

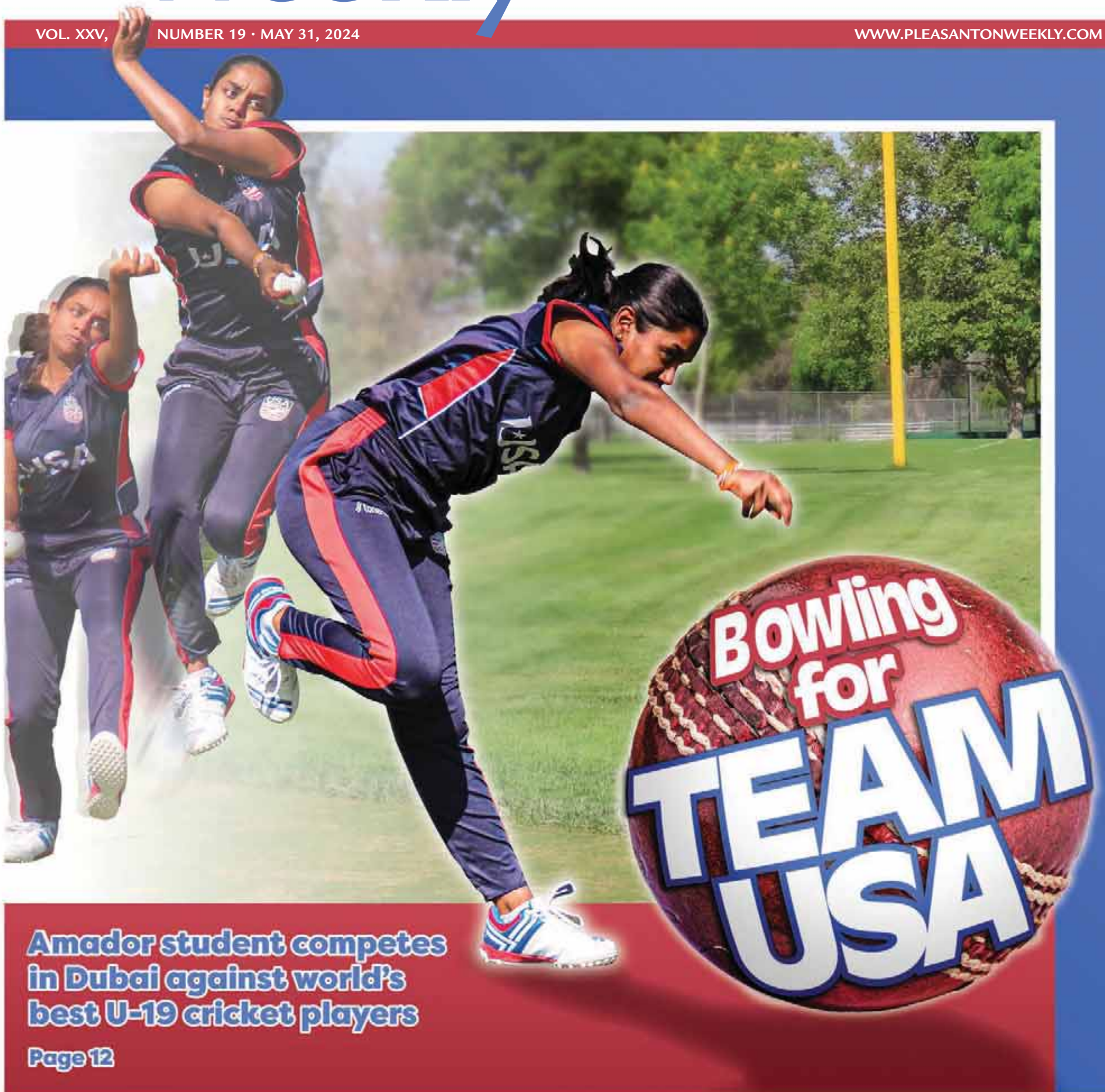
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Women's Hall of Fame 2024

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame welcomed its newest group of inductees earlier this month, nine female leaders and role models who have made an imprint on their communities.

Among the honorees enshrined during the luncheon ceremony on May 4 at The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton was U.S. Women's Sitting Volleyball National Team member and two-time gold medalist Bethany Zummo — the Tri-Valley's lone representative in the Class of 2024.

A Dublin High School alumna, Zummo currently coaches at NorCal Volleyball Club based in Livermore and is training for the 2024 Summer Paralympic Games in Paris in August and September. The 31-year-old was inducted in the Sports & Athletics category for the Hall of Fame.



Bethany Zummo

"I love adaptive sport. I think it is so much more than just for the disabled community. Sitting volleyball specifically just levels the playing field ... like everybody can sit down and try this sport," Zummo said in a video posted on the Women's Hall of Fame website.

She pointed out that many of the local players she coaches want to try sitting volleyball after seeing the game in action.

"That's really what's important to me is getting girls to see the diversity that is in our world," she said in the video.

"So often we're like 'this' and this is the only way to be, and there's so much pressure on young girls to be a certain way. I was part of feeling that pressure, right?" added Zummo, who had her right foot amputated at 2 years old because of complications from two congenital conditions.

"Like I didn't want to play sitting volleyball or an adaptive sport because I thought it was weird, I thought it was different, and all I wanted to do was fit in," she said. "I just want to be able to show my girls that it is so much more fun to stand out and be different. They don't have to put so much pressure on themselves to be perfect ... I've been exactly where they are."

In the video, Zummo also brings out her two gold medals that she won with Team USA in 2016 at Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro (the program's first-ever gold) and in

2021 when they defended their title in Tokyo (in the Games delayed a year because of the pandemic). She earned Best Libero recognition for her performance in Japan.

"These are very special to me, but it's more than just the hardware. It's about the lifestyle commitment and discipline that not just myself but my team, my community has put in," she said.

Zummo wrapped her two-minute-plus remarks with more perspective.

"That because of where I got to today I get to come back and coach these girls and hang out with them..." she said. "And some of them are just wonderful, wonderful people. Like I can't wait for them to like grow up and be successful and just see what they do with their own potential, and I'm just excited to see that for them."

The other members of the Hall of Fame, who hail from other parts of Alameda County, have made their marks on their communities in a variety of ways.

The list includes Dr. Noha Aboelata, CEO of Roots Community Health in Oakland (Health category); Bakesale Betty co-owner and chef Alison Barakat (Business & Professions); Elaine Brown, founder and CEO of Oakland and the World Enterprises (Justice); and Courtenay Carr Heuer, co-founder and executive director of Scientific Adventures for Girls in Berkeley (Science-Tech-Engineering).

Rounding out the Class of 2024 are Dianne Fukami, producer and director of Bridge Media Inc. (Culture & Art); Dee Johnson, founder and executive director of the Lend A Hand Foundation (Community Service); Oakland Unified School District Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell (Education); and Dominique Mellion, executive director of Families United for Equity (Emerging Leaders).

The Hall of Fame also honored four female students in the county this spring with \$5,000 from the Mary V. King/Wilma Chan Youth Scholarship Fund.

The recipients were Daisy Fountaine of Oakland Technical High School, Sesina Haile of Encinal Junior/Senior High School in Alameda, Elizabeth Melendez Santos of Mount Eden High School in Hayward and Moragaut Souet-Samounn of San Leandro High School.

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About the Cover

Amador Valley High School sophomore Saanvi Immadi has been training pretty much every day for the past six years, dedication that helped her earn a spot on the U.S. Women's Cricket U-19 Team. Photos by Christian Trujano. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXV, Number 19

If you could spend one day doing only the thing(s) you want to do and nothing at all that you don't, how would you spend that day?



Ruth Cardoso
Sales

That's an easy one. I'd spend the day with my son Diego by the ocean, sitting, gazing, no words needed. It is our bonding place and the ocean runs deep in my New England soul. Then a long drive listening to music, him sharing what he's listening to with me. Finally, taking him to a culinary star of a restaurant and sharing what I love about it with him.



Sam Moreno
Software engineer

Well, I'm a brand new dad. So I'd spend the day with my precious little son Luca and my beautiful wife Brittney. We'd head out to one of our great local wineries in the Livermore wine country, and then follow that up with dinner at our mutually favorite restaurant.



Colton Cash
Student/busser

I'd go to Hawaii with my family, where we'd go to the beach, boogie board, swim, snorkel and play spikeball, which is such an enjoyable outdoor game. I'd absolutely not just sit around or lie in bed all day. Never!



Brandon Turner
Law school student

I'd travel to someone's house in The Hamptons (on the eastern end of Long Island), where I'd get together for a pool party in the afternoon, with good friends. After that we'd all get cleaned up and then head out for a nice dinner at our favorite Italian restaurant.



Samantha Moos, with Kai
Coordinator

I'd drive to the beach and spend the day just relaxing, exploring, getting centered and watching my dog Kai enjoying her best life ever in the sand and surf.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Graduation day

Pleasanton high school seniors are celebrating their commencement this Friday (May 31).

The graduation ceremony for Village High School is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center on Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Foothill High School is holding its graduation event at the stadium field at the campus on Foothill Road from 5-6:30 p.m.

Amador Valley High School on Santa Rita Road is set to wrap up the festivities with its graduation on its stadium field from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit each respective school's website.

More I-680 roadwork

Caltrans is gearing up for the second weekend of major roadwork with multiple lane closures on Interstate 680 in the Tri-Valley in three weeks, with the southbound side between San Ramon and Dublin affected all weekend long.

The three left lanes will be shut down on I-680 southbound from Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon to the I-580/I-680 connector in Dublin and Pleasanton starting at 9 p.m. Friday (May 31) until 4 a.m. Monday (June 3). The right two lanes will remain open, but traffic conditions will be heavily impacted.

While encouraging motorists to consider alternative routes to alleviate freeway congestion through the area, Caltrans also reminded that the express lane (left-most) and the left shoulder on northbound I-680 will be closed from Amador Valley Boulevard to Alcosta Boulevard.

The work this weekend will see the contractor focus on repaving a portion of deteriorated roadway, and the duration will accomplish what could be done in about 40 nighttime closures, according to Caltrans. The closure is weather-permitting, but the weekend forecast looks clear.

First Weekend on Main

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting the opening First Weekend on Main event of the season this Saturday and Sunday on and around Main Street.

The event allows people to walk on Main Street and experience downtown shopping, dining and entertainment including live music without vehicular traffic — the street will be closed to drivers from 8 a.m. Saturday (June 1) until 9 p.m. Sunday (June 2).

A centerpiece this weekend will be the Hot Rod Row with classic cars lining Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. To learn more, go to pleasantondowntown.net. ■

Council debates big budget cuts amid stark deficit forecast

Reductions of programs, other services could come in future if city doesn't find new revenue sources

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Reduced library hours, eliminating funding for crossing guards and closing one of the fire stations in Pleasanton were just some of the dozens of services staff told the City Council last week they would have to consider cutting if the city doesn't find new revenue options to balance its budget soon.

During a special meeting workshop on May 21, city administrators went over how the city got to the point where it might have to consider taking these drastic measures as a backup plan if the council doesn't approve placing a half-cent tax increase ballot measure on the November ballot or if voters even approve such a ballot measure.

"Actions will be needed to balance the budget, and they're not going to

be easy decisions, but we will have to come to a balanced budget," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said.

Ever since early 2023, the city has identified a structural budget shortfall that goes back many years and is caused by several factors.

Finance director Susan Hsieh said during the meeting that expenses have been exceeding the city's revenues and explained how the city's general fund long-term forecast indicates that expenditures will outpace revenues. She said that the projected deficit for the next fiscal year is about \$13 million and the cumulative deficit over the next eight years is projected to exceed \$110 million.

Hsieh said if there is an economic downturn the average annual deficit could be as high as \$22 million and

the cumulative deficit could exceed \$180 million.

She attributed the budget deficit to things like the slowing of sales activities at the Stoneridge Shopping Center, the delaying of commercial and residential developments such as the Costco development, transitioning from a growing community to a mature community, and rising insurance and technology costs along with inflation affecting general costs.

But one of the main reasons for this budget shortfall, Hsieh said, was due to the pandemic affecting the city's hotel tax — the city's third largest revenue stream — which has been down \$11 million.

While the city has been proactive in enacting near-term strategies over the years to reduce costs such

as freezing some staffing positions, delaying purchasing certain equipment and limiting costs associated with contracts, Hsieh said the city has also been looking at doing something the city has never done before: asking the voters to approve a tax increase.

Ever since February, the city has been engaging the community on whether voters would consider approving a half-cent sales tax increase so that staff could bring such a ballot measure to the council for approval to place it on the November ballot.

"Increasing Pleasanton's sales tax rate from 10.25% to 10.75% ... we expect to get about \$10 million in annual revenue," Hsieh said.

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COURTESY BLACKSMITH SQUARE

Design rendering depicts an aerial view of the expanded Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore. The project held its ceremonial groundbreaking last week.

Livermore celebrates groundbreaking for Blacksmith Square expansion

Project set to bring about 13,000 square feet of additional retail and restaurant space downtown

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore officials and community members commemorated the kick off to construction of the downtown's Blacksmith Square expansion with a groundbreaking ceremony last week.

The May 21 event was held next to the existing shops at

Blacksmith Square at the corner of South Livermore Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

Dignitaries joining Blacksmith Square owner Mike Madden at the event included Mayor John Marchand, Vice Mayor Bob Carling, Councilmember Ben Barrientos, assistant city manager Paul Spence, Livermore

Downtown Inc. Executive Director Ruby Lopez-Villareal and former mayor Bob Woerner.

"The groundbreaking marks another exciting chapter for Downtown Livermore," said Lopez-Villareal, according to a statement from organizers

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Hernandez appointed as BART director

Outgoing Dublin mayor wins D5 position on transit board

By JEANITA LYMAN

The BART Board of Directors has filled the open seat for the district representing most of the Tri-Valley, with Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez selected and sworn in to fill the remainder of the term vacated by longtime director John McPartland earlier in the year.

Hernandez was chosen from a pool of three candidates for the transit agency's District 5 seat at the board's meeting on May 23, beating out retired Contra Costa County sheriff's deputy Gabriel Rodrigues and Pleasanton businessman Bruce Delevaux to finish out the rest of McPartland's term through December. The seat represents the communities of Castro Valley, Cherryland, Dublin, Fairview, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton and Sunol.

"As a local mayor and chair of two regional transit boards, I know BART can do more to improve on-time service, keep trains clean and safe for riders, and ensure more responsible fiscal management," Hernandez said in an announcement May 23. "I want to

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Council denies housing project on West Las Positas

Developer appeal of Planning Commission's initial rejection unsuccessful, quashing 146-unit plan

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council backed the Planning Commission's decision to not approve a 146 multi-family unit housing development on West Las Positas Boulevard last week, even after listening to residents who supported the project and the applicant's attorney who didn't agree with the city's legal reasoning for denying it.

While the council members said they thought the overall plans to create more housing at 5976 and 5994 West Las Positas Blvd. were generally good, they also agreed with staff's reasoning to deny the project, which was that the proposed site location is not zoned for residential housing.

"This is not about the project itself. I think it's a good location for a project," Vice Mayor Julie Testa said during the May 21 council meeting. "A project at that location is not at issue; it really is going through the (zoning) process."

In January 2023, The True Life Companies — a real estate development company based in Denver — submitted its first preliminary application for the development. Diego Mora, associate planner for the city, said the plans for the 7.29-acre project site included demolishing two existing general and medical office buildings in order to construct 146 multi-family residential units which includes 38 accessory dwelling units.

The developer then submitted a formal application on July 14 but had then received an incompleteness and courtesy letter from the city in November stating that the application was not compliant

with city standards.

The issue was that the property's land-use zoning does not permit residential development unless it's a nursing home or assisted living facility.

Mora said that because the application was inconsistent with the General Plan and zoning, the only way the city would have considered moving the proposed project forward is if True Life Companies applied for a major planned unit development (PUD) modification, which would have essentially rezoned the site for residential use.

The company kept receiving letters from the city saying it was not in compliance and suggesting the major rezoning, but according to Bryan Wenter, a land-use attorney for The True Life Companies, they had state housing laws on their side and did not have to go through that rezoning process.

That's why he said he didn't agree with the Planning Commission's decision to deny the project on April 10 and why he continued to disagree with the staff's recommendation to deny the project during the May 21 council meeting.

"In order for disapproval of this project to be lawful, two things must be true. In this case neither one of them is true," Wenter said. "The first is that ... the General Plan is allowed to defer to the zoning for what's allowed on this site. That's not allowed under California law. The second is that subsection J4 of the Housing Accountability Act, which prohibits a rezoning under the circumstances set forth in that section, doesn't apply."

"Both of those premises are



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A rendering of one of the residential buildings that was denied to be built at 5976 and 5994 West Las Positas Blvd.

incorrect and both must be true in order for there to be a lawful disapproval tonight," he added.

He continued to make the argument he made during the April 10 Planning Commission, which was that Senate Bill 330 — which essentially reduces regulatory barriers for new housing developments — along with other state housing bills were enacted so that developers like his client could fast track the housing development process.

He also said that PUD zoning designations do not outweigh the city's General Plan, which he said states that the mixed use business park land use designation that applies to this property expressly refers to the mixed use land use designation in the General Plan, which does allow residential development at 20 plus units per acre.

According to city staff, in addition to zoning being inconsistent with the General Plan in that location, there is still another reason for their recommendation to deny the project.

"The provision at issue here is a two-part requirement. In order for there to be a zoning exemption, the project has to be compliant with the General Plan, which this project is, but the existing zoning also has to be inconsistent with the General Plan," city attorney Dan Sodergren told the council. "Here the zoning clearly is consistent with the General Plan."

"I think the applicant's attorney is making the argument that because the project's consistent with the General Plan, the zoning exemption applies without giving emphasis to the second sentence that existing zoning also has to be inconsistent with the General Plan," Sodergren added.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin also asked Wenter why True Life Companies didn't just go through the major PUD modification process, which Testa said would have made everything move forward in a more timely manner.

Mayor Karla Brown also asked a similar question and said it would have strengthened the relationship between the city and the developer if they had just gone through the major rezoning process and worked with the city like other developers have rather than trying to use state laws to justify not having to go through that process.

She also said this after Wenter went over reasons the city could lose in court and have to pay attorney fees along with other fees if they denied the application, which he said at the Planning Commission meeting was a possible consequence moving forward.

"It sure seems to make a lot more sense if you want a professional business relationship with the city, to comply with the requests for the major PUD modification rather than quite honestly come up and say, 'If litigation takes place, you're going to be responsible; if I prevail, you're going to be responsible for my legal fees,'" Brown said.

However, Wenter doubled down, saying there are many reasons they didn't have to apply for the rezoning modification with a key reason being that state laws were enacted as tools for developers so that they

wouldn't have to worry about doing such things.

"If you are a developer and you agree to seek a rezoning ... you are conceding that state housing law doesn't apply and does not protect you," he said. "Even with indications of cooperation, there's not a good reason to agree to put those tools to the side and say I'm willing to trust you and go through that process and leave these tools aside."

Wenter also argued that the handful of residents who spoke during the meeting showed that there was support for the much needed housing in Pleasanton.

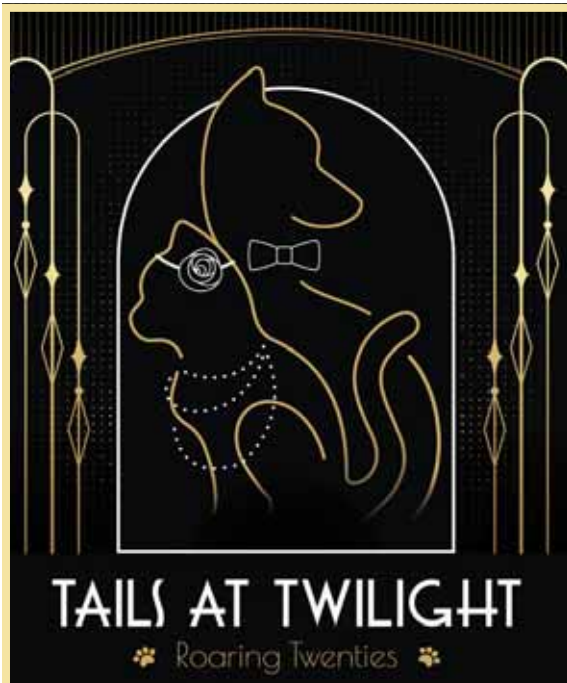
Chip Menard, a college student who lives in the Bay Area, was one of the few people who said more housing is needed in Pleasanton so that the younger generations have a chance to stay in the area they grew up in and not have to move elsewhere.

"We need a place to live and if there isn't enough inventory now and cities such as Pleasanton continue to deny housing projects, then there will be even fewer homes for me and my friends to purchase when we are ready," Menard said.

But as the council explained, the owner of the proposed site location on West Las Positas Boulevard never responded to the city's requests when it was going through its Housing Element process, which many on the dais said was unfortunate because again many of them liked the location for housing.

And as Testa said near the end, it comes down to the city's process. She pointed out that everything the council had heard up until that point — including legal precedent from another similar lawsuit in Southern California — combined with staff's own and outside legal advice, showed how the city could deny the project without facing any consequences.

"We heard earlier in closed session from a consultant that very definitely disagrees with what the applicant has said," Testa said. "The lawsuit that we were told about definitely disagrees with what the applicant has said, and our staff's legal opinion definitely disagrees." ■



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Feds launch probe into crash that killed family of four

NHTSA investigating case, collecting data about electric vehicle wreck on Foothill Road

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A federal agency has confirmed that it has launched an investigation into last month's deadly car crash on Foothill Road that took the lives of a Pleasanton family of four.

According to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spokesperson, the administration's special crash investigations division will be looking into the crash that involved a VinFast VF8 electric vehicle.

"Specifically, SCI will document the crash circumstances and the ensuing fire," according to the NHTSA spokesperson.

According to the SCI's website, cases handled by the division

collect data which is used for examining special crash circumstances or outcomes from an engineering perspective.

"The benefit of the program is its ability to locate unique real-world crashes anywhere in the country and perform in-depth clinical investigations in a timely manner that can be used by the automotive safety community to improve the performance of its advanced safety systems," according to the SCI's website.

A VinFast spokesperson told the Weekly that the NHTSA, however, is not specifically investigating the electric vehicle company.

"VinFast and NHTSA are

working cooperatively to determine the causes of the tragic crash in Pleasanton," the VinFast spokesperson said. "The Pleasanton police are currently investigating the cause of the accident and will share their findings when their work is completed."

On April 24, Pleasanton residents Rincy George, 41, Tarun Cherukara George, 41, and their two children Rowan, 13, and Aaron, 9, died in a single-vehicle crash on Foothill Road near Stoneridge Drive around 9 p.m.

According to the Pleasanton Police Department, evidence from the scene indicated the vehicle hit a roadside pole, went airborne and

struck a large oak tree that night before the car caught fire twice.

PPD officers previously stated that they believed the main factor for the family's death was not the fire, but rather the speed of the collision with the oak tree.

PPD Lt. Erik Silacci told the Weekly there are currently no new updates on the cause of the crash but he said the police department has also been working with the NHTSA to investigate the incident. He also said PPD has been receiving assistance from the California Highway Patrol's multidisciplinary accident investigation team.

However, after the crash a complaint was filed to the NHTSA on

April 29 which talks about a 2023 VinFast VF8 that was owned by a person who said their coworker died along with their family on the same day as the April 24 crash. The consumer complaint location was also listed as Pleasanton.

The details of the complaint, which matches the April 24 crash, states the complainant was concerned their coworker who was driving their car might have experienced similar steering failures that the complainant had in the past.

The NHTSA previously told the Weekly it could not confirm whether the vehicle owner complaint is connected to a specific crash or incident. ■

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following the event. "The Blacksmith Square Expansion will continue to add vibrancy, providing a beautiful space for our community to gather and additional amenities to enjoy. The expansion is a thoughtful new development that complements and strengthens the historic preservation of our current buildings."

She added, "We urge the

community to continue to support the businesses of Blacksmith Square during construction, as they will remain open continuing to provide live music, food pop-ups, shopping, local beer and wine and of course the great environment you have grown to love!"

The existing retail shops in the space include Swirl on the Square, Tap 25, Prints & Pints and Sweet Hope Naturals. The expansion is set to bring approximately

13,000 square feet of additional retail and restaurant space adjacent to Stockmen's Park, including a three-story building with a second-floor restaurant and rooftop dining. The area around the current shops will include an expanded outdoor courtyard and stage for live entertainment.

LDI officials said the existing shops in Blacksmith Square will remain open during construction, which is planned for completion

by late summer 2025.

The historic building on the corner of Livermore and Railroad avenues will remain and serve as a design reference for the three new buildings, according to the city.

Red Bear, a Pleasanton-based development company founded by Michael and Joe Madden — the sons of the late NFL icon and businessman John Madden — is developing the project, which is part of the city's Downtown

Specific Plan and is a key component in the vision for a pedestrian friendly commercial and entertainment district, according to city officials.

"The City has been eagerly anticipating this groundbreaking for the expansion of Blacksmith Square" Marchand said. "This will be a wonderful addition to our award-winning downtown and will activate the area around Stockmen's Park." ■

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Livermore Councilmember Branning picked as next president of Pleasanton teachers union

Outgoing APT leader Atkins retiring from education to spend more time with grandkids

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Livermore City Councilmember Evan Branning, who works as an educator in Pleasanton, has been named as the new president of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers following the news that union leader Cheryl Atkins will be retiring.

"I am very excited for this new opportunity to serve our students," Branning told the Pleasanton Weekly. "I look forward to working with the district, our members and community to make sure we have the best educators, classes, and services for our students."

Apart from serving on his hometown Livermore City Council,

Branning teaches culinary and leadership classes at Village High School in Pleasanton.

Most recently he had been heavily involved in advocating for the Pleasanton Unified School District to meet the APT's demands during the contentious contract negotiation sessions earlier this year.

Branning will be stepping in for Atkins, who has served as APT president for the past two years, after she made the decision to retire from



Evan Branning

education altogether.

"I am stepping down because it's time to retire," Atkins told the Weekly. "I have two grandchildren and one more on the way. It's time to be a grandma and put my teaching skills and enjoyment of children to my grand kids. Looking forward to new chapters in my life."

The longtime Fairlands Elementary School teacher had served as secretary and on the executive board at the APT over the span of 12 years and had been a site representative for the union for 12 years before getting into leadership. Atkins had also served on the negotiation team for seven years.

"It has been an honor to be

president and represent our certificated staff," she said. "I do believe we are better working together and I hope we are back on the path to continue to rise and give Pleasanton students the best."

PUSD Superintendent David Haglund stated in a May 24 newsletter from the district that he was thankful for Atkins' friendship and partnership over the past few years as he visited her in her classroom and as he worked with her while she was president of the APT.

"You have been an honest partner and I will especially miss our walks and the opportunity to connect as people before we 'do business,'" Haglund stated. "I wish you well in

your retirement and look forward to joining you as a full time grandparent very soon."

Haglund was referring to how he will also be stepping down from his role this year so he can move back to Southern California and be more involved in the lives of his own grandchildren.

Atkins said the relationships she has built with certificated and classified staff, as well as management, have meant a lot to her. But what she is also most proud of during her time in the APT was this latest round of bargaining where she said the union got one of the best contracts in years.

"APT received the largest raise in my career, 10%, full single medical and up to 15 years of service (credit)," Atkins said. "This is a huge win and we did this without having to strike. I hope this is the beginning of putting Pleasanton back to the destination district it is known for." ■

Resident dies in Pleasanton mobile home fire

Circumstances including source of ignition remain under LPFD investigation

BY JEREMY WALSH

One person was killed and another injured during an overnight fire in a mobile home in Pleasanton last week, according to fire officials.

The flames broke out just before midnight May 22 in a residence in the Pleasanton Hacienda Mobile Home Park on Vineyard Avenue, according to Rosa Ramos, spokesperson for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

The first-arriving fire crews found the mobile home "engulfed in flames with heavy smoke conditions" and were told one occupant

was trapped inside the home, according to Ramos.

"Despite aggressive efforts to combat the fire, a flashover forced crews to retreat and the structure became fully involved," Ramos said in a press release on May 23. "The fire was eventually subdued from the exterior, allowing firefighters to reenter and complete extinguishment."

Firefighters learned that there were two people inside the home when the fire ignited. One managed to escape, but the other was stuck inside and subsequently pronounced dead at the scene,

according to Ramos. The surviving occupant was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital for treatment.

The origin and cause of the fire are unknown and the full circumstances remain under investigation, Ramos said. "Our thoughts are with the victims and families during this difficult time," she added.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has not yet confirmed the decedent's identity due to the condition of the body after the fire, but supporters of the family who started a GoFundMe drive online in recent days identified the man who died as Richard Lorenz. ■



LPFD

A resident died after a fire broke out in this mobile home in Pleasanton late in the night on May 22.

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thank the board for their vote of confidence. I'm ready to hit the ground running to keep our trains moving for the communities we all serve."

Next steps for filling Dublin's mayoral vacancy will be announced in the coming weeks, according to Hernandez's announcement.

District 3 Director Rebecca Saltzman made the motion to select Hernandez to fill the District 5 vacancy at last week's meeting, which was approved in a 6-2 vote.

"I have had the opportunity to work with Mayor Hernandez on the Alameda County Transportation Commission for many years and I've been really impressed with how rooted she is in Dublin and the whole Tri-Valley area — and really it is the whole area, not just Dublin, but also that she brings as much energy to



Melissa Hernandez

the regional issues, to the transportation issues — I mean you can see by this long list of all the places she has served, she really puts energy into the whole community," Saltzman said.

District 1 Director Debora Allen, who represents Walnut Creek, Danville, San Ramon, and portions of unincorporated Contra Costa County, and District 6 Director Liz Ames, who represents the portion of Pleasanton not included in District 5, cast the two opposing votes against Hernandez's appointment.

Allen said her decision was due to her support for Rodrigues instead for the position, with Ames pointing to a number of reservations about the appointment including her disagreement with Hernandez's support for the Valley Link Rail project set to begin construction next year.

"The mayor's got all of these connections, she's on all of these transportation boards, but then I have some issues with transportation choices that ACTC has made and all these other agencies — for example, Valley Link," Ames said. "I'm not real supportive of Valley Link. I thought we could extend ACE to Dublin. I

just want to see, I would say more new ideas."

Hernandez was in her second and final term as Dublin's mayor under the city's term limits, with her election in 2020 making her the Tri-Valley's first-ever Latina mayor. She succeeded former Dublin mayor and current District 1 Supervisor David Haubert. She has also overseen health and human services for Haubert's office since 2020.

While the appointment ensures just a few months on the BART board through the end of the year, Hernandez is also seeking a full four-year term in the position in the upcoming November election, with McPartland having given her his endorsement.

"Melissa Hernandez is going to be able to walk into many of the rooms that we need to have leadership and representation, whether that's in Sacramento or with the San Jose Extension," BART Board President Bevan Duffy said in Thursday's announcement. "Melissa has a tremendous set of experiences and is well known. Former Director John McPartland has been supportive of

Melissa's candidacy and that heartens me as well."

Rodrigues, who currently serves on the BART Police Citizens Review

Board and was also spoken highly of during the BART board's selection process, also plans to run for the District 5 full-term seat. ■



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Memorial Day in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton community joined local veterans, military members and civic leaders in reverence at the city's annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony on Monday outside the Pleasanton Senior Center. The event included the presentation of the colors, the placing of the wreath, a salute to the fall, keynote speakers and live music by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.

New traffic pattern around Meadowlark Dairy for summer months

Drivers must approach from First Street direction starting Saturday; no left turn from Neal

By Christian Trujano

With the Meadowlark Dairy becoming more popular and as its reputation and Pleasanton have grown over the years, so too has the ice cream store's infamous line of cars. But with the summer heat approaching, the city decided to implement a change in the way traffic flows around the downtown shop.

Starting this Saturday (June 1), everyone who wants to use the dairy's drive-up service will have to approach from the First Street direction, according to a press release from the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

That means motorists will no longer be able to drive up to the dairy from Main Street by turning left from Neal Street.

The PDA press release states that the city will be painting the median on Neal Street and no left-turn signage will be installed so patrons will know they will be prohibited from entering in that direction.

Cedric Novenario, senior traffic engineer for the city, told the Weekly that the city has implemented this pilot project in order to



A line of cars wait for their ice cream orders at the popular Meadowlark Dairy in downtown Pleasanton.

mitigate the long line of cars, as well as the safety and circulation issues that come along with all those cars that used to clog up traffic in two main ways.

"Coming from the west, patrons are queuing up in the two-way-left turn lane on Neal Street between Railroad Avenue and Main Street — in most cases the intersection at

Main Street and Neal Street and Rose Avenue gets congested and overflows onto Main and Rose Avenue with additional patrons trying to enter into the queue," Novenario said. "From the east, patrons queue up along the curb between First Street and Railroad Avenue — which can also create congestion at First Street and Neal Street."

In order to curb that congestion, Novenario said the city will be creating a 700-foot stacking lane, which is a lane where vehicles can wait and queue up in order to minimize impact to traffic flow, on Neal Street and First Street. People will now come from First Street along the Lions Wayside Park and turn right onto Neal Street in order to get

into the dairy drive-thru.

All of the parking spots adjacent to the park and from the north side of Neal Street between First Street and the dairy driveway will also be removed in order to create that stacking lane, according to the PDA press release. No-parking signs will be installed along the stacking lane and a combination of delineators and roadway striping will also help reinforce and identify the new lane.

The new traffic lane will stay in effect from this weekend until Aug. 31 because, as Novenario explained, it is a pilot project. He said the city will evaluate the traffic circulation through the summer and determine whether or not it should keep the stacking lane.

As for the westbound 10/10R bus stop located in the area, the stop will be relocated to First Street adjacent to Delucchi Park and the two buses will be rerouted to Bernal Avenue and Old Bernal Avenue, according to the PDA.

The original bus stop located on what will be the new stacking lane will be closed and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority will post signs to indicate the new relocated stop.

"The city of Pleasanton will continue to work with the Meadowlark Dairy and LAVTA to address any issues or concerns that arise with the new circulation pattern," according to the PDA press release. ■

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Work underway on new lighting for Pleasanton Library

LED lights, new control system being installed over next two months

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city has begun work on replacing the existing interior lights at the Pleasanton Public Library with new energy-efficient LED lights and upgrading the building's outdated lighting control system.

Nick Binzoni, community and public relations coordinator for the Library and Recreation Department, stated in a press release that crews started work on Tuesday and that construction is anticipated to continue through July.

While the library will remain open while work is being completed, individual sections of the library might be temporarily closed while work is being done in those areas.

"The library's faulty and outdated lighting is more problematic than a mere inconvenience. It disrupts our ability to serve as a welcoming place for community members to gather,

pursue their academic and personal interests, and freely access information," Heidi Murphy, director of the Library and Recreation Department, said in the press release.

"On occasion, poor lighting conditions have even affected library staff's ability to perform their duties, such as needing a flashlight to locate and reshelve materials in the evening hours," Murphy added. "We are excited we will soon be able to offer a brighter and more inviting environment for library users."

According to Binzoni, the library's interior light fixtures have not been upgraded since they were originally installed in 1988, which is when the library was constructed.

He said the deteriorating fixtures — many of which are completely inoperable — has been especially problematic for the library in the evenings and during the darker winter months because areas between

book stacks and seating areas are left without enough light, which prevents people from browsing through the book collections, reading and studying.

Additionally, the building's interior lighting controls, which were installed in 2011, no longer function properly and the library staff are not able to modify or properly manage those controls, according to Binzoni.

He said the original manufacturer of the control system is no longer in business, which means no one is left to service the equipment. He also said the ongoing issues with the system has forced staff to control the lighting by turning off the circuit breakers in the electrical panels.

"Eventually, as individual light fixtures increasingly became non-functioning, the remaining lights were left on overnight for fear of losing more fixtures," he stated.

That's why all of the approximately

500 fluorescent light fixtures in the library will be replaced with new LED lights, which aim to improve the light quality while also being energy and cost efficient, while the control system will be replaced with a new system that is currently being used at other city facilities.

"These new light fixtures will reduce the amount of energy used throughout the building by 54%," Binzoni stated in the press release. "The new system will be easily accessed and operated by staff, coordinate better with the dimming capabilities of the new LED light fixtures, and offer improved zone control."

The Library Commission recommended the replacement of the library's lighting system as a priority project during the 2022-23 City Council Work Plan, along with the replacement of the library's roof which was completed in May 2023.

According to Binzoni, the lighting

project was approved by the City Council in January and the construction contract, with project costs estimated at just over \$1.27 million, was awarded to American Wholesale Lighting.

Replacing the fluorescent light with LED ones will also help support the city's Climate Action Plan 2.0 by reducing the community's greenhouse gas emissions, according to Binzoni, in a large building where lighting is necessary for longer hours with energy efficient lights and with the new control system's daylighting and dimming features.

He also said the project will advance the city's ONE Pleasanton strategic plan goal to invest in the city's environment.

"This project promotes the effective use of existing facilities through repair, with a focus on environmental stewardship," Binzoni stated. ■

BUDGET

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No decisions have been made yet on placing such a tax increase on the ballot yet as staff still need to present the revenue measure survey

results to the council at the upcoming June 4 meeting. After that, staff will present polling results about the measure along with the draft ballot measure before the council votes on placing the tax measure on the ballot later in the month.

But because there is no guarantee

that the council will advance the ballot measure — or that residents will even approve the measure come Election Day — staff decided they had to come up with a backup plan in case that tax increase plan fails. That's why all of the city's departments came together to draw up a list of services that could either be reduced or eliminated.

"Plan B is this contingency menu that we've built," Beaudin said.

While no decisions were made on the services listed in the contingency plan, there were several that were noteworthy and that could have a significant impact in Pleasanton's quality of life if the revenue measure plan does go through.

The list started with reductions to the maintenance of city parks, medians and streets; elimination of the city's annual lead pickup program; freezing the sustainability manager positions, which would delay implementation of the city's Climate Action Plan; and reducing trash collection and janitorial services at city facilities and in downtown Pleasanton.

Other street and facility reductions could include reducing sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act repairs.

Apart from maintenance and repairs, the list of reductions also include reducing staffing and consulting support for plan checks and inspections and reducing in-person permit center hours, which would result in longer time for residents to get their permits approved and delays in developments.

One of the more prominent proposed cuts was the reduction of the Pleasanton Public Library's hours of operation and closing the library two days a week.

"The library is so integral for Pleasanton," longtime Pleasanton

resident Kate Roush said during the meeting.

Roush spoke about the events the library hosts and how people line up before it opens and how people are still there up until it closes, which shows how important the library is to residents.

"To limit the hours of the library would definitely have an impact on Pleasanton," she said.

Hsieh also brought up the possible elimination of city funding for crossing guards, reduced community grant funding by 50% and reduced funding for community programming such as Tri-Valley Community Television. Other reductions she brought up included the elimination of city-sponsored adult sports leagues; reduced aquatic, youth, senior and theater programs; and the elimination of certain special events.

But at the end of the list were certain police and fire services that Hsieh and some members of the council said would really have an impact on the safety of residents. On the police side, Hsieh said the city could look at eliminating or reducing certain programs such as the school resource officer, tobacco education, K9 and Alternative Response Unit programs.

She also said the city would look at freezing or eliminating vacant, part-time or temporary positions in the evidence, dispatch, records or investigation departments.

And on the fire services side, the city could look at possibly closing one of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department stations in Pleasanton, which would mean longer response times for incidents.

"This is something that is very difficult," Mayor Karla Brown said.

She said that while the city has already made about \$2.5 million in cuts in non-personnel and personnel

cost reductions and has looked at other avenues to save money, the community and the council will have to rally together to find ways to make these decisions of either closing a fire station or finding other services to cut if they can't get the tax increase on the ballot.

"These are difficult times," Councilmember Valerie Arkin said during the meeting. "There's a potential to make very difficult decisions."

Hsieh also said that if the city ends up finding out that placing such a measure on the ballot is not feasible, staff will come back much sooner to look at these potential reductions.

"Budget issues are always difficult," Pleasanton resident David Ott said. "We need to be fiscally responsible in everything we do. We should have a balanced budget."

"Before we agree to raise taxes, we should trim the budget and see what life is like one year with a trimmed budget," Ott added. "If it's so unbearable to live in, we can readdress it, but going right to a tax increase is the wrong way to handle business."

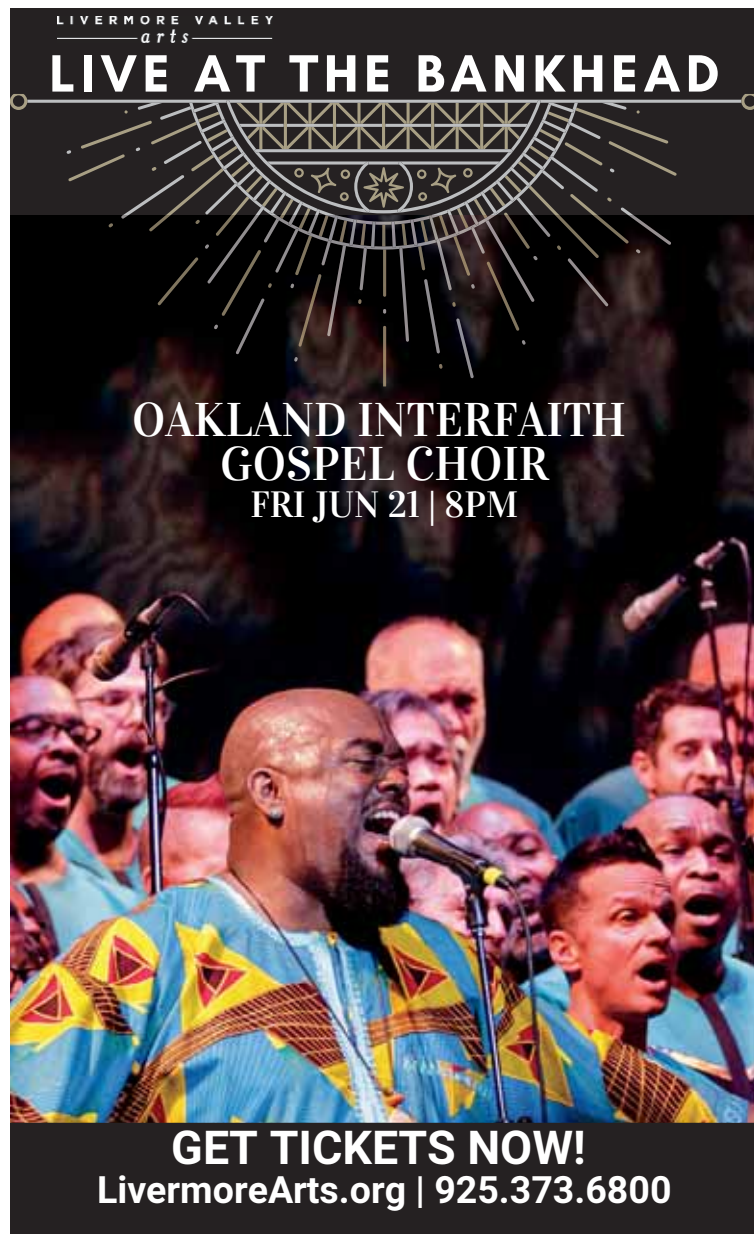
Beaudin also told the council that while they have been looking at one-time funds like the rainy day fund to help balance the budget, business will not be continuing as usual and the city will still have to continue looking at its expenses.

But getting the tax increase on the ballot, according to staff and some on the council, would be a first step and would help avoid some of these service cuts.

"Tonight is looking at worst case, Plan B, and hopefully we will have other options," Vice Mayor Julie Testa said. "I believe that this community will step forward and help us to prevent us from getting to this position to really have to make these kinds of cuts." ■

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Reps call for congressional hearing on Dublin women's prison abuse, closure, transfers

'This level of disregard for human dignity cannot be tolerated'

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Ten members of Congress sent a letter to the chairs and ranking members of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability on Friday asking them to hold hearings on the recent closure of the abuse-plagued federal women's prison in Dublin and the transfer of its inmates.

"We have heard from former inmates who were recently released, family of inmates who have since been transferred from FCI Dublin, and advocates — all of whom have told us about shocking abuses that took place during the mass inmate transfers," the congressmen said in their letter

Friday. "This level of disregard for human dignity cannot be tolerated."

Alleged abuses at the facility include retaliation against whistleblowers, inhumane treatment, and withholding of necessary medical care, according to the letter.

Congressional committee investigations and hearings would allow Congress to address past and current issues, the letter said.

The hearings would involve hearing directly from decision makers in BOP and the Department of Justice about plans for the facility, how the closure was planned and executed, and efforts to ensure this sinister culture of abuse is not replicated in

other federal prison facilities.

Dublin prison closure, transfer issues

Representatives are concerned that the prison's closure might interfere with Special Master Wendy Still's April 5 appointment to oversee Dublin prison's compliance with federal law and constitutional requirements.

"We share a belief in the importance of Special Master Still's mandate and are concerned that the closure of the prison will delay or deny much-needed accountability," the representatives said in their letter Friday.

The facility's closure was announced on April 15, less than two weeks after Still's appointment and without informing her, with a promise to have the facility empty by the end of the week.

"The frantic nature of the closure of FCI Dublin reflects a lack of adequate planning and proper safeguards to protect the rights of inmates," the representatives said in their letter.

Lawyers representing some of Dublin's inmates asked for an emergency restraining order to stop the transfer of inmates from the prison on April 19, but many of the incarcerated women had allegedly already been moved by the time the motion was filed.

Inmates allege a variety of abuses during their transfer, such as limited access to food, water and bathroom facilities. Other accusations include a woman who was allegedly forced

to remove a tampon in a strip search in front of two officers before being denied feminine hygiene products and left to bleed on herself during her bus transfer, unable to access her belongings or clean underwear for four days, according to the 70-page motion.

There are only four remaining low-security women's prisons in the U.S., according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website, none of which are in California.

Convictions and ongoing trials for former Dublin prison employees

Several former employees, including former warden Ray J. Garcia, have been convicted of acts of sexual misconduct while serving within the prison.

Garcia, a 55-year-old Merced resident, was convicted of three counts of sexual abuse and four counts of abusive sexual contact against three inmates, in addition to one count of making false statements to a government agency during the investigation of the criminal act. Garcia was sentenced to just under 6 years in prison, followed by 15 years of supervised release, in late 2022.

"This prosecution should serve as both warning and reassurance that the Department of Justice will not waver in holding accountable BOP employees and executives who abuse their authority — whether they be a correctional officer, chaplain or warden — and in pursuing justice for their victims," Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco

said in May 2023, following Garcia's conviction.

The prison's chaplain, James Highhouse, 50, was previously convicted of sexually abusing an inmate and lying about it to federal agents, alongside several other former employees. Although six different incarcerated women accused him of similar actions, he only pled guilty to crimes against one woman.

40-year-old Pleasanton resident John Bellhouse was convicted on two counts of sexual abuse of a ward and three counts of abusive sexual contact, and 48-year-old Fairfield resident Nakie Nunley was convicted of engaging in sexual acts and sexual contacts with five incarcerated women, among other charges. He admitted to sexually abusing two other incarcerated women, for which he was not convicted, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

54-year-old Darrell Wayne Smith is still facing five counts of sexual abuse of a ward, six counts of abusive sexual contact, and one count of aggravated sexual abuse. His trial is scheduled for May of 2025. Smith could face a maximum of life in prison if convicted of aggravated sexual abuse, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Signatories on the Friday letter included California Reps. Judy Chu, Mark DeSaulnier, Anna Eshoo, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Barbara Lee, Zoe Lofgren, Adam Schiff and Eric Swalwell. Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas and Bobby Scott of Virginia also signed the letter. All ten signatories are registered Democrats. ■

East Bay Parks issues tick advisory

Watch for tall grass, brush, wooded areas; wear long pants, closed-toe shoes

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

As the sun shines warmer out there, sometimes it's the little things we need to watch out for.

It's tick season.

The East Bay Regional Park District wants people to be aware that the more they're out there hiking, the more they're at risk of being chomped on by ticks.

The district said the little blood suckers are often present in tall grass, brush, and wooded areas. Visitors are encouraged to keep tick safety precautions in mind when visiting East Bay regional parks throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons.

Ticks carry germs that can cause a number of diseases, including Lyme disease, an infectious disease transmitted by the bite of a tick.

It may be treated and cured with early diagnosis, but if not properly treated, it may persist in the body for years.

The park district said in California, the western black-legged tick is the major carrier of Lyme disease. The adult female is reddish brown with black legs, about 1/8-inch long. Males are smaller and entirely brownish black. Both are tear-drop shaped.

Most ticks can't fly or jump. They wait on the tips of grasses and in shrubs along well-used

paths. With their front legs outstretched, they easily climb aboard unsuspecting hosts when they brush by.

The district says visitors should wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes and tuck shirt into pants, and pants into socks.

People should use insect repellent on shoes, socks, and pants and check themselves, their children, and their pets for ticks thoroughly and frequently.

Keep children and pets nearby. For maximum safety, keeping dogs on leashes. Stay on trails and avoid brush and grassy areas.

If bitten by a tick, pull the tick gently from the skin using a tissue or tweezers (not with bare hands). Scrape the area to remove any mouthparts left behind. An item such as a credit card can be used.

Wash hands and the tick bite with soap and water; apply antiseptic to the bite. Prompt removal of ticks may prevent disease transmission.

People should see a physician immediately if they think they have found a tick attached to their skin and have any Lyme disease symptoms, which include a spreading rash accompanied by fever, aches and/or fatigue.

Download the district's "Living with Ticks" brochure at www.ebparks.org. ■



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BOWLING FOR TEAM USA

Amador student competes in Dubai against world's best U-19 cricket players

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Cricket has always been a part of 16-year-old Saanvi Immadi's life. She started playing the popular international sport for fun when she was 7, but as soon as she was about 10 years old, she knew she wanted to play competitively.

"I always knew I would be playing ... a serious level of cricket," Immadi told the Weekly.

So when the sophomore from Amador Valley High School finally earned her spot as one of the youngest players on the U.S. Women's cricket under-19 team, she understood it was only the beginning of her journey.

"It was a really an emotional moment for all of us as a family," her father Ramesh Immadi told the Weekly.

Saanvi grew up surrounded by the sport. Her brother is also a competitive player who had been introduced to the sport at a young age by their father.

Ramesh, who immigrated to the U.S. from India in 1997, said there are two things that connect South Asian folks: movies and cricket.

"The sport unites the community," he said.

Even just 10 years ago, Ramesh said there wasn't a lot of recognition for the sport in the Tri-Valley. He said he would have to drive his son two hours to the South Bay just so

they could find a cricket field where they could play because there were only about 12 kids who were playing the sport competitively in the entire Tri-Valley.

However as the demographics have been changing in the Tri-Valley, he wanted to do more to bring cricket to the area. That's when he decided to quit his job five years ago and began his advocacy work for more cricket spaces in the area.

Ramesh, who founded Crickets for Cubs in 2015, started reaching out to the Dublin City Council, which gave them a space at Emerald Glen Park. After that he worked with the community to raise \$50,000 in donations to build the first batting cage in the Tri-Valley.

Since then he has worked with the rest of the Tri-Valley cities to create seven cricket fields. "Now we have thousands of kids playing cricket in the Tri-Valley," Ramesh said.

And because of that growth, he said more kids like his daughter have been able to put in the work in order to compete at such high levels and make the national men's and women's teams.

Ramesh said five girls from the Tri-Valley made the national team of 16 players who recently went to Dubai to compete at the senior nationals tournament. He also said four boys from the Tri-Valley played for the men's national team. He said one

Amador student and one Dublin High School student even went to this year's World Cup in South Africa.

For Saanvi, she said that the chance to go to Dubai last month and compete in a series of international World Cup qualifying tournaments as a new U-19 U.S. cricket team member was the best experience for her before taking her career to the next level.

She said that growing up with a brother who played competitively and being surrounded by his teammates who were also strong players, she has always enjoyed playing with older cricketers because it gives her more to learn from as a relatively new player.

Even though she didn't get the results she wanted in Dubai, she got to bowl against one of the best batters in the world and was able to get some valuable experience out of the trip.

"Since it was my first tour too, my debut tour, it was a really eye-opening experience on what I have to learn and how I should get better," Saanvi said. "I didn't go in with a lot of expectations for myself; it was more like a learning experience for me."

Now her main focus is continuing to practice as much as she can over the next year before the U-19 World Cup tour that is coming up in January so that she can perform well and continue her pathway toward earning a spot in the 2028 Women's Olympic cricket team, which she said



Top: Saanvi Immadi practices her bowling on the new cricket field at the Ken Mercer Sports Park in Pleasanton on May 20 while rocking her new U.S. Women's U-19 Team jersey. (Photo by Christian Trujano). Above: The Amador Valley High sophomore bowls against another team during the senior nationals tournament she attended in Dubai in late April. (Photo courtesy of Ramesh Immadi).

is her ultimate goal.

And while she did say it can all get a bit overwhelming because she is still a sophomore in high school who also has a lot of high expectations of her, she knows she has people around her who can help her get through the stress.

"At a young age I'm in the international levels, so I would say it is overwhelming but I have a lot of people that are supporting me who I can talk to, to get me through it," Saanvi said.

She also said getting recognized by the Pleasanton Unified School

District Board of Trustees at the March 28 meeting meant a lot to her because it meant that her sport is now being recognized by the larger community.

"It felt good that the community was paying attention because cricket doesn't get that much recognition," Saanvi said. "I know that soccer and baseball and all these (other sports) get recognition from the school but cricket doesn't so ... I felt really good not just for me but for the whole sport that school districts were also paying attention to sports like this." ■

Soak in 'Colors of Summer' at Harrington Gallery

Allied Artists West members 'embrace and evoke' new season in Pleasanton exhibition

By JEREMY WALSH

Visitors to the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton can immerse themselves in the warm weather season ahead during the upcoming exhibition featuring artworks that Harrington Gallery officials say “embrace and evoke the brimming excitement and bright hues of a summer holiday.”

A group showing for the Santa Clara County-based Allied Artists West, “Colors of Summer” opens this weekend and runs into July with nearly 100 pieces of art interpreting the seasonal theme in a range of mediums including oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel.

“Reminiscent of the scenes one might come across during a summer road trip, visitors are able to enjoy everything from a breezy day in San Francisco to the crisp air of a forest stroll,” Harrington Gallery curator Sydney Tang told the Weekly. “Capturing the leisure and child-like wonder that comes with vacations and summertime explorations, this exhibition embodies the blissful ease associated with the warmer months.”

With 20 members participating in the exhibition, Allied Artists West boasts nationally recognized and emerging gallery artists who have won a variety of awards, displayed their works in art showings and juried competitions and/or teach their techniques in classes or demonstrations, according to gallery officials. “The collective work of the group reflects a diversity of techniques and approaches,” they added.

The artist group includes creators like Kaaren Marquez, whose “Making Waves” is among the works being displayed in the Harrington Gallery.

On the AAW website, Marquez says she strives “to reimagine traditional landscape painting to offer a fresh view of the world.”



“Drawing inspiration from my international travels and Bay Area explorations, I incorporate distorted perspectives, exaggerated forms and curvilinear shapes to craft whimsical landscapes filled with joyful color and energy — providing viewers with a dynamic experience of moving through a landscape both physically and visually,” she added in her artist’s statement online.

Leslie Landers, with “On the Boardwalk” and “Sailing Toward Alcatraz” among her paintings

in the exhibition, describes herself online as a fifth-generation Californian who aims “to convey a sense of dynamic optimism” while “savoring the beauty that is found in Northern California” through her art.

And with “interpretive expressions of landscape and florals in oil with various levels of abstraction,” AAW member David Chisessi works to build upon the “close connection” he feels with a natural subject like the sea or California hills” and then “uses nature as a point of departure to explore the incredible color, texture and transparency range of oils to create an emotional impression of the scene or object,” according to his artist’s bio online.

The city-operated art gallery will host an opening reception for “Colors of Summer” this Saturday (June 1) from 1-3 p.m. inside the arts center at 4444 Railroad Ave. The AAW exhibition continues until July 27. To learn more, visit firehousearts.org. ■



“Colors of Summer” at the Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton showcases artwork by members of Allied Artists West, including (clockwise from top) “Sonoma Sunday” by Michael Welch, “Making Waves” by Kaaren Marquez and “Sailing Toward Alcatraz” by Leslie Landers. (Images courtesy Firehouse Arts).



Death and Taxes band brings swing to downtown cafe

Upcoming dance class at Inklings part of new series created by musicians

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Dance lovers can swing into step at Inklings Coffee & Tea this weekend as Death and Taxes Swing Band hosts the second event in a series of lessons and dance nights to the tune of live music at the Pleasanton cafe.

Composed of a rotating group of professional musicians and local college students, the band brings swing and lindy hop to an area where it's scarce, all the while uplifting college musicians.

"It's something different. It's something unique to do. How often do you hear about a swing dance in the back of a coffee place?" lead member Rebecca Roudman asked. "It's a great thing to do for couples or for families or for going on a date."



COURTESY BROOKE THIELEN

At the band's first show of the series at Inklings.

To kick off the event set for Saturday (June 1), dance instructor and bass player Colin Williams will review moves from the last session to help repeat attendees refresh and newcomers catch up.

Though the lesson is meant for beginners, all abilities are welcome, as advanced dancers can use it to brush up on their skills, Roudman said.

For the remainder of the lesson, Williams will teach an inside turn and maybe even the bouncy moves of the Charleston.

"Swing dancing is the greatest social skill I have learned since learning to talk because suddenly you can interact with people, even when you just met them, and have a great time with them," Williams said.

After the lesson, attendees can show off their new moves as the band plays popular 1940s swing tunes like "Jump, Jive an' Wail," "Minnie the Moocher" and "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)".

Guests will even have the chance to dance to some '90s swing revival songs.

About a year ago, Roudman and guitar player Jason Eckl created the band after hearing the jazz program at their workplace, a local college, might get canceled.

"We wanted to give the college students an opportunity to continue playing jazz and get real world experience," Roudman said.

Students jumped at the opportunity and even the jazz program continued.

"It is an exciting experience for them and one of my favorite things



COURTESY REBECCA ROUDMAN

Death and Taxes Swing Band is set to perform at Inklings Coffee & Tea on Saturday, for the second event in an ongoing series of swing lessons, dancing and live music. The rotating group has included (front) Rebecca Roudman and (left to right) Josh Mellinger, Bryan Estay, Robert Gastelum, JT Happ, Colin Williams and Jason Eckl.

is to see them experience the fun of their first 'gig,'" Roudman said in an email. "Their response is always to be slightly out of breath, a bit shell-shocked, but happy at the end of the show."

Other band members include a rotating group of professional musicians.

Performers on June 1 include Jared Moore on drums, Williams on bass, Eckl on guitar, JT Happ on trombone, Rachel Kimura on

vocals and Roudman on vocals and violin.

"It's a super talented group," said Brooke Thielen, music event coordinator at Inklings. "Their sound is just beautifully crafted and it's so solid."

Roudman hopes the band will continue the series for a long time, offering people a place to swing dance in an area that's otherwise lacking.

"Sometimes people need a vacation from everything that's going

in the world or anything that's going on in their life. And if they can come, hear a swing band, make new friends, learn how to dance and have a good time, then that's the best thing that can happen," Roudman said.

All ages are welcome to attend the class and dance. Doors to the back room of Inklings on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton open at 6 p.m. and the event is set to run from 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite. ■

'Delightful Dvorak' at the Bankhead

Symphony set for final concert of 60th season

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Livermore-Amador Symphony is performing its final concert of the 2023-24 season this weekend at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

Dubbed "Delightful Dvorak" and conducted by LAS music director Lara Webber, the concert on Saturday night is set to feature Richard Strauss' "Serenade in E-flat," Antonin Dvorak's "6th Symphony" and Lori Laitman's "Becoming a Redwood" with lyrical accompaniment by singer Chad Somers.

With a closing piece that "radiates with sunshine and joyful optimism," the Dvorak symphony "is full of memorable melodies, poignant tenderness, and boundless propulsive syncopated rhythms that carry us through to a glorious conclusion to our symphony's 60th anniversary season," Webber said in a statement.

"Becoming a Redwood" is a musical composition about "profound love and loss and finding wisdom and

redemption in nature" by Laitman set to poems by former California poet laureate Dana Gioia, symphony officials said. Tenor soloist Somers, familiar to local audiences from his role as Curley in Livermore Valley Opera's "Of Mice and Men" production last fall, will join the symphony to sing the lyrics.

"I just love singing these songs," Somers said in the symphony's press release. "Laitman's music has such a searching and human quality to match all the joy and despondency of Gioia's text which culminate to create a beautiful rumination on the human experience of love, loss and grief. A true joy to give it voice."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday (June 1) in the Bankhead. Webber will discuss the pieces beforehand in her "Inside the Music" talk from 7-7:15 p.m., and a complimentary reception will follow the show.

For tickets and more information, go to livermoreamadorsymphony.com. ■



COURTESY LAS

"Delightful Dvorak" on Saturday will bring to a close the Livermore-Amador Symphony's 2023-24 season.

The fun and the 'Furiosa'

From (mostly) superhero-free blockbusters to lots of family-friendly fare, here's what's ahead this summer in film

By Peter Canavese

The big name in horror for today's Hollywood isn't Freddy or Jason or even M3GAN. It's "contraction." That's the word striking terror in the hearts of Hollywood creatives now that streaming has upended the screen-trade economy, the boom-years bubble has burst, and production deals are harder to come by. Not that you'll necessarily notice at the multiplex this summer, as the industry has so far continued to spend big on colorful baubles to get you and yours into theater seats.

The summer movie season creeps in early these days, and we've already seen would-be summer-style blockbusters in "The Fall Guy," "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes," and "IF." But the season traditionally kicks off with Memorial Day Weekend, which brought George Miller's hotly anticipated "Mad Max: Fury Road" prequel "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga" and probable kiddie catnip in "Garfield the Movie," with Chris Pratt voicing a younger, more energetic version of the Monday-hating, lasagna-loving tabby Persian cat.

Around the corner on June 7, Will Smith hopes you'll forget "the slap" and get on board another "suns out, guns out" cops-versus-drug-dealers action sequel with wise-cracking partner Martin Lawrence: "Bad Boys: Ride or Die." That day, Ishana Shyamalan throws her hat in the creature-feature ring with "The Watchers," while Richard Linklater ("Boyhood") drops on Netflix a new true-ish crime dramedy in the "Bernie"-esque "Hit Man," starring Linklater's co-screenwriter Glen

Powell ("Anyone But You"). Powell's big summer revs up again July 19 with the release of action reboot "Twisters," surprisingly helmed by the celebrated indie filmmaker Lee Isaac Chung ("Minari").

Summer always promises plenty of franchise fodder. This season, we get a pair of CGI-animated sequels in Pixar's "Inside Out 2" (June 14), which takes us inside the emotionally chaotic brain of a now-teenage Riley, and "Despicable Me 4" (July 3), with Steve Carell's Gru facing an antagonist voiced by Will Ferrell. Netflix brings back Eddie Murphy's Axel Foley in "Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F" (July 3), and technically, another big legacy comedy sequel arrives this summer, albeit in the dog days: "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" (Sept. 6) reunites director Tim Burton with Michael Keaton, Winona Ryder, and Catherine O'Hara.

Genre fans will be counting the days until the alien-invasion prequel "A Quiet Place: Day One" (June 28) with Lupita Nyong'o ("12 Years a Slave," "Us") and Joseph Quinn ("Stranger Things"); Ti West's horror sequel "MaXXXine" (July 5), capping a trilogy starring Mia Goth ("X," "Pearl"); and "Alien: Romulus" (Aug. 16) with Fede Alvarez ("Don't Breathe") claiming directorial duties from producer Ridley Scott.

In recent years, it's been all about the superheroes, but this summer marks the industry's acknowledgement of "superhero fatigue." Marvel has one surefire hit in "Deadpool & Wolverine" (July 26), a buzzy multiverse game-changer that brings Hugh Jackman's Wolverine out of

retirement to join Ryan Reynolds' mouthy, gun-toting mercenary Deadpool. There is one more comic-book movie this summer — a reboot of ultraviolent goth(ic) thriller "The Crow," with Bill Skarsgård stepping into Brandon Lee's boots — but that's it: capes will be in short supply.

That's good news for cineastes who'd prefer more original content in theaters. Now, admittedly, one such fresh offering is a video-game adaptation that looks suspiciously like a "Guardians of the Galaxy" rip-off: the Cate Blanchett-led "Borderlands" (Aug. 9). However, the (considerably cheaper) original dramas, comedies, and horror films "counter-programmed" to steal adults away from blockbusters each week paint a picture of a surprisingly eclectic summer ahead. Consider Sundance favorite "Didi" (July 26), the coming-of-age tale of a 13-year-old Taiwanese American misfit (Izaac Wang) and his bemused mother (Joan Chen), and the mother-daughter drama "Janet Planet," which in late June marks the directorial debut of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Annie Baker.

Of course, not every original summer movie is humble in scope or domestic in subject matter. Kevin Costner, late of "Yellowstone," brings out the first two installments of his epic passion-project Western "Horizon: An American Saga": "Chapter 1" on June 28 and "Chapter 2" on Aug. 16, with the director-star promising two more installments to come. Several other established directors have projects lined up for you: Yorgos Lanthimos reteams with Emma Stone for their



Above: Anya Taylor-Joy goes post-apocalyptic as the title character in "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga." Courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures. Top: Joseph Quinn and Lupita Nyong'o must evade an invasion of aliens with ultrasonic hearing in the prequel "A Quiet Place: Day One." Courtesy Gareth Gattrell/Paramount Pictures.

follow-up to "Poor Things," the "triptych fable" "Kinds of Kindness" (June 21); Jeff Nichols has "The Bikeriders" (June 21) with Austin Butler and Tom Hardy; and serial-killer thriller "Trap" (Aug. 9) comes from the mind of M. Night Shyamalan.

Book clubbers may want to mark their calendars for the Blake Lively romantic drama "It Ends with Us" (Aug. 9), based on the Colleen Hoover novel, and smalltown friendship drama "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat" (Aug. 23 on Hulu), from the Edward Kelsey Moore novel. Or maybe it's your favorite stars that entice you to the multiplex. Perhaps you'd like to see what Zoe Kravitz is up to with her directorial debut, the ensemble thriller "Blink Twice" (Aug. 23), headlined by Channing Tatum. Tatum also plays opposite Scarlett Johansson in Space-Race rom com "Fly Me to the Moon" (July 12). Mark Wahlberg and Halle Berry team

for action-adventure "The Union" (Netflix, Aug. 16) while Matt Damon lends his star power to crime drama "The Instigators" (AppleTV+, Aug. 9).

And it wouldn't be a movie season without at least one Nicolas Cage movie — in this case, the horror thriller "Longlegs" (July 12) with Maika Monroe pursuing Cage's serial killer into uncharted territory. Or maybe your speed of movie star is 93-year-old June Squibb (a Best Supporting Actress Oscar nominee for "Nebraska"), who finally gets her first leading movie role in revenge comedy "Thelma" (June 21). Even with looming Hollywood downsizing, a summer movie season with everything from Minions to a no-nagenarian action star truly offers something for everyone. ■

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

New details surface about hiker getting lost in Ohlone Wilderness

A hiker from Oakland who went missing for nearly two days in the Ohlone Wilderness two weekends ago, along with his dog, was located by San Francisco water district employees who were at the San Antonio Reservoir, according to new information from the East

Bay Regional Park District.

EBRPD Police Lt. Patrick Brookens said the workers were on the lake when they saw Alex Stecher and his dog Apollo on the shoreline of the reservoir on May 20 at around 12:15 p.m.

"They were able to transport him and the dog across the lake, got picked up by the helicopter and brought over to EMS," Brookens told the Weekly.

According to a press release from the EBRPD, Stecher and his dog were found in good health.

"The East Bay Regional Park District would like to thank all of the volunteers and allied agencies who responded to assist with the search including Alameda County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR), Cal SAR and National Guard," according to the press release.

Stecher initially began his hike at the Sunol Regional Wilderness Preserve on the morning of May 17. He and his dog were due to get picked up at the Del Valle Regional Park on the next afternoon but they never made it to their end destination, according to a previous EBRPD press release from when the two were still reported missing.

A park ranger reported Stecher as an overdue hiker to the park district police dispatch at approximately 8:23 p.m. on May 18.

Brookens said he believes the hiker and his dog somehow found themselves off of the intended route, which resulted in them getting lost.

—Christian Trujano

In other news

• Nine Bay Area prosecutors will share \$3.7 million in state grants to develop and implement wage theft enforcement programs, the state Department of Industrial Relations said last week.

The grants will enable prosecutors to address exploitative labor industry trends and obstacles workers confront in reporting violations, the department said in a press release.

Among the nine Bay Area public prosecutors who applied for and received grants were the Alameda County District Attorney's Office at \$335,935 and the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office at \$720,000.

"Wage theft is a persistent problem, and this funding helps address it in local communities across our state," Labor Commissioner Lilia Garcia-Brower said in the press release.

The Department of Industrial Relations Division of Labor Standards Enforcement combats wage theft and unfair competition by investigating allegations of illegal and unfair business practices.

—Bay City News Service

• A man who was killed when his motorcycle struck a guardrail on Niles Canyon Road earlier this month has been identified by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

Dave Schummers, 64, of San Leandro was riding on Niles Canyon Road/Highway 84 on May 19 at about 9:25 p.m. when his motorcycle struck a guardrail protector and he was ejected into the brush bordering Niles Canyon Creek, according to authorities.

Despite the best efforts of medical personnel, Schummers was pronounced deceased at the scene, Fremont police said. ■

—Bay City News Service

Garret Hill

August 27, 2002 – April 21, 2024

Garret was born a Pittsburgh Steelers fan thanks to his dad, and his love for the Steelers never wavered. He enjoyed watching the games with his family while always passionately rooting on the black & yellow.

Garret grew up in Dublin, CA. He loved playing sports and was a natural born athlete with tremendous ability that spanned many sports. He excelled in soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. He attended Valley Christian School in Dublin from Pre-K through 8th grade consistently making the honor roll, and he made many lifelong friends. He was chosen by his classmates to lay the wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C. on his 8th grade trip. What an honor since he loved his country and our military! He then moved to Pleasanton, CA and attended Foothill High School where he made many more friends and enjoyed campus life very much.

He played football and JV basketball his first year of high school. Starting sophomore year, he put all his focus into his passionate love of basketball. He played varsity basketball his sophomore and junior year, making scholar athlete every year. He was an excellent shooting guard, and it would not be uncommon for Garret to make five to six 3-point shots in a single game. He excelled as a defensive player and had great court awareness, always getting his teammates involved. He demonstrated great leadership skills on all his sports teams ever since he was a young boy.

Garret really loved many genres of music but particularly the 60s and 70s. He loved all the great lyrics and melodies that the older music embraced, and he particularly enjoyed the music of Motown. He often played DJ in the car for the family. He also loved to go on family vacations with Maui being his favorite place to visit. Garret was a huge dog lover, and his dogs were never far from him.

He had a great sense of humor and loved comedy. He was incredibly thoughtful of others and always looked out for the underdog. He was extremely smart and intuitive, a great listener and had a good command of many different topics. When Garret was very young, his grandpa often said that Garret was an old soul, and he sure was. He was often teaching us what he learned from the Bible and how it applied to our lives. From an early age, Garret was not shy in talking about his faith. He shared it with people who were struggling and wanted to learn more about God. He even brought more than a handful of people to know Him.

Although Garret is no longer with us physically, we know he is still all around us, and we cannot wait until we see him again. He is so dearly missed by his parents, Scott and Lisa, his sisters, Allie and Natalie, his "brothers," Angelo, Elliot and Eric, and many other relatives and friends. He is predeceased by his grandpa Ron, grandma Evy, grandma Dianne, great grandma Olivia, and great grandma Margie.

Until we see you again, G, we love you so much!
James 1:2-4



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 23

Vandalism

■ 9:28 a.m. on the 3600 block of Ashwood Drive

Theft

- 9:36 a.m., 600 block of Windmill Lane; theft from auto
- 10:07 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 1:49 p.m., 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
- 7:40 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Alcohol violation

■ 11:07 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

Domestic battery

■ 1:19 p.m. on Case Avenue

May 22

Alcohol violation

■ 12:53 p.m. on the 3900 block of Brockton Drive

Vandalism

- 5:08 p.m. on the 4000 block of Rosewood Drive
- 5:14 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Warrant arrest

■ 10:02 p.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

Drug violation

■ 11:41 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

May 21

Theft

- 8:27 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 12:06 p.m., 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:45 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 8:25 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

May 20

Burglary

■ 9:01 a.m. on the 5800 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Fraud

■ 11:51 a.m. on the 2800 block of Carrisa Court

Vandalism

- 12:45 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- 4:09 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

■ 2:41 p.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

May 19

Burglary

■ 8:30 a.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

■ 2:01 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Drug violation

■ 4:27 p.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

May 18

Burglary

■ 1:29 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

Vandalism

■ 8:28 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

■ 9:03 a.m. on the 2100 block of Valley Avenue

Theft

- 10:05 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft
- 8:21 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

■ 3:47 p.m. at Ray and Main streets

May 17

Theft

- 9:12 a.m., 4200 block of First Street; shoplifting
- 2:22 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:06 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 9:18 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Domestic battery

■ 10:24 a.m. on Calle Altarima

Vehicle tampering

■ 3:43 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

■ 5:29 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall Road and McWilliams Lane

Vandalism

■ 6:19 p.m. on the 4300 block of First Street

May 16

Theft

- 8:22 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 8:58 a.m. on the 400 block of Del Sol Avenue
- 7:29 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 8:34 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

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Rent controls destroy housing affordability

In the May 10, 2024 Pleasanton Weekly, Councilmember Julie Testa cheered a recent lower court decision holding it was unconstitutional for the state to mandate that cities rezone for higher-density housing.

According to that judge and Ms. Testa, housing cannot be considered affordable unless inclusionary rent controls keep the units affordable. (That bizarre opinion will almost certainly be overturned by the California Supreme Court.)

Both Ms. Testa and the judge cannot conceive of market-rate housing that is affordable without rent

controls. And yet, most of the country has housing that is affordable to most of its population without rent controls. In 1970, California housing was more affordable than housing nationally.

What changed was that, starting in the 1970s in California, laws like the California Environmental Quality Act and judicial support for growth controls gave California local governments unfettered control over housing supply. Gradually, unfettered local control over housing supply led to California having the most expensive housing in the nation (and much lower living standards than should be for the next generation).

Finally, between 2016 and today, the State Legislature gave up on local control and mandated local governments to rezone lands for housing

and especially for higher density housing.

Inclusionary rent controls are the problem, not the solution to housing affordability. Ms. Testa and the wayward judge confuse affordable housing with subsidized housing. When inclusionary rent controls require lower rents on portions of new housing construction, that is subsidized housing, with the subsidies coming directly from higher rents on the remaining units.

Housing production then stops until rent levels rise enough to cover those subsidies, creating tremendous negative leverage. According to a study I did in the year 2000, market-rate housing consumers pay \$13 in higher housing costs for every \$1 dollar of rent subsidy created by inclusionary rent controls.

New construction is always more expensive than existing buildings, but typically higher quality. The extra cost burden of the inclusionary rent controls make most new housing uncompetitive with existing housing, destroying housing supply. Pleasanton's anti-housing council policies drove new housing production down to 18 housing units total in 2023, a growth rate of 0.06 of 1%; somewhat less than our fair share of the regional housing needs.

Perhaps to keep the runaway growth under better control, Ms. Testa and the rent control majority on the Pleasanton City Council recently voted to increase the inclusionary rent control requirement on new housing from 15% to 20% of new units.

To really make Pleasanton housing more affordable to the next generation, our children, we need to build smaller housing units in quantity, without rent controls. Pleasanton forces developers to build 3,500-square-foot McMansions when what we need is

a surplus of new 1,500-square-foot, three-bedroom units.

A mandate to make 25% of new apartments 650 square feet or less, creating an oversupply of basic one-bedroom apartments, would not cost the developer a penny in rent subsidy, but all rents would get pushed downward. Control unit sizes rather than housing prices to unleash housing supply that is affordable by design.

Our children can have affordable market rate housing. Unit-size zoning can be implemented locally consistent with the state housing mandates. For enlightened housing policies that Pleasanton could implement, please read "The 2014-2022 RHNA Cycle: A Catastrophic California Housing Policy Failure" by me online at macdonaldlaw.net. ■

Editor's note: Peter MacDonald is a retired land use attorney from Pleasanton. He has a B.A. in economics, an M.S. in urban planning and J.D. in law. He was city attorney of Pleasanton from 1982 to 1988 and is a past president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.



LETTERS

Artists say thank you

The Alliance for the Visual Arts and its participating artists are incredibly grateful for your coverage of the 2024 Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour. Such events take work from so many different sectors, and media coverage serves as the

crucial bridge between artist and community.

Our bustling modern life presents so many opportunities for stories, and the coverage in Pleasanton Weekly was significant to both the turnout to our event, and the excitement of the artists as their weekend to shine approached. Many artists were not only able to sell work, but create meaningful connections by talking directly to readers of PW who took the time out of their weekend to respond to the call to action that the article put out.

The significance of reading about an art event in reliable print and then following through to visit venues, shake hands, sign guest books, talk — and buy — art, and enjoy fulfilling time with friends and family is not lost on us in the AVA or the larger art community. This is the type of coverage and event that leaves a community feeling wholesome and, as artists in particular, motivated to continue our search for connection and beauty.

We really hope to see everyone again next year.

—Dennis Baker, Linda Ryan, Neil Mitchell and everyone at Alliance for the Visual Arts

and I have always enjoyed reading the Pleasanton Weekly but with Jeremy's articles, the paper has truly benefited.

—Diana Champlin

Thrilled and humbled

Thank you, Community of Character Collaborative, for honoring Sunflower Hill with the prestigious Juanita Haugen Community of Character award. We are thrilled and humbled to be honored alongside Lynn Gatehouse of the Alan Hu Foundation, Wayne Johnson and the 11 inspiring students that were awarded Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships.

Since 2013, Sunflower Hill has been committed to creating places and spaces where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live, work, learn and thrive, as part of the greater community.

We are thrilled that our first residential community is located in Pleasanton, a shining example of a true Community of Character. Thank you to Craig Eicher, Ken Mano, Heather Haugen Rizzoli and the entire board of the Community of Character Collaborative for bringing the Pleasanton community together and putting on this inspirational annual luncheon.

And personally, I am so proud to have lived in Pleasanton for over 30 years, to have raised our boys here, and that our oldest son is a resident of SFH at Irby Ranch. So much to be grateful for. Thank you, sincerely, for this great honor.

—Janeen Rubino-Brumm, board president, Sunflower Hill

Straight to Page 3

Every week when I read the Pleasanton Weekly, I go straight for Jeremy Walsh's article. He is an amazing writer. His subject matter is always interesting and his storytelling is brilliant. I especially loved the article about his grandma. It was extremely heartfelt and poignant.

I moved to Pleasanton in 1995,

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HIGHLIGHTS

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Meeting

Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center Classroom – 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Discussion – Funding Pleasanton's Future
- Provide Input Regarding North Arroyo Mocho Trail Access

Civic Arts Commission Meeting

Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Discuss Art Project Priorities for FY 2024/25
- Receive Civic Arts Project Status Report

Library Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Review the June and July 2024 Pleasanton Public Library Events Calendar and discuss outreach opportunities
- Select a Library Commission representative for the Public Art Selection Subcommittee (P.A.S.S.)

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley softball captures North Coast Section title

Tran drives home winning run in eighth inning as Dons defeat College Park 3-2

The Amador Valley girls' softball team needed extra innings, but the Dons pushed a run across in the top of the eighth to get a 3-2 win over College Park to win the North Coast Section Division I championship.

Emmerson Giles got the Dons the early lead with a home run in the first inning. The Dons made it 2-0 with a run in the fourth and took that lead into the bottom of the seventh.

College Park tied it up with a two-run homer from Abby Wood, sending the game into extras.

In the top of the eighth inning, Lauren Tran drove in the go-ahead run for the 3-2 Amador lead. In the bottom half, Amador pitcher Kaylee Davis — who went the distance, striking out 11, closed the door to give the Dons the win.

Amador, which stood 16-11 on the season with the win, was set to open CIF NorCal play as the No. 8 seed, heading on the road to face top-seeded Saint Francis, with results pending as of press time.

Granada wins baseball title

It took two days, two different fields and 14 innings, but in the end, the Granada baseball team finally got its first North Coast Section championship.

The Matadors outlasted De La Salle for a 1-0 win in a classic title game that started Friday at Monte Vista and ended Saturday at Granada.

Two teams that established their prowess as offensive powerhouses saw their respective pitching dominate the game.

Friday the game started at 5 p.m. and by close to 8 p.m. neither team had pushed a run across the plate. Tied at 0-0, the game was called due to darkness. With Monte Vista's field unavailable Saturday, the game was shifted to top-seeded Granada's field for a 1 p.m. start on Saturday.

The two pitching staffs were overpowering.

For De La Salle, starting pitcher RJ Meyn went eight innings and did not allow a hit, as the Mats did not get their first hit until the ninth inning. Granada starter Jake Sekany



COURTESY DIANA HASENPFUG

The Amador Valley softball team captured the 2024 North Coast Section Division I championship.

was equally as impressive, allowing only two hits over nine innings, striking out six batters.

Jack Karst came in for De La Salle in the ninth and pitched two innings, allowing a hit in each inning. AJ Hattaway came in for Granada in the 10th and allowed one hit and struck out two.

Saturday the ball was handed to Tommy Curran and De La Salle, with Granada turning it over to ace Parker Warner, the East Bay Athletic League's Player of the Year.

Curran allowed two hits while

Warner also was touched for a pair of hits and struck out six in his four innings of work.

The 14th and final inning had the most excitement by far of any over the course of the game.

With Ethan Sullivan at first with one out, Jamie Sullivan singled to left, Sullivan moved to third — it was the first time in the game the Spartans had a runner reach third base — and Mullin ended up at second when the throw from the outfield went to third.

But Warner, who is headed to Stanford, struck out Carlo Garcia and induced Sean Stafford to fly out to left to end the threat.

With one out, Warner reached on a hard-hit ball that caromed off the De La Salle second baseman. Mikey Boyd followed with a single

to center field, moving Warner to second.

After a second out, AJ Martinez singled to left, bringing Warner in with the game's lone and winning run.

Foothill track at state

The foursome of Elias Benard, Brennan DeCoite, Shivan Karnik and Nolan Chavez finished seventh in the finals of 4x800 relay at CIF State Track and Field Championships on Saturday night.

The Falcons beat 10 other teams on the way to the medal stand at Buchanan High in Clovis. ■

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.



COURTESY CLARK CONOVER

The North Coast Section Division I baseball championship team — the Granada Matadors of Livermore.

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Entertainment

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.

LIVERMORE AMADOR SYMPHONY

The Livermore-Amador Symphony presents its final concert of the season, Delightful Dvorak, conducted by music director Lara Webber and includes Richard Strauss' Serenade in E-flat, Dvorak's 6th Symphony and Lori Laitman's Becoming a Redwood. 7:30 p.m., June 1. Tickets \$28-\$42. 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.

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.

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.

WENTE SUMMER LIVE MUSIC -

QUEEN NATION Queen Nation is the West Coast's premier tribute band, faithfully recreating the iconic performances of Vintage Queen, featuring four talented musicians embodying the spirit of the legendary band. 5 p.m., June 7. Tickets \$50. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

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.

THE WIZARD OF OZ PRESENTED

BY CYT TRI-VALLEY Join CYT Tri-Valley, the Bankhead Theater's new resident children's theater company, on a journey to Oz. A cast of 68 students, ages 8-18 performs the timeless tale. June 13-16. Tickets \$29.25. Visit livermorearts.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT

BAND The Pleasanton Community Concert Band performs at the Livermore Thursday Farmers' Market, 6-8 p.m., June 13. 4th St., Between J and K. Visit pleasantonband.org.

Talks

MEET AUTHOR BRIAN COPELAND

Meet Brian Copeland, award-winning author and playwright, at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton. This free event is 2 p.m., June 2. 555 Main St.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH

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

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

Cliff Stoll presents "Applique Madness-Turn a Tiled Shower into a Quilt" at the next Amador Valley Quilters meeting. 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 8. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/WordPress.

YUKIO SHIMOMURA AT LIVERMORE

LIBRARY Yukio Shimomura will discuss "My Two And A Half Years Behind Barbed Wire In The US During WWII" at the Civic Center Library Storytime Room. Shimomura will share his family's experience before and during WWII, especially how Executive Order 9066 forcibly relocated them into incarceration camps. 1:30 p.m., June 11.

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION

CHAT The topic: "When bad things happen to good people: How does your faith/congregation help someone to recover following a significant loss, emergency, or tragedy?" 7 p.m., June 12. Muslim Community Center East Bay, Conference Room, Suite 100, 5724 Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Visit facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS

For the June meeting Margaret Lucke, novelist, editor and writing coach, will discuss the essential aspects of successful storytelling. She will share ways to keep readers turning pages to find out what happens next. 2 p.m., June 15. Las Positas College. Register by June 13 at trivalleywriters.org.

WEBINAR: DEMENTIA CARE-TRAVEL

TIPS Traveling with someone who has dementia can be a challenging experience, but with the right preparation and mindset, it can also be an enjoyable and rewarding one. Hope Hospice's dementia specialists will discuss strategies and tips for arranging and implementing successful trips. 10-11 a.m., June 13. Visit hopehospice.com.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY

GARDEN CLUB This month's meeting is a Potluck and Installation of

Officers with a taco lunch catered by Your Taco Guy in Livermore. Desserts welcome. RSVP to Sharon Howard at Sharon-doug@comcast.net. 1-4 p.m., June 15. Crosswinds Church. Visit lavgc.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.

Exhibitions

FACES OF OUR COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

The exhibition, "Faces of Our Community: Tri-Valley Non-profits 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 through 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-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.

LIVERMORE RODEO

106th Annual Livermore Rodeo is packed with action and events. June 8-9, Livermore Valley Stadium, 3000 Robertson Park Rd. For more information 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 Carnegie Park with over 60 vendors. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS'

MARKET Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers.

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Lovable Lola

Meet Lola, an exuberant, lovable 1-year-old dog with a kind soul and a unique condition that makes her even more special. Lola occasionally experiences fainting-like episodes of muscle weakness triggered by strong emotions like excitement or happiness. Despite this, Lola remains a loving and affectionate companion, eagerly seeking cuddles and playtime. While she likes to jump for joy, she'll thrive best in a calm and supportive environment. Stop by and meet Lola at East Bay SPCA's Dublin Adoption Center or go to eastbayspca.org.

Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St. and L St.

Family

MUSEUM ON MAIN FAMILY DAYS

On the first Saturday the month 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.

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 Pkwy., Dublin.

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.

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

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.

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Employment

10x Genomics in Pleasanton, CA seeks multiple positions: Research Assoc. 2 (Histopathology), salary \$78k-\$100k (RA223); Sr. Supply Planner, salary \$135k-\$160k (SSP24); Sr. Automation Eng., salary \$150k-\$180k (SAE24); Product Designer, salary \$148k-\$170k, may be stationed anywhere in continental U.S. reporting to 10x HQ in Pleasanton, CA (PD2023). Qualified applicants must mail resume to 10x Genomics, Attn: Jana Jensen, 6230 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588 quoting job #.

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

Sr Associate Software Development Engineer (20637.2452): Design and implement Cloud infrastructure. Position reports to the Workday Pleasanton, CA location and may allow for partial telecommuting. Salary: \$147,368.00 - \$168,000.00 per year, 40 hours per week. Workday pay ranges vary based on work location and recruiters can share more during the hiring process. As a part of the total compensation package, this role may be eligible for the Workday Bonus Plan or a role-specific commission/bonus, as well as annual refresh stock grants. Each candidate's compensation offer will be based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, geography, experience, skills, future potential and internal pay parity. For more information regarding Workday's comprehensive benefits, please go to workday.com/en-us/company/careers/life-at-workday.html Interested applicants submit resumes by mail to: J. Thurston at Workday, Inc., 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code.

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Public Notices

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, Plesanton, 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
Plesanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 10 2024. (PLW May 17, 24, 31 and Jun 7, 2024)

BLAKE STREET BAKING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 606595
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Blake Street Baking, located at 1404 Blake Street, Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SARA SARASOHN
1404 Blake Street
Berkeley, CA 94702
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/30/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 20 2024. (PLW May 31, Jun 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

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

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
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 May 10 2024. (PLW May 24, 31, Jun 7 and 14, 2024)

CLOUD CARE PHARMACY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 606453
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Cloud Care Pharmacy, located at 6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Ste 180, Pleasanton,

CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 104 Wilmot Rd MS 3215, Deerfield, IL 60015.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
WALGREEN CO.
104 Wilmot Rd MS 3215
Deerfield, IL 60015
State of Incorporation/Organization: Illinois
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 May 16 2024. (PLW May 31, Jun 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

GAME KASTLE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605753
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GAME KASTLE, located at 3911 Washington Blvd, Fremont CA, 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 351 El Portal Way, San Jose, CA 95123
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SOUTH SAN JOSE GAMES ASSOCIATION LLC
351 El Portal Way
San Jose, CA 95123
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 23 2024. (PLW May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2024)

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)

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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV076506
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Shan Tsai filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SHAN TSAI to SHANNON TSAI
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: 07/26/2024, 9:30 am, Dept. 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon Street, 2nd FL 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: 05/03/2024
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 31, Jun 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

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• Fictitious Business Name
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• Trustee Sale
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PAINT LIVERMORE 2024 Stop and smell the roses or better yet, paint them. Join Bay Area artists for Paint Livermore 2024, Livermore Art Association's annual plein air competition, June 7-9. Bothwell Park, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information visit livermoreartassociation.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.

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION
The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., June 12. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., June 13. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

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.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 10. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is June 11. Visit livermoreschools.org.

Seniors

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.

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.-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/senior-services/meals-on-wheels.

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

LUNCHEES 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.

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

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) continues to serve Medicare beneficiaries. Call (510) 832-3040 for more information.

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.

TAKE US ALONG



Pleasanton City Hall, Texas style: Bjorn Jensen and wife Kristina went on a trip to view the eclipse in Killeen, Texas, so they took the opportunity to visit Pleasanton, Texas. "It was very interesting to see a different city with so many things like car dealerships and libraries with the Pleasanton name on them. Here is a picture of us in front of their city hall," he said.

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

Real Estate

Trumark Homes closes deal on portion of Borel property

124 housing units planned for part of vacant orchard, with 10 acres set aside for agricultural park

By JEANITA LYMAN
A planned housing project for a portion of some of the last remnants of Danville's agricultural history reached a milestone last week, with developers closing escrow on a deal for seven acres of the 17-acre Borel property.

Officials from San Ramon-based Trumark Homes announced the escrow closure on May 21 and said they are now looking toward beginning construction later this year on a townhome project set for their

recently purchased portion of the abandoned walnut orchard in the southeast of town.

"I am proud of the dedication and discernment our team put forth throughout this process," said Tony Bosowski, president of Trumark's Northern California Division in the announcement.

In particular, he pointed toward Trumark's work alongside the town of Danville and the East Bay Regional Park District, the latter of which is moving forward with a concurrent plan funded by the sale

of the portion of land to Trumark to establish an agricultural park on the remaining portion of the property — which was reportedly the wish of its late owner, Armand Borel — showcasing the San Ramon Valley's agricultural history via the remaining 10-acre portion of the walnut orchard at 3020 Fostoria Way.

"Trumark Homes has earned a reputation of collaborating closely with civic leaders and community advocates to ensure our new home communities meet the needs of the cities where we build, while also

meeting the demand for vital housing inventory throughout the state," Bosowski said.

Trumark's portion of the project on the northern portion of the property is set to consist of 124 market-rate townhome units in 15 three-story buildings ranging from 1,504 square feet to 1,802 square feet each, as well as a mini park with a play area and an outdoor dining area, walking paths, recreational opportunities and a dog park.

In addition to the 124 for-sale townhome units, the property is also

set to host 43 apartments that are set to be rented at below market-rate, with affordable housing developers Pacific West Companies working on that portion of the project.

"Bringing the vision for this property to reality delivers on a promise from our team and the many community partners to uphold the historical elements of this property while contributing needed new homes and impactful open spaces for all residents and community members to enjoy," Bosowski said. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 4-15 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and April 22 to May 3 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

2916 Amoroso Court Baldwin Trust to Faccini Living Trust for \$3,065,000
831 East Angela Street C. & N. Herrmann to H. & A. Korukonda for \$2,225,000
4503 El Dorado Court Hemming Family Trust to L. & S. Mehari for \$1,810,000
7441 Flagstone Drive R. Palbicki to A. & B. Gurumurthy for \$1,700,000
2562 Gillian Court Brians Trust to A. & G. Kamarthy for \$4,750,000
2191 Inverness Court Getty Living Trust to C. Burton for \$1,850,000
1844 Palmer Drive J. & P. May to J. & X. Xu for \$2,650,000
673 Palomino Drive #C J. Ramos to J. & K. Hui for \$715,000
1976 Rheem Drive Harkush LLC to Y. & T. Lin for \$1,760,000
4681 3rd Street Toole Living Trust to Allen Living Trust for \$2,525,000
1682 Calle Santa Anna V. Borgese to D. & G. Saleeb for \$905,000
8027 Kingbird Court Sun Meadowlark LLC to H. & P. Wang for \$4,280,000
8008 Kingbird Court Sun Meadowlark LLC to Rourke Trust for \$3,500,000
3262 West Las Positas Boulevard M. Newton to L. Liu for \$1,185,000
548 Malbec Court Rodeghero Trust to S. & S. Deng for \$1,550,000
4874 Mason Street Schweitzer Living Trust to Chalamalasetti Trust for \$1,775,000
5058 Monaco Drive J. & S. Yang to Chao Trust for \$2,305,000
8170 Mountain View Drive #C Mckenzie Trust to K. Maharaj for \$515,000
3727 Raboli Street Silva Trust to N. & R. Pumagame for \$3,895,000
7463 Stonedale Drive J. Chen to S. & N. Boreddy for \$1,115,000
8113 War Glory Place K. & A. Newsham to S. Chang for \$4,100,000

Livermore

129 Apricot Street J. Carden to K. Sutton for \$1,100,000
2129 Del Monte Street M. Christie to A. & S. Lal for \$950,000
127 Elvira Street Ford Trust to S. Satyarthi for \$1,165,000
4093 Emerson Drive Mortara Trust to 4093 Emerson Drive LLC for \$1,675,000
2164 Hall Circle Locatelli 2004 Family Trust to L. & Y. Xiao for \$1,730,000
185 Heligan Lane #1 Tyrone Trust to Chiu Trust for \$801,000

2203 Hillstone Drive D. & C. Hughes to P. & G. Sandhu for \$1,725,000
1762 Honeysuckle Road Holbrook Family Trust to B. Raj for \$1,060,000
980 Lambaren Avenue Sat Capital Group LLC to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$752,000
2544 Leeds Court Deadrick Family Trust to M. & K. Whiteside for \$1,525,000
1146 Megan Road M. & J. Pallapati to P. & A. Khunger for \$1,535,000
11665 Mines Road Abbott Family Trust to Chen Family Trust for \$2,850,000
812 Pine Street Bennett Trust to B. & K. Jang for \$946,000
586 Selby Lane D. & C. Ohearn to W. & R. Karp for \$1,230,000
730 Shoemaker Drive B. Harvey to Y. Yang for \$950,000
663 Starling Avenue L. Lai to N. & R. Brar for \$1,235,000
1093 Ventura Avenue Ramos Trust to Bharat Homes LLC for \$850,000
846 Curlew Road T. & J. Castle to K. & S. Bhumula for \$1,227,000
1314 Daisy Lane Bloodgood Trust to S. & D. Chakraborty for \$1,130,000
432 Everglades Lane N. Wacenske to K. & K. Chakladar for \$1,256,000
582 Firenza Street Thorsen Family Trust to Arjun & Ankita Trust for \$1,889,000
136 Lee Avenue Golden Knob LLC to Sudha Family Trust for \$1,030,000
2172 Shetland Road G. & M. Delrosario to T. & A. Martinez for \$975,000
1534 Spring Valley Common Rosenblatt Family Trust to K. & R. Rana for \$645,000
2728 Superior Drive Gravel-Springer Family Trust to K. & J. McWilliams for \$1,700,000
2341 Treadwell Street Livermore Vly Inv LLC to Nghiem Trust for \$1,970,000

Dublin

3315 Bramante Lane Upadhyayula Family Trust to F. & M. Singh for \$1,470,000
7132 Calistoga Lane Z. Liu to H. & J. Wu for \$1,175,000
2435 Cantalise Drive Haupt Living Trust to Manne Family Trust for \$2,000,500
4130 Clarinbridge Circle J. Veer to R. Vicente for \$655,000
7769 Deervale Court Capital Realty Advisory LLC to R. Sandbothe for \$1,275,000
5827 Dublin Boulevard N. & S. Patibandla to Solanki Trust for \$1,575,000
7765 Firebrand Drive Wilkerson Trust to Helping Homes Ca LLC for \$990,000
3240 Maguire Way #404 S. Choudhary to V. Athaluri for \$800,000
8335 Mulberry Place S. Woodfelt to R. & S. Singh for \$1,152,000
4817 Perugia Street K. Klaus to A. & M. Rupani for \$967,000

7942 Regional Common C. & L. Wong to A. & S. Jayaram for \$1,260,000
4216 Sunset View Drive S. Lin to Shah Family Trust for \$1,900,000
7624 Arbor Creek Circle Price Trust to J. & R. Cabreza for \$830,000
6721 Birch Court Bay Area Executive Re & Dev LLC to X. Wu for \$1,580,000
3615 Central Parkway C. Reeves to Reznick Trust for \$1,225,000
7250 Dublin Boulevard #408 X. Huang to V. Athaluri for \$800,000
3363 Monaghan Street V. Subash to Krishna Family Trust for \$842,500
5138 Newington Court Vidya Living Trust to Y. & S. Halm for \$1,410,000
7240 Oak Ridge Court Joshi Family Trust to S. & S. Gude for \$2,725,000
3928 Scottfield Street I. Leung to G. & K. Chahal for \$1,400,000
4491 Sparrow Court Li Family Trust to J. & S. Naker for \$1,850,000

San Ramon

2423 Ascension Drive Arvesen Family Trust to G. & E. Pando for \$2,300,000
2815 Bethany Road S. & S. Holding to Salapakkam Living Trust for \$2,610,000
5045 Champion Drive K. Park to C. & N. Gomatam for \$2,165,000
236 Canyon Woods Way #C S. Lee to J. & Y. Tian for \$838,000
126 Claremont Crest Court H. Park to P. & A. Rajmane for \$1,790,000
2001 Elderberry Drive See-Pan Family Trust to R. & V. Vinta for \$3,035,000
5238 Fioli Loop T. Legris to H. & H. Yang for \$1,240,000
322 Goldfield Place Vinoth Trust to D. & S. Patel for \$1,770,000
780 Lakemont Place #9 Jeng Trust to D. & S. Rayevsky for \$1,395,000
744 Lakemont Place #6 Ramsey Family Trust to A. Mogannam for \$1,300,000

3117 Lakemont Drive #3 Bennett Trust to Silva Family Trust for \$850,000
207 Lyndhurst Place R. & R. Westmoreland to M. & R. Kasetty for \$3,740,000
2538 Marsh Drive Mudrich Living Trust to K. & A. Petteruti for \$1,825,000
185 Norris Canyon Terrace #B S. Fischer to J. & S. Videnovic for \$701,000
239 Plumpointe Lane N. Parchure to A. & S. Soni for \$1,051,000
265 Reflections Drive #11 Won Trust to J. & M. Hidalgo for \$470,000
409 Regal Lily Lane S. Masson to M. & V. Bhatt for \$1,175,000
5623 Stratton Way E. Zhou to U. & J. Goteti for \$2,225,000
1910 Whitetail Lane M. Pyle to K. Sanchez for \$680,000
301 Winged Terrace Drive Li-Zang Family Trust to B. & M. Pesswani for \$1,865,000
6004 Alpine Blue Drive Younger Trust to M. & V. Singhal for \$2,686,000
6101 Alpine Blue Drive D. & R. Larson to Tumma Family Trust for \$2,359,000
1210 Amaryllis Circle M. & F. Uceda to A. & V. Rao for \$1,315,000
700 Ardleigh Court S. & S. Kulkarni to Wang Family Trust for \$3,200,000
100 Begonia Court S. & T. Chough to Sriram & Preethi Trust for \$2,275,000
61 Coll Court W. & J. Standley to A. & N. Gotla for \$1,620,000
231 Gale Ridge Court B. Gao to S. & J. Sundararajan for \$2,620,000
102 London Court J. Yoon to L. & R. Dsouza for \$2,425,000
9307 Mediar Drive S. Schwartz to Arumugam Family Trust for \$2,100,000
1040 South Monarch Road Leung Living Trust to T. & N. Aguirre for \$1,230,000
3008 Montevideo Drive MCGrew Family Trust to K. & J. Elrod for \$1,500,000
191 Norris Canyon Terrace #A M. Varimezov to P. & J. Wiegel for \$689,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (March 4-15)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$515,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,750,000
Average sales reported: \$2,294,047

Livermore (March 4-15)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$645,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,850,000
Average sales reported: \$1,303,883

Dublin (March 4-15)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$655,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,725,000
Average sales reported: \$1,327,713

San Ramon (April 22-May 3)

Total sales reported: 39
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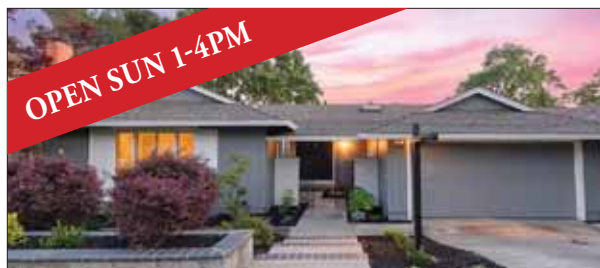
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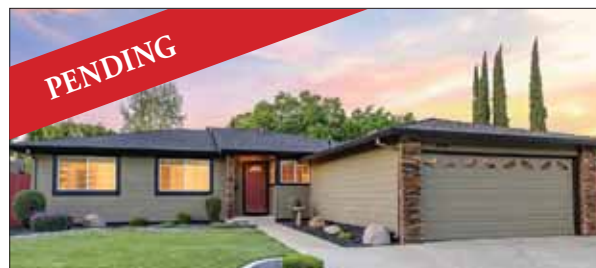
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