intentions will bring Motown classics and R&B hits to Wente on June 28, and The Sun Kings will take concertgoers through The Beatles discography on July 6.

Rounding out the final three shows of the summer will be Billy Joel tribute band Billy Nation on July 19, Eagles tribute band the ILLEAGLES on Aug. 9 and Evolution will showcase the music of Journey on Aug. 24.

Tickets for the live music series

are available at wentevineyards.com/events/2024-summer-live-music-series.

Along with this year's concert acts, Wente announced other events taking place at the winery this summer including Movie Nights on the Cabernet Lawn. The showings include "The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes" on July 11, "Wonka" on July 18 and "Top Gun" on July 25.

On Aug. 31, Wente is set to present its annual Front Porch Festival. Organizers said guests can look forward to a day filled with multiple musical performances, delectable food and great wines.

The fun continues into the fall as Wente Vineyards is also introducing its first ever Jazz Festival on Oct. 12 with more information to be announced in the coming months.

For the full lineup of seasonal events and ticket information, visit wentevineyards.com/events. ■

County recognizes two DUSD staffers as Classified Employees of the Year

Doyle and Mendoza among nine honorees lauded for 'exemplary work'

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Alameda County Office of Education recently published its list of this year's county classified employees of the year, which included two employees from the Dublin Unified School District.

According to an April 24 press release from the ACOE, Amador Elementary School head custodian Carly Mendoza and Dublin Elementary School health services assistant Helen Doyle were among the nine employees that the county



Carly Mendoza

recognized as the 2024 Alameda County Classified Employees of the Year.

"I am excited to recognize the 2024 Alameda County Classified Employees of the Year, whose exemplary work supports Alameda County schools everyday," Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Alysse Castro stated in the press release. "These honorees are undeniably committed and go above and beyond to make sure students have what they need to be successful. Their essential roles ensure students have healthy meals, reliable transportation, and safe campuses that create conditions where students can thrive."

In a DUSD spotlight video series, Doyle said she has been at Dublin

Elementary since 2013 and that she loves her team, staff and teachers she works with at the school and who all heavily contribute toward each student's educational experience.

"It really takes a village to take care of a child," Doyle said.

According to the county press release, Doyle is trustworthy, reliable and effortlessly connected with everyone, which is why the staff at Dublin Elementary can depend on her to safeguard each student's health needs while



Helen Doyle

ensuring "utmost confidentiality at all times."

"Helen exhibits exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment in leading the medical team for all our health and safety drills," according to the county press release. "She meticulously ensures that all staff members receive comprehensive training, including sessions on EpiPen administration, showing her dedication to maintaining a safe and prepared school environment."

Mendoza is a Dublin native who went through the DUSD system and whose own children now attend Dublin schools. According to the county press release, she has been the head custodian at Amador Elementary for the past

five years and has exhibited a deep understanding of all the aspects of her custodial duties.

"As a head custodian I ensure that the school is clean on a daily basis and well organized," Mendoza said in the DUSD spotlight video. "The work I do directly impacts the children and I want them to come into a clean learning environment every day."

In the video, she said she actually enjoys the learning environment so much that she has begun working on her teaching credential program at the school so that one day she can become a teacher as well.

Although neither Doyle nor Mendoza was selected by the California Department of Education as State Classified Employee of the Year, the recognition did go to another staffer in Alameda County — Rinat Fried, a research associate in early childhood education for the Oakland Unified School District. ■

Hiker, dog located after being lost in Ohlone Wilderness

Search crews scoured parkland before spotting pair Monday

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After being lost in the Ohlone Wilderness over the weekend, the East Bay Regional Park District — along with the help of other regional agencies — found an Oakland resident who went missing with his dog in the Tri-Valley expanse for nearly two days.

The large-scale search for Alex Stecher ended successfully on Monday after Stecher had failed to make it to his end destination at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore on Saturday afternoon.

"He seems to be doing OK and is being assessed for medical needs," EBRPD Police Lt. Patrick Brookens told the Weekly.

According to a press release from the park district on Monday morning, Stecher began his hike at the Sunol Regional Wilderness Preserve on Friday morning (May 17) along with his dog, Apollo. The two were due to get picked up at the Del Valle Regional Park on Saturday afternoon, but they never made it to their end destination, according to the press release.

Instead, a park ranger reported Stecher as an overdue hiker to the park district police dispatch at approximately 8:23 p.m. on Saturday (May 18), Brookens said.

Brookens said backpackers or hikers typically tell family or friends when they plan to be back from their trip so they can either get picked up or people know when to expect them. When they're not back by the time they planned to be back, that's when they're considered an overdue hiker, which doesn't necessarily mean they are a missing person at the time because things happen on trails which could make the trips last longer than

originally planned, Brookens said.

But as those cases develop, it then pivots to a missing person investigation, which is what happened in Stecher's case.

Stecher was found in such a wide area thanks to the EBRPD police and fire departments, the Alameda County Fire Department, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit, the EBRPD

Search and Rescue Unit, Cal Fire and the California Highway Patrol.

"It's a vast wilderness," Brookens said. "We have activated Alameda County search and rescue through the office of emergency services and with that we're able to get resources from surrounding counties so there's a big mutual aid response that has come out to assist with this operation." ■



COURTESY EBRPD

Hiker Alex Stecher and dog Apollo, shown here in photo circulated when they were missing, were found safe in the Ohlone Wilderness after two days of being lost.

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DA Price says she's ready to battle for her job, defeat recall effort

'We've won this election (2022). We should not have to run another election'

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price pronounced victory last week in an early battle to remove her from office, but who will ultimately prevail in the recall effort against her won't be decided until November.

Price said that the decision May 14 by the county Board of Supervisors to consolidate the recall with the Nov. 5 general election is a win for her campaign, especially given the fact that her detractors pushed hard for supervisors to call a special, stand-alone election.

"We are here today to appreciate that the Board of Supervisors yesterday did the right thing and decided not to invest \$20 million of our hard-earned tax dollars for a failed effort to overturn the November 2022 election," she said during a press conference at Oakland's famed Everett & Jones BBQ restaurant near Jack London Square on May 15.

"This is a victory for the people of Alameda County. This is a win for democracy," Price said.

Price won the 2022 election with roughly 53% of the vote and became the first African American woman to hold the county's top prosecutor job.

Soon after, however, opponents



KILEY RUSSELL / BCN

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price holds a press conference in Oakland on May 15 to address the Nov. 5 recall election launched against her.

launched a petition drive and ultimately gathered enough signatures to place her name on a recall ballot, alleging that her progressive reform platform was too soft on criminals and led to increasing crime — making her the first district attorney in the county's history to face a recall.

"They have flooded social media and the media with misinformation; they are essentially making things

up without any kind of foundation or any understanding actually of how prosecution works," Price said.

Price said her opponents are running a "platinum roots" campaign — as opposed to a grassroots campaign — since it's being primarily funded by what she called wealthy out-of-town real estate and corporate interests who have already raised roughly \$3 million to defeat her.

She also touted her achievements, as described in a 2023 annual report that says she's created a new prosecution unit to tackle organized retail thefts, hired 12 new victim/witness advocates and added seven new clinicians for the Family Justice Center, which serves victims of domestic violence sexual assault, child and elder abuse.

She also increased staffing in the

mental health, sexual assault, domestic violence, felony trial and juvenile justice units and launched the Public Accountability Unit to tackle official, police and prosecutorial misconduct, according to the report.

Price said she's determined not to let the recall effort distract from the work she is responsible for as the district attorney.

"The Protect the Win campaign has been driven by volunteers for almost a year and they have stood in the gap for the residents of Alameda County, as well as me personally, because I have said to them over and over again, I have to do my job," Price said. "We've won this (2022) election. We should not have to run another election."

Also on May 15, recall organizers, Save Alameda For Everyone, said the supervisors' decision to place Price's future on a ballot was a major milestone for their cause.

"We firmly believe that every member of our community deserves a District Attorney who prioritizes justice, fairness, and accountability. The recall election on Nov. 5 provides an opportunity for residents to voice their concerns and demand the leadership they deserve," SAFE leader Carl Chan said in a news release.

Price didn't comment on the possibility that she will sue either Alameda County Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis or the Board of Supervisors, or both, over allegations that county officials didn't follow their own election rules when handling the recall signature gathering drive. ■

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might be calling.

But with that system came some issues.

"One of the unintended consequences of that is that we were waiting to dispatch calls until that beat officer was available when there were available units maybe in just the neighboring beat," Schlehuber said.

After realizing that was affecting response times, Schlehuber said the department made a change so that it dispatches the closest available unit regardless of whether or not that officer is assigned to the beat.

Anderson also jumped in near the end of the discussion to say that maybe it is also time to change the city's General Plan response time goals.

"The General Plan's four-minute target to emergency calls for service and the 20-minute goal for the non-emergency calls for service; I'm not sure at this point what drove those to be our goals," Anderson said during the meeting. "If these were our goals — let's say for example the General Plan is 10, 15, 20 years old — we just might have more residents in our community, more people on

the roadways."

Mayor Karla Brown confirmed that plan was implemented in 2005 as part of the 2005 to 2025 General Plan and that there was some validity in the fact that the response times are based on old data, but she also said she wasn't necessarily saying to change the goals, which is something that Councilmember Jack Balch didn't take lightly.

Balch said he understood what Anderson and Schlehuber were talking about with how long it sometimes takes to clear incidents due to how much data officers have to take down while responding to an incident and how PPD has to make sure officers respond to new calls not just as quickly as they can, but as safely as they can as well.

But he also said he still wants to make sure the city is appropriately responding to these calls as quickly as possible because every second matters to residents who are experiencing an emergency. He also said he doesn't want the city to use metrics such as PPD responding quicker than other cities in the Bay Area.

"I want to measure against Pleasanton. I don't want to measure against Oakland," Balch said. "Moving the goal post, I can

understand that, but I want to be very careful before we do that."

Apart from response time data, Schlehuber went over important crime data that shows how the city experienced what he called an anomaly of three homicides in 2023. He specifically called out the murder of 26-year-old Blake Mohs who was shot and killed at a Home Depot in April 2023 and how brazen some criminals are becoming.

"We hope that this isn't a continuing trend," he said.

Other crime trends he pointed out included more reported rapes last year because more people are coming forward to speak out on past incidents; an increase of juvenile arrests last year primarily due to shoplifting at the Stoneridge Shopping Center; an increase in residential burglaries and auto theft, which has been a regionwide trend; and a downward trend in catalytic converter thefts which is an improvement from past years.

He also touched on how there were less traffic enforcement stops, primarily due to the collapse of the department's traffic unit last year. Not having that additional unit out patrolling was another reason why the response times were higher, Schlehuber

said, because they didn't have those additional officers available to respond to calls.

One other increase Schlehuber went over from last year was in control holds, which are not equivalent to choke holds as choke holds are against PPD procedures.

He said that PPD has been seeing suspects being more defiant when getting arrested, which has led to that increase in control holds.

Schlehuber also went over how the department's Alternate Response Unit has been seeing great results by diverting 362 mental health calls away from patrol officers and said the unit recently partnered with the school resource officer program because they see a lot of mental health hold calls coming from schools.

He finally touched on personnel matters, which has been a big issue for the department over the past year. He said they have five new officers in the training program and five in the police academy with one already having graduated on May 13, which means more officers coming through the pipeline.

Schlehuber said that's not just important for the community, but also for boosting officer morale

by giving them more opportunities to take days off and not having to work overtime.

While the rest of the council had mostly praised the work the PPD has done with the report and noted all of the positive work they have been doing, the only public speaker for the item — Pleasanton resident John Bauer — said there should be more external oversight for these types of reports.

Bauer is the father of Jacob Bauer, who died in police custody in 2018. He said while he has seen the department get better over the years, he still believes there was no accountability for his son's death — even after he and his wife settled their lawsuit against the city in 2021 — and that reports like the PPD made earlier this month should be done outside of the department.

"One topic that has not been addressed since that time has been external independent oversight," Bauer said. "It was put forward by the previous council that the PPD currently does have oversight and that is with you, the City Council, and that this bi-annual report is part of that oversight."

"Does anybody in this room really think that there was oversight in this presentation?" Bauer added. ■

PUSD executive stepping down; position going away

Nelson accepts new job as assistant superintendent of educational services in SoCal district

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton Unified School District's assistant superintendent of teaching and learning will be leaving the district after two years and, according to the district, there is no intention to bring that position back.

William Nelson has been serving as the assistant superintendent of teaching and learning at PUSD since July 2022. He succeeded Janelle Woodward, who retired after about two years in the same position.



William Nelson

But on May 14, the Paramount Unified School District Board of Trustees

unanimously voted to appoint Nelson as its next assistant superintendent of educational services. Paramount is a city located in Los Angeles County.

"We appreciate Dr. Nelson's service to the students and staff in PUSD and wish him well in his new position," Superintendent David Haglund said in a statement to the Weekly.

Lanita Villaseñor, executive assistant to Haglund, told the Weekly that Nelson's last day at PUSD will be on June 30 and that the reason for his departure was simply because he got the job at Paramount Unified.

Villaseñor also said that there will be no plans to fill Nelson's position and the district will instead "collapse the role and reduce the number of executive cabinet from five to four."

"Dr. Nelson resigned from his

position due to finding another job, and the district saw an opportunity to reduce the executive cabinet," she said.

According to a May 15 press release from Paramount Unified, Nelson's first day at the new job will be on July 1. He will oversee early childhood education; elementary and secondary education; special education; and research, assessment and student information services.

"Nelson has a proven track record of strong educational leadership with deep experience in Educational Services," Paramount Unified School District Superintendent Joshua Lightle said in the press release. "His commitments to academic excellence for all students, his equity work, and experience at multiple levels will be such an asset to our district and community."

Nelson comes from a 27-year background in being a teacher, principal, senior district administrator and, most recently, an assistant superintendent. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of the Pacific, a master's degree in cross cultural education from National University and a doctorate in educational leadership from Concordia University.

"I feel immensely grateful for the opportunity to join the Paramount

family, and I'm committed wholeheartedly to serving our students, staff, and community," Nelson said in the Paramount Unified press release. "I eagerly anticipate collaborating with everyone and utilizing our combined knowledge and skills to empower every (Paramount Unified School District) student, ensuring that they attain their college and future career goals and aspirations when they graduate from our district." ■

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people who argued that the school could be liable to lawsuits if certain special interest groups were not allowed to fly their specific flags.

Some people criticized the resolution saying it effectively bans the LGBTQIA+ Pride flag and other flags and banners that teachers have been hanging in their classrooms. Others argued the state and U.S. flags are the most inclusive flags and the community needs to move past this contentious discussion because all Jergensen and Hurley tried to do was prevent potential lawsuits.

Kindra Mendall, a former Sunol parent and eight-year staff member at the school, was one of the people who pleaded with the board during the May 14 meeting to revise the resolution and even gave visual examples of how the resolution hasn't been working.

She held up seasonal welcoming flags that she hung up in front of her classrooms and banners her leadership team students had created for the school before dropping them all on the ground as she explained how the resolution didn't allow for any of those at the school.

"Apparently we can't announce to the public that Sunol Glen is against bullying," Mendall said. "Students picked this out. I thought it was a banner but apparently banners are flags."

Romo said in a May 11 letter to the editor on the Inform Sunol newsletter, two banners were also displayed the previous weekend — one for the annual Sunol 4-H pancake breakfast and one displaying County Supervisor David Haubert's name — which brought him to draft the May 14 resolution.

Romo's resolution, which the board unanimously agreed should be placed on a future agenda, states

that the school's flagpole should be used for the U.S. and state flags but that any other flags, banners, signs, posters can be hung on other areas in the school with authorization by the superintendent.

While Hurley, and others who have staunchly supported the flag resolution, didn't agree with the length of Romo's resolution, they agreed that a quick amendment to the original resolution to include such banners and posters to be hung around the district would be a good idea.

"Why can't we agree to (add) in addition the superintendent or designee are authorized to display such special interest flags or banners as might be requested in other areas of the campus as well as the historical fence location?" Sunol resident Bob Frillman said. "That takes care of it all."

But the real turning point during this portion of the meeting occurred when Sunol resident and former school board candidate James Lowder presented a flag to the board and said that if they didn't fly it then the school would be violating his first amendment rights.

Lowder was one of the people who first brought up the issue when he wrote a letter to Superintendent Molleen Barnes stating that if the pride flag was being raised, why couldn't he put up Christian flags or flags of the National Rifle Association.

He held up a photo, which could not be seen in the livestream, of some type of flag that was not supposed to be flown and said that if the school is allowing that flag to be displayed, then he should be able to display his flag. He also mentioned a First Amendment attorney that Lowder spoke with who told Lowder "he would be happy to take this case."

"Oh my, the irony. You wanted a flag resolution so we wouldn't get sued, Linda," former Sunol board member Vic Cloutier told the board.

"And yet one of your dear friends James Lowder has just come up and in front of us all threatened to sue the school."

"The issue before us is that we have a flag policy that you instituted that is unenforceable," Cloutier added. "Banners keep popping up at the school anyway."

Romo's resolution will now come back to the board either in June or July, Jergensen said, depending on discussions with the district's legal team regarding the resolution.

In other business

- After voting down Romo's proposed resolution to censure Jergensen — which is a publicly denouncement his actions — after leaked emails were published showing Jergensen's attempt to get the district's former lawyer to get a copy of the signed petition for his upcoming recall, Hurley and Jergensen voted to place a resolution on the next meeting agenda to censure Romo.

Hurley said Romo has broken a myriad of bylaws and other codes of conduct such as unauthorized calls to the district's attorney, editing of meeting minutes and other instances where he overstepped his authority.

- Citizens Bond Oversight Committee member Debbie Ferrari will be keeping her position on the committee after several people had called for the board to remove her following what many said was a racist email she sent to a fellow Sunol resident back in February.

The board had previously decided not to do anything before talking about the situation further with the district's legal team, but on May 14, the board was faced with a resolution to actually remove Ferrari. Romo motioned to approve the removal but neither Jergensen or Hurley seconded the motion, meaning that Ferrari will stay on the CBOC. ■



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State: Report says Delta tunnel benefits to outweigh costs

'It gives the State Water Project more operational flexibility and benefits to the environment,' DWR rep adds

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

For every \$1 spent building the controversial Delta tunnel, \$2.20 of benefits will be generated for the water consumers of California over 100 years.

That was the finding announced last week by the California Department of Water Resources for its proposed Delta Conveyance Project. Working with independent researchers, they released a report that tallies the costs and benefits of the tunnel.

At this point, the benefit-cost analysis report is a way for planners to grasp the scope of the project and determine the worthiness of continuing to plan it.

The massive civil engineering program would extend the State Water Project, the system of aqueducts that carries fresh water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to farms and cities in Southern California.

The project would relocate the system's intake point from the Bethany Reservoir south of the Delta to the Sacramento River at the top and would be built over a 15-year construction period. It is expected to open in 2045, with the benefits projected over 100 years of use.

A freshwater bypass has been proposed by several California governors, but the current tunnel plan is Gov. Gavin Newsom's response to doomsday projections of saltwater inundation of the Delta from rising sea levels and earthquakes.

The controversy over diverting 6,000 cubic feet per second of fresh snowmelt straight from the Sacramento River at a point before it reaches the vast wildlife estuary has flared protests from tribes, fisheries and environmentalists.

"We have submitted to the California Water Resources Control Board our change in point of diversion application, and that typically triggers a degree of protests from other entities who are concerned about the impact of the project on

other beneficial uses," DWR director Karla Nemeth said on May 16. "We are working very intensely to settle out those protests with parties."

Scott Artis, director of the Golden Gate Salmon Association, spoke against the tunnel at a press event in April, saying the salmon's freshwater is going to farmers.

"Over 1.6 million acres of almonds, thirsty almonds planted in arid regions that require salmon water all year round, were reported in 2022. Meanwhile, we have staggering salmon declines. This is what's heartbreaking. It's a travesty of what's happening to the salmon fishery. A state trying to use 1950s-style infrastructure water projects to solve a 21st century problem is not the answer," he said. "Sites Reservoir, the Delta tunnel. That is not the answer."

Carrie Buckman, DWR environmental program manager, said the tunnel would enhance environmental protections. It would allow pumping water in the South Delta to be reduced to protect fish species while pumping much needed water from the North through the tunnel during high flows.

"It gives the State Water Project more operational flexibility and benefits to the environment," she said. "The monetary benefits to this protection were not included in the benefit-cost analysis."

"Our analysis also considers longer term changes in water quality in the Delta," said David Sunding, emeritus professor at UC Berkeley, who led the benefit-cost analysis. "Those are expected to be quite modest."

"The Delta Conveyance Project passes the benefit-cost test readily, with benefits that are more than double the cost," Sunding said. "The project enables ongoing demands to be satisfied and water supply reliability to be maintained."

The Tri-Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency, which receives water from the State Water Project, issued a

statement on Friday praising analysis and the benefits cited for the Delta tunnel project.

"The State Water Project is vital to our community as it provides 70% of the water supply used to enhance the quality of life, economic vitality, and environmental health to our region. The Delta Conveyance Project will modernize the State Water Project and ensure water supply reliability for our community," Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor said in a statement.

Last week's announcement also included an updated price tag for the project. It is now \$20.1 billion, up from the 2020 starting projection of \$16 billion, which the analysis blames on inflation.

Nemeth mentioned that state water contractors or public water agencies that are participating in the project need to look at this report and plug it into their own water resources and financial planning for their service area before they decide on the project.

"We are looking at the end of 2026 as a potential decision point for, you know, actually funding the project. Those are the big dollars," she said.

"We are also anticipating supplemental design innovations to drop project costs by about 1.2 billion," Sunding said.

The monetary costs include construction, future operations and maintenance, as well as the costs for environmental mitigation and a Delta community benefit fund of \$200 million. Non-monetary costs include local impacts, increased traffic congestion, reduced air quality and noise during the period of construction.

Calculation of benefits involved modeling scenarios for sea level rise and earthquakes.

Sunding showed a hydrologic model that projected a 1.8-foot sea level rise by 2070, in which there was a 22% expected reduction of State Water Project deliveries.

"However, State Water Project



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Looking south from Terminous Tract on the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta in San Joaquin County.

yields with the tunnel under those same 2070 climate conditions restores 403,000-acre-feet of project yields, so it doesn't go all the way toward fully mitigating the effects of climate change but restores a lot of what would otherwise be lost," Sunding said.

The analysis used an earthquake scenario that envisions a 1-in-500-year earthquake event that results in 50 levee breaches and 20 islands flooded in the Delta. Without the tunnel, the analysis estimates there would be an outage on average of about 203 days.

"So, no State Water Project deliveries at all following 20 islands being flooded," said Sunding.

Beyond that, there would be an increase of salinity in the water for another 340 days, "A total of 543 days of either no water at all or reduced water quality," he said.

With the tunnel outcomes are much better, he said. Under the analysis, the State Water Project continues to operate business as usual, with the same level of reliability and water quality as before the earthquake.

Sunding listed other advantages to the tunnel, including the ability of urban agencies to fill their storage more frequently to protect against drought years. Farmers would be incentivized to pump groundwater if more surface water is available.

The water moving through the state delivery system would be cleaner and have less salinity, reducing the need for extra water processing or flushing salt from croplands, he said.

There are 27 million people in California that are served in the State Water Project service territory, said Sunding.

"The State Water Project has an annual GDP of about \$2.8 trillion, which is larger than the economies of Canada, Italy and Brazil, just behind the UK and France," he said. "So obviously, a lot of goods and services are produced in the State Water Project service area. At present, the project is running a level of deliveries of about 2.56-million-acre feet per year to urban and agricultural consumers."

"The reality is that climate is going to challenge water affordability across the state, and our ability to design projects that provide affordable solutions has never been more critical," Nemeth said. "Three out of every four disadvantaged Californians are served by the State Water Project, and almost three-fourths of disadvantaged Californians would be served by the tunnel."

Editor's note: Embarcadero Media Foundation East Bay editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story. ■

EBRPD gets congressional recognition for 90th birthday

'This is a year of celebration for our community, dedicated staff and many partners'

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Six members of Congress introduced a resolution last week recognizing the East Bay Regional Park District on its 90th birthday.

U.S. Reps. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Walnut Creek; John Garamendi, D-Walnut Grove; Josh Harder, D-Tracy; Ro Khanna, D-Fremont; Barbara Lee, D-Oakland; and Eric Swalwell, D-Castro Valley, recognized the 90th anniversary of the district and its service to the entire East Bay.

"I'm grateful for EBRPD's leadership in working to improve quality of life and community well-being through a steadfast commitment to environmental conservation and maintenance of our local public parks," DeSaulnier said in a statement May 16. "I'm proud to celebrate 90 years of the East Bay Regional Park District and look forward to continuing to partner with them for years to come."

The district's general manager Sabrina Landreth said in a statement that the district feels

honored by the congressional recognition.

"This is a year of celebration for our community, dedicated staff, and many partners. Thank you, Rep. DeSaulnier, for celebrating with us the Park District's 90 years of milestones, environmental conservation, and positive experiences in nature as we continue vital work that will impact generations to come," Landreth said.

The district's board president Elizabeth Echols said DeSaulnier has been a steadfast district

supporter throughout his career.

"He was the recipient of our Radke Championing Advocacy Award in 2023 for his commitment to conservation and public access to open space," Echols said, "He values the tremendous physical and mental health benefits that our district's regional parks and trails have provided for the East Bay community and so many park visitors. We thank him and the entire East Bay delegation for their long standing support and for leading the House resolution

recognizing our 90 years of service to Bay Area community."

EBRPD is the largest regional park district in the nation, spanning 126,000 acres of parklands, 55 miles of shoreline, and more than 1,300 miles of trails in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The district was established through a 1934 ballot measure, which was passed with 71% of the vote. Since its creation, EBRPD has worked to protect the East Bay's open spaces and promote recreational opportunities for Bay Area residents. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

PPD arrests man for stealing tip jars from three businesses

The Pleasanton Police Department last week arrested a man they say confessed to stealing tip jars from three separate businesses in the Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue area and threatening violence against the staff from each business.

According to a Facebook post from PPD, officers responded to reports of the man stealing the tip jars and arrested him after he “nonchalantly walked away from the area.”

PPD Lt. Erik Silacci told the Weekly the incident occurred near

the ARCO gas station on the corner of Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue, which is home to several restaurants and shops. Silacci said that the transient was arrested for robbery times two, burglary and probation violation. The circumstances of his probation are unknown.

After the arrest, the suspect was subsequently booked into Santa Rita Jail, Silacci said. The man’s name was not immediately released.

—Christian Trujano

In other news

- A motorcyclist died over the weekend after crashing into a protective guard rail on Highway 84 near Niles Canyon Creek while allegedly being drunk, police said.

Around 9:25 p.m. Sunday, Fremont police officers were alerted to a report of a motorcyclist lying down on the road in the east-bound direction of Niles Canyon Road, west of Palomares Road. The officers found that a male motorcyclist had struck a guard rail protector and he was ejected into the brush bordering the Niles Canyon Creek.

The motorist was pronounced dead shortly after emergency personnel arrived at the scene. The man was a 65-year-old resident of Fremont. His name has not yet been released publicly.

According to the Fremont Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit, alcohol impairment is believed to be a factor in the crash.

This is Fremont’s second fatal traffic collision in 2024, police said.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact the Fremont Police Traffic Unit at 510-790-6760. Anonymous tips can also be sent by texting “Tip FremontPD” followed by a short message to 888-777 or online via www.fremontpolice.gov.

—Bay City News Service

- California Highway Patrol detectives arrested a man they believe is connected to a non-injury freeway shooting last weekend in San Ramon.

Officers arrested 42-year-old Lee Brandon O’Conner of Forest Hill on Sunday.

At 5:33 p.m. Sunday, officers received a report of a shooting on Interstate 680 north of Alcosta Boulevard.

The victims provided the suspect’s

vehicle description, which was broadcast to surrounding police departments. Moments later, San Ramon police spotted the alleged vehicle and initiated an enforcement stop.

CHP officers responded and arrested O’Conner and allegedly recovered a firearm from the vehicle. O’Conner was booked into Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of attempted murder and various weapons violations.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting can contact the Dublin CHP office at 925-828-0466.

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- Brentwood police arrested a Walnut Creek man earlier this week for allegedly committing fraud at a bank.

An officer responded around 3:30 p.m. Monday to a bank, where the manager said last week a man

cashed a \$2,000 check, which was later determined to be fraudulent. The bank provided a photo of the suspect and identified him as 34-year-old Adam Lew.

A few hours later, police received a call requesting a welfare check on an adult male sitting in his car in the 4500 block of Balfour Road.

Responding officers immediately recognized the man in the car as Lew and arrested him.

Police said they found fraudulent checks, an M80 firework, shaved keys, and several debit and credit cards that didn’t belong to Lew.

Police transported Lew to Martinez Detention Facility, where he was booked on suspicion of passing a fraudulent check, possession of stolen debit and credit cards, possession of a destructive device, identity theft, and other related crimes. ■

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COURTESY PPD

Pleasanton police officers arrest a man for allegedly stealing tip jars from three different businesses near Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue on May 15.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 15

DUI

■ 1:10 a.m. on the 6500 block of Riddell Street

Burglary

■ 8:17 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

Theft

■ 10:51 a.m., 600 block of Palomino Drive; theft from auto
■ 5:57 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

■ 7:25 p.m., 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; auto theft

Robbery

■ 12:45 p.m. on the 5300 block of Stanley Boulevard
■ 6:30 p.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Domestic battery

■ 5:23 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

May 14

Trespassing/prowling

■ 7:25 a.m. on the 4400 block of Fairlands Drive

Theft

■ 7:54 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

■ 2:11 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Vandalism

■ 9:28 a.m. on the 500 block of Peters Avenue

May 13

Theft

■ 11:01 a.m. on the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court

■ 6:14 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 8:57 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

■ 1:33 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

May 12

Theft from auto

■ 4:02 a.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

■ 4:18 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Drug violation

■ 4:39 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

May 11

DUI

■ 12:23 a.m. at Old Bernal Avenue and Augustine Street

Theft

■ 5:55 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 11:48 a.m., 4100 block of Nevis Street; auto theft

■ 7:09 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Robbery

■ 5:10 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Weapons violation

■ 9:54 p.m. at Sunol Boulevard and Arlington Drive

May 10

Drug violation

■ 8:21 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

■ 8:30 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Burglary

■ 10:34 a.m. on the 3400 block of Boulder Street

Theft

■ 11:56 a.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:34 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:30 p.m., 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft

Robbery

■ 11:19 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Donald Paul Kruse

April 14, 1941 – April 26, 2024

Donald Paul Kruse of Pleasanton passed away peacefully on April 26, 2024 at the age of 83. Don was the beloved husband of Lorna for 56 years, father to Alissa and Darren Kruse, and grandfather to Ty and Travis Kruse.

Don was born in Sacramento. He had fond memories of growing up in Walnut Grove with his parents Edgar and Marcella along with his brother Carl and sister Barbara.

Don received his bachelors of Music Education from Sacramento State, this is also where he met Lorna, the love of his life, playing the trumpet in 1959. Don started his teaching career in Galt, then earned his Masters of Yoga Breathing for Wind Instrumentalists from Cal State University, San Francisco. Don and Lorna married June 10, 1967 and shortly after moved to Pleasanton.

Don touched the lives of many students as a Band Director with the Fremont Unified School District where he was teacher of the year in 1999. He continued to keep in touch with many students throughout the years and recently had drums donated in his honor to Amador Valley High School.

Music was a passion for Don outside of the classroom as well. Don played the trumpet in the San Jose Wind Symphony for over 30 years. Playing both locally and internationally including Switzerland, Australia, and even singing Handel’s Messiah in the choir at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Don and Lorna also played for the 70th anniversary of Normandy in France.

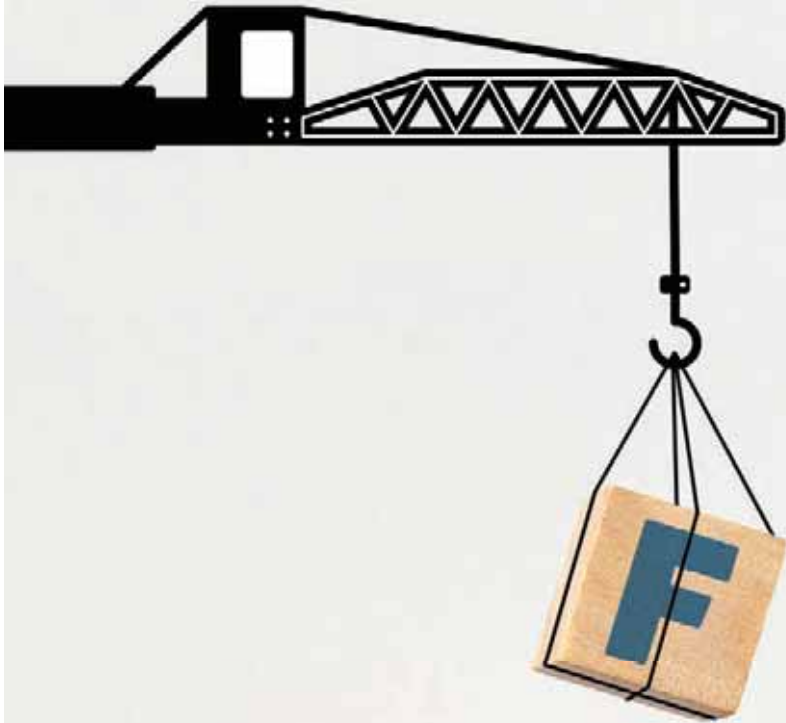
Don enjoyed the outdoors hiking and biking the Tri-Valley and visited numerous locations including Canada, Italy, Africa and Thailand. Annual events were enjoyed at the cabin in the Sierra Foothills with family and friends.

Don will always be remembered for his love of family, enjoying a glass of fine red wine, and his enthusiastic singing of “Ein Prosit”.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made payable to the Kennedy Titan Booster Club. They can given to the Kruse family for a group presentation to John F Kennedy High School for the purchase of instruments and music.

Services will be held on June 15th at 1:00 pm at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton.

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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 dismantled 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.

Our reporters and editors are working hard to keep our coverage consistent and quality high, but paying these journalists continues to be a challenge.

This is where you come in. The future of Embarcadero Media Foundation and local journalism relies on the community for its very existence.

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Rolling back time on the Iron Horse Regional Trail

The history of a major Tri-Valley achievement in EBRPD's 90 years



The Iron Horse Regional Trail serves as a recreational and commuter path for residents throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. (Top photo by Jude Strzemp. Bottom left photo by Michael Short).



BY JUDE STRZEMP

The East Bay Regional Park District celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, having accumulated countless triumphs in preservation, conservation and recreation over the decades.

As the largest regional park district in the nation, it attracts 30 million visitors every year to its 73 parks in 126,809 acres, 1,330 miles of trail and 55 miles of shoreline.

However, the district has not always been so substantial.

In the 1980s, it began construction of one of its largest offerings: a 34.3-mile multi-use path from Concord to Pleasanton called the Iron Horse Regional Trail, whose story begins at the end of the line. The San Ramon Valley Branch Line.

Southern Pacific Railroad established the railway through the Iron Horse corridor in 1891, according

to a written history by former park district director and ex-Danville mayor Beverly Lane.

It carried freight and passengers from Avon (nearby Martinez) to San Ramon and was later extended to Pleasanton.

As the 20th century carried on, cars and trucks pushed the train out of popularity, and in 1978 Southern Pacific received approval to abandon it.

Within a year, the company removed the tracks.

Concern flared among citizens and officials in Contra Costa and Alameda counties as the company began selling the right-of-way (land used for the railway) in pieces, according to Robert Doyle, former trail coordinator and retired general manager of EBRPD.

They feared losing control of how local streets and utilities were built, because the right-of-way runs through neighborhoods and covers underground utilities and pipelines that serve electricity and gas.

Quickly, the counties began buying most of the right-of-way.

Citizens and local governments discussed its future as a light rail, road, BART extension or trail, Doyle said.

As debates boiled on, a foreshadow fell on the trail as residents used the right-of-way as a path for walking and running. Lane recalled in her written history.

A particularly influential committee called The Right of Way Trail Advocates (ROWTA), founded in 1984 by members including Lane and Bick Hooper, came out in support of a multi-use trail, according to Hooper.

At a meeting, Doyle shared the district's aspiration for a regional trail, as written in EBRPD's 1976 Master Plan, Lane said.

Doyle recognized transportation by bike trail was considered unrealistic at the time, as a Contra Costa County official had previously told him the goal was a "pipe dream".



Top left: Ansel Hall (center), an early advocate for EBRPD, and Elbert Vail (right), first GM of the district, and local officials inspect a map of the area in 1934. (Photo courtesy EBRPD). Top right: The Iron Horse is a 34.3 mile, multi-use route through the East Bay. (Photo by Jude Strzemp). Crews prepare to install an overcrossing for the trail at Dublin Boulevard. (Photo courtesy City of Dublin). Users ride bikes, walk and run along the popular route, totaling about 3,000 - 4,000 trips per day. (Photo by Michael Short).

Nevertheless, ROWTA was on board for a regional trail.

The committee went from homeowner organization to town council to community meeting, promoting the benefits of a regional path, according to Hooper.

He recalled suggesting, "It was a way for people to travel up and down the valley safely, on bikes or walking. It was a way for children to safely go from their homes, near the trail, to their schools."

Residents and officials responded with some concern. They worried a trail might bring excessive pedestrian traffic and garbage, according to Doyle.

Sentiments changed once other potentials were fleshed out.

"When people started talking about vehicles or a light-rail system going down these right-of-ways, the neighborhood groups (and) the homeowners associations, were really, really opposed, so the trail became the best alternative," Doyle said.

Support for the trail continued to grow after light rails and roads were determined unfeasible because of the number of residential street crossings with schools, he said.

Eventually, Contra Costa County agreed to license part of the right-of-way to EBRPD to build a trail.

By 1986, construction began and within a year the first segment was completed, according to Lane's written history. It connected Alamo to West Prospect Avenue in Danville and was originally called "The San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Regional Trail," she wrote in an email. By name, the trail carried on the legacy of trains (aka iron horses).

Decades later the route was recognized as a Millennium Trail, as part of a national initiative to recognize, promote and stimulate the creation of trails.

Now, the Iron Horse sees roughly 3,000 to 4,000 trips per day by commuters and recreationists as they bike, walk, run and skate along the path through nature and suburb,

according to EBRPD trails program manager Sean Dougan.

"Our goal is, wherever you live in the East Bay, to have access to regional parks and trails nearby," EBRPD Board President Elizabeth Echols said of the district's overall mission.

Some time in the future, the district plans to extend the trail to over 50 miles, Echols said. The completed route will reach from Alameda County to the San Joaquin County line to Suisun Bay in Contra Costa County.

"I think that it's just a marvel: Of starting at the grassroots level, to advocate for the existence of this, to the position that it is today — The pedestal that this trail sort of sits on, this example that it is of (a) transportation facility," Dougan said. "It's a magnificent piece of work."

For more information on the Iron Horse Regional Trail as well as upcoming events and programs in celebration of the district's 90th anniversary, visit ebparks.org. ■



Bankhead celebrating Pride Month, Juneteenth with diverse lineup of performers

First show will be tribute to LGBTQIA+ history through song

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

With Pride Month coming up in June, Livermore's Bankhead Theater will kick off the celebrations on May 31 with an explosive performance by the Pride Anthems, a New York-based music collective who will play cover songs from the '60s to today that represent significant moments in LGBTQIA+ history.

Pride Anthems musical director Brian J. Nash said that the group will be taking the audience on the musical journey not only to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, which were one of the first monumental steps in the modern LGBTQIA+ fight for freedom, but also to celebrate what gay pride means today and how far the community has come since Stonewall.

"We're really just excited to get out there and bring this music to

people," Nash told the Weekly. "It's a really fun time."

He also said that with the Livermore show being on May 31, and the fact that it will be the first stop of the group's countrywide tour, it's going to be the best way to get Pride Month started.

"We are going to be amped," Nash said. "We're very very excited to get out there."

This is the second time ever that Pride Anthems will be touring the country to perform its show, but this will also be their first time coming to the West Coast after last year's tour mainly kept them in the Eastern time zone.

The show consists of off-Broadway performer Kevin Smith Kirkwood, award-winning cabaret artist Amy Jo Jackson and Grammy-nominated recording artist and actor Marty Thomas, who

are all queer artists who will be accompanied by an all-queer live band.

The three singers will be going through significant moments throughout the decades starting from the late-1960s to the present where artists like Donna Summer, Queen, George Michael, Madonna and Lady Gaga all made significant contributions to LGBTQIA+ history.

Nash said during the set the singers will be breaking down the context of songs like Summer's hit song "I'm Coming Out" to when Freddie Mercury sang Queen's song "I Want to Break Free" and what that meant for gay culture at that time because Nash said the story for LGBTQIA+ equality was directly linked to that music because those artists were going through the same struggles.



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The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will be onstage at the Bankhead Theater on June 21.

"Knowing that makes the lyrics for Queen's 'I Want to Break Free' ... you hear what Freddie wanted to say, but wasn't necessarily brave enough to say just in terms of his own life, that he wrote it in his lyrics," Nash said.

Along with the kick-off of Pride Month, June is also a month for other celebrations such as Juneteenth, which is the U.S. holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

The Bankhead will be hosting its third annual Juneteenth Celebration event on June 15 at the Bankhead Plaza, but it will start the celebration the day after the Pride Anthems show on June 1 with another free musical performance by local radio personality and comedian Faith Alpher.

She will be performing "More Than A Song", which is an afternoon of uplifting songs that are accompanied by inspiring stories behind the songs.

Alpher, who has been performing at the Bankhead since 2009, told the Weekly it will be her last performance at the theater for a long time because she is working on a book and plans to go on tour next year, which is why she hopes people come out to the June 1 show so that they can learn more about Black and African American history through music.

"People throw around 'the struggle is real' — well it is," Alpher

said. "That's why I believe these programs are so important. Maybe there is a person struggling in finding themselves, finding community. I believe you can come to one of these programs and you can find community."

At the end of the month, the theater will finally be hosting the return of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir for a performance on June 21 that the Livermore Valley Arts says will be a "soaring performance that will both entertain and enliven."

For reservation and ticket information, visit www.livermorearts.org. ■



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Cabaret artist Amy Jo Jackson is one of the performers in Pride Anthems.



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Pride Anthems musical director Brian J. Nash.



COURTESY LVA

Local radio personality and comedian Faith Alpher is performing on June 1.

Valley Dance Theatre set to host its Spring Rep 2024

Troupe will showcase a range of ballet selections

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Valley Dance Theatre, the resident ballet company at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, will be inviting people to witness its Spring Rep 2024 performance, which will highlight the company's favorite works from its repertoire this weekend.

According to a press release, Valley Dance Theatre was formed

in the '80s with the goal of "providing performance opportunities for talented local dancers and bringing affordable, quality ballet performances to the Tri-Valley."

The Spring Rep production will include a "Don Quixote" performance with live music and the gypsy and tavern scenes along with the full grand pas de deux, which is a suite of dances where a male and

a female dancer express their love through ballet steps.

It will also feature "Ballderdash" — which the ballet company describes as a unique and humorous choreography that incorporates snowballs, tennis balls and exercise balls all to the music of American composer Leroy Anderson, performed by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra.

Another part of the performance will showcase "Asian Artistry", a highlight of various Asian cultures by incorporating Chinese sleeves, Indian sticks and Japanese fans all while a 100-year-old traditional kimono fabric is displayed on stage, according to the ballet company.

The Spring Rep show will close with "Slaughter on 10th Avenue", a jazz ballet set in 1930s New York.

"It's a lively 'guys and gals' story

that takes place on the streets of New York City and features 1930's attire, a speakeasy and some drama", VDT founder and artistic director Betsy Hausburg said in the press release.

Tickets for the shows this Saturday and Sunday (May 25-26) range from \$15 for students to \$30 for ages 18 and over — children under 2 will not be charged. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Livermore theater group bringing the Bard to Danville

SPARC set for Village Theatre shows following Shakespeare in the Vineyard run of 'Twelfth Night'

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Theater and Shakespeare fans are set to have two different options this year for the signature Tri-Valley showcase of the Bard's classic works, with rehearsals starting later in the month for the upcoming Shakespeare in the Vineyard production set to run this summer before shifting to an indoor venue for a second run.

Although the Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company (SPARC) might be known best for its annual outdoor productions in wine country, artistic director Lisa Tromovitch is seeking to expand the group's performance offerings beyond Livermore vineyards by bringing this year's Shakespeare production — and, she hopes, future productions of Shakespeare as well as more contemporary works — to the stage at Danville's Village Theatre.

"It's empty a lot and it's a city asset, and it's a city asset that should be used, and it's a theater," Tromovitch told Embarcadero Media Foundation. "So we have

the experience and the desire to expand."

The venture into Danville is aimed at following through on the group's recent rebrand during the COVID-19 pandemic, prior to which it was billed under the Livermore Shakespeare Festival, with the upcoming run at the Village Theatre putting the "R" in "regional," according to SPARC organizers.

"The plan is to take the Shakespeare in the Vineyard show and we'll do it outside on the two-story stage, and then we will restage it and we'll redesign the set, set it up slightly differently so it fits in the Village Theatre," Tromovitch said.

"For people like my mom who's 90 now, the idea of an indoor, air-conditioned matinee is a real bonus, so what we're hoping is people will sort of self-select," she added.

With more than 100 of the regular attendees for Shakespeare in the Vineyard having Danville addresses, Tromovitch said that she hoped the two runs would allow attendees

from Danville and Livermore to cross-pollinate at their respective events, with the vineyard run in July drawing Danville audiences wanting an outdoor theater experience and the Village Theatre run in August drawing Livermore audiences who might prefer to skip the hot, summer weather with an indoor performance.

"My hope is that this becomes a sister city relationship, or two city parents adopting a theater company — whatever the image is, but that we perform in both places and people can choose what's best for them," Tromovitch said.

The first selection for the expansion, "Twelfth Night" — whose plot might be familiar in the present day as the loose basis of the 2006 film "She's the Man" is what Tromovitch described as Shakespeare's "quintessential comedy."

"It has a fool, it has pranksters, people playing tricks on one another, and it has all the funny quirky things that happen when you fall in love," Tromovitch said. "The tag line



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Cassidy Brown (left) and Laura Domingo (right) pose in a promotional shot for the upcoming production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night".

I was using in the play is that it's a place where people are lost but find themselves when they fall in love."

SPARC's production of "Twelfth Night" is set to begin rehearsals for its six-member cast — who will perform all 12 of the play's roles

— on May 28, with its first run set for July 5 through July 28 at Darcie Kent Vineyards at 7000 Tesla Road in Livermore. Tickets are available now for the July run, with details still to come about the dates and tickets for the Village Theatre run. ■

Art and Wind Festival to highlight 'On the Wings of Butterflies'

Pleasanton woman is featured artist in popular San Ramon Memorial Day weekend event

BY JEANITA LYMAN

San Ramon's Art and Wind Festival is marking its 35th anniversary this Memorial Day weekend, with this year's event serving as a return to the art world for its featured artist whose work is on display through the end of the month.

Pleasanton artist Rhonda Chase was selected by San Ramon organizers as the featured artist for this year's celebration and has been hard at work in the months since getting the news on putting together both the signature piece that was commissioned by the city as well as the month-long full exhibit currently underway.

"As a featured artist for the festival you get two special things — one is

the commission to actually do the main piece of art for the festival that goes on the promo materials and anything they use, and will be permanently displayed in San Ramon in one of the city buildings," Chase told Embarcadero Media Foundation.

The commissioned piece, entitled "On the Wings of Butterflies," is the product of multiple rounds of discussions and feedback between Chase and city organizers, as well as her own experiences at the event over the years.

"I took my kids and they're grown now, so that was always a big deal for our family, going to see the Art and Wind Fest," Chase said.

While visits to the annual event were an important part of the memories Chase made with her children,

she said there weren't specific sights or experiences of the festival that stood out but rather the overall scene.

"The energy and the colors and that happy feeling you get being there, so nothing specific but just that generally everything is so visually appealing and friendly and welcoming," Chase said.

The spirit of the festival, as well as her own artistic evolution, are showcased in "On the Wings of Butterflies" — a brightly-colored drawing of whimsical butterflies with kites, balloons, and pinwheels printed on their wings that evoke the sight and spirit of the Art and Wind Festival.

"We went through a lot of sketches and ideas, and they wanted to have something that showed the park itself or one of the community buildings, and then just really show that light and airy wind, and they wanted kites or pinwheels or stuff like that," Chase said.

The Art and Wind Festival was first established in 1989, making it one of the longest-running and most popular celebrations in the city's history since its incorporation in 1983. It serves as the most prominent Memorial Day weekend celebration in the San Ramon Valley, having expanded to a unique attraction drawing attendees from around the region to San Ramon's Central Park in the years since its origin as a small street fair broadly celebrating visual arts in general.

In addition to the signature attractions (art and wind), the



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The Art and Wind Festival is set for this Sunday and Monday at Central Park in San Ramon.

two-day event is set to feature three stages full of entertainment, gourmet food, family amusement zones and children's shows as well as the return of a popular kite-making workshop and choreographed kite-flying demonstrations.

The event is also known for its annual Memorial Day program and commemorative field of flags, aimed at capturing the spirit of the annual commemorative holiday by remembering lives lost in the U.S. military, with the program kicking off at 9 a.m. on Monday.

Later on Monday, Chase is set to join the festivities with a poster signing scheduled from 1-3 p.m. in

the Lindsay Dirckx-Brown Gallery at the San Ramon Community Center, where a full exhibit of her work is on display through May 31 — her first show in years, consisting of between 50 and 70 pieces in total.

"I took a long time off from fine art to make money, raise kids, all of that, and now I'm back doing fine art again, and to have a show this large is really exciting," Chase said.

The San Ramon Art and Wind Festival is scheduled for this Sunday and Monday (May 26-27) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. More information and a full schedule of events is available at www.sanramon.ca.gov. ■



RHONDA CHASE

The commissioned art piece for the festival, "On the Wings of Butterflies" by featured artist Rhonda Chase.

Celebrating 2024 Tri-Valley GameChangers

It's May — time to celebrate Mother's Day, Pleasanton's annual rose show and Memorial Day and the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group's GameChangers awards.

Each of the five Tri-Valley municipalities selects one game-changing start-up to honor at the event staged at Joe Madden's Goal Line Studio in Pleasanton on May 9. The huge 120-foot screen, installed in time for the 2023 event, remains amazing.

In addition to the five companies, the organization recognized one of its founding members, Las Positas College as well as saluting its formal partnership with the Livermore-based Hertz Foundation. One of ITV's early board members, Jay Davis, is both a retired senior Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory exec and Hertz board member. He connected them and the group met at the foundation's Livermore office.

The Fannie and John Hertz Foundation, established by the Hertz rental car founder, provides multi-year fellowship grants to gifted science and technology doctoral candidates. And, once a fellow, always a fellow

in the talented network. Incidentally, Livermore lab co-founder Edward Teller was a founding board member and current Director Kim Budil is a Hertz fellow having earned her PhD from the University of California Davis campus at the lab.

The GameChangers ranged from a woman-owned audio-visual design firm in San Ramon to an employee-owned company that has developed the most precise measurements to a six-year-old Livermore firm that is just launching its revolutionary technology to measure cannabis impairment using saliva.

KMT Technical Services, headed by founder and CEO Angie Toussaint Billingsly, was in the full range of audio-visual services prior to the pandemic, but pivoted entirely away from live events to focus on design.

During her introduction, her friend Mino Sastry from Stanford Health Care, remarked on her depth of involvement locally: San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, the city's economic development committee and the East Bay EDA. She emphasized that she's open for business.

Vector Atomic, as they told it, was

founded by three Ph.D. physicists who knew the science and technology and nothing about business. They've built their company debt-free and investor free by winning grants from government agencies such as the Defense Department and NASA. They are a product of the advanced manufacturing lab on the Livermore Valley Open Campus.

CEO Jamil Abbo-Shaer said they made a point of locating in Pleasanton so they would stand out as opposed to being in the Silicon Valley. They now employ 52 people that he described as very smart with degrees from top universities. They just signed a lease for their headquarters in Pleasanton.

Greg Hitchan, managing partner of Tri-Valley Ventures, introduced Rezolve AI CEO Saurabh Kumar and said they'd spent many nights together discussing what type of service he wanted to provide. He's a veteran of two large firms in human resources. His AI solution for call centers is so effective that he had annual recurring billing of \$2 million before he reached that number in venture capital. Tri-Valley Ventures invested in

the firm in both of its funds.

His monthly reporting metrics to Tri-Valley Ventures are so thorough that they show it to other companies as an example of what they should do. They are far from the largest company in the AI-assisted customer service, but their product is so superior they're attracting plenty of major corporations.

Buzzkill incubated in both founder George Farquar's garage as well as Daybreak lab when it was working out of the former JCPenney building on Second Street in downtown Livermore. The company has progressed to the point that it has leased space next to Daybreak's new location in eastern Livermore.

It's tackling a major problem—cannabis, like alcohol, is legal to use. Alcohol levels are easily detectable with breath or blood tests and the body assimilates it relatively quickly. Not so for THC. It lingers and the only accurate test is a blood draw.

Assuming Buzzkill's technology works as advertised, it's a huge breakthrough for police and employers to ensure no impairment for employees on the job.

Two race car drivers partnered to found Greenlight Simulation in Danville to pioneer a new way to teach teenagers to drive. There were plenty of open ears because a few other founders had children of that age.

Jason Zimmerman has developed a simulator to teach fledgling drivers the basics, as well as classroom instruction for the legal side, before students hit the street. Think back to the days of putting a teenager behind the wheel with the instructor sitting in the passenger seat able to grab the wheel or push on the brake. They're operating in Danville now and looking to expand soon to other Bay Area locations.

It's always an uplifting evening and what a showcase for the Tri-Valley's \$49 billion GDP economy and its diversity. ■

LETTERS

Niles Canyon paved road (euphemistically called a 'trail')

I hiked the route for about three miles today, starting from the west end, looking for Alameda whip-snakes. I didn't see any snakes, but I did see a deer, who ran up the steep slope on the north side of the "touristy" railroad tracks.

The fence that is proposed to separate the trail users from the railroad would prevent the deer — especially the fawns, and any other animals larger than a snake — from crossing to get to the water to drink. The presence of humans (not in a vehicle) would also deprive the wild animals from the full use of their riparian habitat — just as the deer ran away from me.

This is an example of human selfishness at its worst. We already have a highway and two railroads through the canyon, and close the highway one day per year (the "Roll and Stroll") so it is open to pedestrians and bicyclists.

You can also see the creek close up, even bathe in it, in Sunol Regional Park. It is a huge waste of public funds — which are in short supply this year — to build yet another invasion of the canyon.

While I was there, the "touristy" train came by, full of tourists, seeing exactly what trail users would see

— and effortlessly. Building a road ("trail") next to it would add nothing that isn't already available.

The Earth's wildlife habitat is finite. If we keep building Niles Canyon "trails" around the world, there will eventually be no habitat left. When do you plan to stop?!

—Mike Vandeman

Thank you, Community of Character Collaborative

Thank you to Craig Eicher, Ken Mano, Heather Haugen-Rizzoli and all organizers of the Community of Character Awards Luncheon who made the event so special and meaningful.

It was a joy to celebrate the amazing students who received the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships, and an honor to be recognized with Wayne Johnson and Sunflower Hill for community service.

Kudos to Joanie Fields, teachers and talented student chefs from the Culinary programs at Village and Amador Valley High Schools for preparing and serving the scrumptious salads of the world and delicious desserts.

Thank you to past scholarship and community service award recipients, Pleasanton Unified School District trustees, Superintendent David Haglund, administrators and staff, Pleasanton City Council members, Vice Mayor Julie Testa, Pleasanton

Chamber of Commerce, other dignitaries and civic organizations, our families and friends, and many of Pleasanton's passionate and hard-working volunteers in attendance who came together in support of helping others with compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-reliance.

And thank you for the opportunity to remember and continue to be inspired by Juanita Haugen for her vision and legacy: Pleasanton's Community of Character.

—Lynn Gatehouse, board member, Alan Hu Foundation

Exploring charter city status

The city of Pleasanton has voted to explore the possibility of transitioning to a charter city. Having been a resident for 45 years, I highly support their efforts.

The state of California has become increasingly aggressive in trying to override local control. We voted our local officials into office based on their understanding of our individual needs as a community and to maintain the character of our area. The state persistently makes blanket rules, with no regard as to the wishes of the residents in vastly different communities. Their overreach puts communities at risk of losing the very thing that attracts people to our areas.

Small towns should not be forced

into highly dense housing. What makes sense in L.A., San Francisco or Sacramento does not necessarily make sense in the Central Valley, coastal towns or Pleasanton. I hope you support their efforts to become a charter city.

—Jan Loomis

Anti-Semitism must stop

Israel and Palestine were at peace until Oct 7, 2023. On that day, Hamas terrorists brutally raped and murdered 1,200 innocent Israelis and Americans and took another 250 hostages.

The atrocities committed by these barbarian terrorists is incomprehensible. Hamas are worse than the Nazis of WWII. Israel's response to the Oct. 7 attack was justified against Hamas and to be very clear Israel is at war with Hamas. It is not genocide.

The pro-Hamas demonstrators that shout death to Israel go unopposed by Biden and his party. Substitute any other group of people in place of Israel and the outrage would be deafening. Imagine protesters yelling death to blacks, death to LGBTQ, death to Palestine. The anti-Semitic death threats to Israel must stop. Biden needs to stop being a coward, the illegal protests must stop and Hamas must be defeated just like the Nazis of WWII.

—David Ott

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Remembering Tony Costello, a patriarch in Pleasanton

‘Your legacy lives on through your children, and in turn, they are establishing legacies of their own’

Growing up in Pleasanton during the 1970s and 1980s, you knew the big families in the town.

The families, usually with a lot of kids, figured prominently around Pleasanton. Initially for me — we came to town in 1967 — it was the Hart family and the Sweeney family. The Harts, whose patriarch Thomas is the namesake for Hart Middle School, lived right up against Valley View Elementary where we all attended school.

The Sweeneys were not too far away, located on the corner of Angela and Mirador, near St. Augustine Catholic Church.

In March 1973, a large new family came to town when the Costellos moved to Birdland from the East Coast. Tony and Joan Costello came west with their eight children, with a job promotion for Tony and the lure of raising their

kids in Pleasanton helping prompt the move. Blessed with two girls and six boys, the Costellos planted their roots and set about establishing a legacy that will be long remembered.

All of Pleasanton suffered a huge loss when Tony passed away on April 26 of this year at the age of 93.

The loss was felt by many but after I got over the initial sadness, I replaced it with the respect of the man, the wife and the family.

Tony was a tremendous athlete at Fordham University and his athletic genes were shared with the kids, and now the grandkids.

But it's not just that the kids were all good to great athletes, but they are equally good people — and therein lies the real success of Tony and Joan.

Raising eight quality kids is not an easy task, but they accomplished it.

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As is always the case over the course of a lifetime, there are ups and downs.

The family suffered tragedy in August 2013 when Tony Jr., passed away after a year-long battle with cancer. He was a legendary basketball coach at Chabot College, then Las Positas. He had the chance to coach his youngest brother Tom at Chabot.

I remember watching Tony Jr. and his brother Ed play basketball at Amador growing up. Neither was overly tall, but I remember Ed jumping center for the Dons.

They played the game with joy, and it was easy to see.

Mike was the closest in age to me and was a multi-sport star at Amador, eventually becoming a doctor. If you, your children or parents have been treated at ValleyCare in the emergency room, there's a good chance Mike was your attending physician.

John and Phil made their mark in athletics and are currently both in the medical sales business.

The girls — Mary and Colleen — have built nice lives for themselves. Mary works for Kaiser while Colleen, a journalist herself, is married to writer/media personality Mark Kreidler. Colleen, formerly a communications and marketing person, is now a professional organizer.

The youngest son Tom has followed in Tony Jr.'s footsteps, building an impressive coaching career at Dublin High. Tom and I have become good friends over the years, whether it was



COURTESY COSTELLO FAMILY

The late Tony Costello, whose legacy endures in Pleasanton.

covering games where he has coached, or covering games his kids have played.

We talk often about life, about raising kids in today's world to being the coach of your kids, something we have both experienced. This summer we are splitting time sharing announcing duties for the Dublin Leprechauns, a professional baseball team in the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

I would run into Tony Sr. around town or out on the golf course when he was marshaling at Castlewood. He was always quick to put a smile on your face and bring laughter into the conversation.

Tom carries many of the same characteristics. RIP Tony — your legacy lives on through your children, and in turn, they are establishing legacies of their own. ■

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

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Entertainment

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC

COLLABORATIVE: GRAD NIGHT The High School Music Collaborative says goodbye to the members moving on to college as they put on a show full of originals and some you may recognize. 7:30 p.m., May 24. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

DON QUIXOTE Valley Dance Theatre's 2024 Spring Rep features Don Quixote with live music by Minkus and re-staged with new choreography including the Gypsy and Tavern scenes along with the full grand pas de deux. 7 p.m., May 25; 2 p.m., May 26. Tickets \$30. Visit livermorearts.org.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Join this free jazz concert with the Matt Finders trio and Mads Tolling on violin. 6 p.m., May 25. Seating is limited. Visit meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society. 533 Main St., Pleasanton.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS PRIDE

ANTHEMS Pride Anthems creates a vibrant musical experience that celebrates, inspires and commemorates the legacy and power of the Stonewall Riots and takes you on a musical and cultural journey through the past 50 years to today. 8 p.m., May 31. Tickets \$25-\$80. Visit livermorearts.org.

MORE THAN A SONG Join KKIQ's Faith Alpher for an afternoon of uplifting songs, accompanied by the inspiring stories behind them. 1 p.m., June 1. Free, but ticket required. Visit livermorearts.org.

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER TRIBUTE This tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival is second to none with beloved hits between the years of 1968 and 1972 and a few of John Fogerty's solo hits. 4 p.m., June 2. Tickets \$45-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join the fun Friday night at Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concert in the Park featuring live music spanning various genres. 7-8:30 p.m., June 7. Lions Wayside Park.

CHORUS ECLECTIC - OH, OF CHORUS

Join Chorus Eclectic for a fun-filled concert packed with songs full of comedy and whimsy to lighten the mood with bad jokes, good puns, funny stories and great music. 4 p.m., June 8. Tickets \$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

Memorial Day

PLEASANTON MEMORIAL DAY

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

LIVERMORE MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBRANCE Join at Stockmen's Park in Downtown Livermore for the annual Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony. 11 a.m., May 27.

SAN RAMON ART & WIND FESTIVAL

Event features fine arts, crafts, specialty food vendors, party bands, children's shows, gourmet food courts, family amusement zones, professional choreographed kite flying demonstrations and free kite making workshop. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., May 26-27. San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd.

Talks

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. and 7 p.m., June 4. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit museumonmain.org.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS

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

Exhibits

FACES OF OUR COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

Tri-Valley Nonprofits Through Photography reveals the impactful work and the human stories behind the many Tri-Valley nonprofits that contribute to the well-being and fabric of the Tri-Valley community. On display May 23 to Aug. 4. UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore.

JURASSIC QUEST Jurassic Quest is the world's largest, most popular Dino event with unique and exciting experiences for the whole family. Observe a herd of life size dinosaurs including Apatosaurus, Spinosaurus and an incredible T-rex. May 31 to June 2. Tickets \$19-\$22. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Parades & Festivals

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.

LIVERMORE RODEO PARADE The Livermore Rodeo Parade takes place in Downtown Livermore hosted by the Livermore Rotary Club. 10 a.m., June 8. Visit livermoreroдео.com.

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET

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

LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET

The Livermore Thursday Night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m. at

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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. and L St.

Family

TVCJ LAG B'OMER PICNIC AND POTLUCK

TVCJ is an accepting, welcoming, diverse community of Cultural Jews and their families, affiliated with CSJO. Join for their annual Lag B'Omer Picnic and Potluck and fun outdoor games. 10:30 a.m., May 26. Email culturaljews@gmail.com or call 925-399-8029 for an invitation.

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.

MUSEUM ON MAIN FAMILY DAYS

On the first Saturday each month through September, children, parents and grandparents are encouraged to join the Museum on Main for free, hands-on demonstrations, crafts and activities. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 1. 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR

LIVERMORE LIBRARY The Civic Center Library celebrates 20 years in its current location with free cupcakes, craft workshops for all ages and dancing demonstrations. Attendees can register for the Summer Learning Program and pick up a free book just for signing up. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 8.

EMERALD HIGH RIBBON-CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

Join the Tri-Valley community Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at the Emerald High campus followed by an open house where attendees can tour the school. 9:30 a.m., June 8. 3600 Central Parkway, Dublin.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY CARD ART CONTEST

Open to Livermore residents of all ages with entries accepted at all three Livermore Public Library locations. Visit any

Livermore Public Library location for an entry form and contest rules. Submissions due by 6 p.m., June 30.

Outdoors

BUMBLE BEE HIKE Join an 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.

RAVENSWOOD DOCENT TOURS

Ravenswood Historical House will be open to the public on the 2nd and 4th 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.

NIGHT HIKE WITH A RANGER Who comes out in the dark at Sycamore Grove Park? Join an LARPD Ranger on an after-hours walk to learn about nocturnal animals and their adaptations on this 1 mile at a very relaxed pace walk. 8 p.m., June 1. Sycamore Grove Park. Visit larpd.org.

Teens

PLEASANTON POLICE TEEN ACADEMY

Learn about the world of law enforcement alongside dedicated staff members where participants will learn about patrol procedures, dispatch, SWAT, K-9 and much more. This three-week program is free to local teens ages 14-18. Tuesdays-Thursdays, June 11-27. For more information visit pleasanton.seamlessdocs.com/f/teenacademy.

MASTER CLASS IN ACTING AND PLAYWRITING

This free 10-day Studio Retreat in June for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors at Tao House in Danville provides a more thorough understanding of playwright Eugene O'Neill. Participants gain valuable, hands-on insight into what the careers of working actors, playwrights, directors and stage designers actually entail. Visit eugeneoneill.org.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

Pleasanton City Council Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is 7 p.m., June 4. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

TAKE US ALONG



Tomb Raider Temple: Longtime Pleasanton residents Chris and Cecile Seams, Mike and Sharon Callahan, and Steve and Liz Venema brought the Weekly on their three-week tour of southeast Asia. Here they posed at Ta Prohm Temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia. "The so-called 'Tomb Raider Temple', Ta Prohm is cloaked in dappled shadow, its crumbling towers and walls locked in the slow muscular embrace of vast root systems. Unlike the other monuments of Angkor, it has been swallowed by the jungle and looks very much the way most of the monuments of Angkor appeared when European explorers first stumbled upon them," Chris Seams said.

CALENDAR

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION

Livermore Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, Mendenhall Room, unless otherwise posted. 7 p.m., June 4. Visit livermoreca.gov.

Seniors

MOVIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Come 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.

VIP TRAVEL 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. to 5 p.m., June 13. Cost \$180-\$185. For more information, visit the Travel Desk at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS

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

PLEASANTON RIDES

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

LUNCHESES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

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. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays. Drop-in fee \$3.00R/\$3.50NR.

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.

POKER AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER

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

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. to 12 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Drop-in fees apply \$5.75R/\$6.75NR.

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.

TECH TUTORING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER

One-on-One Tutoring (1-hour appointments). Must bring own device. Get help using the internet, email, photo editing, sending attachments, smart phones, tablets and more. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesdays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR. Call 925-931-5365.

KNITTING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER

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

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).

PLEASANTON PEDDLER SHOPPE

Shop one of a kind gifts crafted by local seniors at the Pleasanton Peddler Shoppe at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday.

ESTATE PLANNING

Review the primary options in creating an estate plan, including Trusts, Wills, Financial and Health Care Powers of Attorney. Review what a Will is and how a Will works versus a Trust and how a Trust works. 7-8:30 p.m., June 11. Cost \$21-\$23. Visit larpd.org.

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS 60+

Receive legal advice and consultation from a professional lawyer over the phone, designed for adults 60+ and persons assisting individuals 60+. No wills. Call 510-832-3040 for more information.

Public Notices

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.

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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.

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ART'S HEATING AND COOLING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605822

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

1.) ART'S HEATING AND COOLING, located at 1048 Serpentine Lane Suite 314, 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):

ECO TECH SOLUTIONS LLC

1048 Serpentine Lane Suite 314

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 25 2024.

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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.

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APEX OUTDOOR CARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 606278

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

1.) Apex Outdoor Care, located at 3422 Stacey Way Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

KARAN SINGH

3422 Stacey Way

Pleasanton, CA 94588

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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

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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)

4613 WESTERN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 606384

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

1.) 4613 WESTERN, located at 4090 Rennellwood Way, 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):

4613 WESTERN, LLC

4090 Rennellwood Way

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

Texas

Registrant began transacting business

under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above on 5/1/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 15 2024.

(PLW May 24, 31, Jun 7 and 14, 2024)

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)

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: 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)

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• Fictitious Business Name

• Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name

• Name Change

• Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution

• Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing

• Notice of Bulk Sale

• Legal Summons

• Trustee Sale

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Thrpy or rlted &/or 0 to 5 yrs progressive exp in the rlted fld. State Lic or eligibility

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