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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Nomination time

We've been covering the early campaign announcements and following chatter in the community and on social media for months, but now is the time when the rubber really hits the road for local election candidates.

The nomination period opens in Alameda and Contra Costa counties on Monday for candidates to qualify for the Nov. 5 ballot for city, school and special district positions up for election in the Tri-Valley this year.

Prospective candidates have until Aug. 9 to file their paperwork to make the ballot — although the deadline is extended by five business days, to Aug. 14, for newcomers in contests where an eligible incumbent does not run for reelection.

There are a few of those for sure already. Well, maybe I shouldn't say "for sure" because the incumbent has said they won't run ... but that recusal won't become official until the initial deadline actually passes without their name in the hat. I have no reason to distrust them; just sayin' though.

So far, San Ramon Mayor Dave Hudson has announced he won't seek another term; same for Danville Town Councilmember Dave Fong, Pleasanton school board member Steve Maher, and Livermore school board members Yanira Guzmán and Kristie Wang.

There is guaranteed to be a contested race for Dublin mayor after Melissa Hernandez stepped down and interim Mayor Michael McCorriston said he'll run to retain his old City Council seat instead this fall. The Pleasanton mayoral competition looks to be a battle featuring (at least) incumbent Karla Brown and Councilmember Jack Balch. I haven't seen a challenger for Livermore Mayor John Marchand yet.

Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore each have a pair of four-year, district-based council seats on their ballot; Danville has three at-large Town Council terms.

On the school board front, in addition to the two seats in Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, there will be three total due for election in Pleasanton, three in Dublin and two in the San Ramon Valley. As currently constituted, one seat is scheduled for regular election in Sunol Glen Unified School District — but the outcome of the pending recall election could add a second.

The initial list is long for special districts covering the area whose governing boards are on this election schedule, but the final tally

could dwindle depending on if any are contested vs. uncontested.

Right now, there would be three positions for Dublin San Ramon Services District, two for Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, BART, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Contra Costa Community College District, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Diablo Community Services District, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and East Bay Municipal Utility District.

Don't worry if those small agencies seem daunting to research; we'll be there to help you learn about all of those candidates just like the major city and school seats or big ballot measures.

Voters in Pleasanton and San Ramon appear on their way to deciding sales tax increases in their respective jurisdictions as their cities try to work through significant budget deficit projections. It looks like no local school bond measures are moving forward, but San Ramon Valley Unified School District is still debating trying again for a parcel tax.

Dublin city residents will vote on ballot measures on term limits and prohibiting gifts from lobbyists and contracts.

Alameda County voters will figure the fate of District Attorney Pamela Price, who faces a recall election on Nov. 5.

Oh and don't forget about the carryover races from the primary election.

Locally relevant runoffs include former congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) against businessman Jim Shoemaker (R-San Joaquin County) for State Senate District 5, Assemblymember Tim Grayson and San Ramon City Councilmember Marisol Rubio, both Democrats, for State Senate District 9 and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) and businessman Joe Rubay (R-Alamo) for State Assembly District 16.

For U.S. House of Representatives seats for the Tri-Valley, District 14 incumbent Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) faces Republican Vin Kruttiventi and District 10 incumbent Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) competes against Republican Katherine Piccinini.

The U.S. Senate contest has local ties too: Monte Vista High alum Adam Schiff (now a Democratic congressman in Burbank) is running against Republican and former MLB player Steve Garvey.

What fun lies ahead. ■

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LLNL scientist Erika Fong demonstrates the Computed Axial Lithography (CAL) 3D printing process, an example of work being done at the Advanced Manufacturing Lab in the Livermore Valley Open Campus. Photo courtesy LLNL. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXV, Number 25



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Lucky Freitas

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I love cold weather, but when it's really hot out my mommy finds creative ways to keep me cool. I like to take naps in the shade under the redwood tree in my backyard, and my doggie door is always open so that I can come inside the air-conditioned house whenever I want to. But my favorite thing of all is when she gives me a nutritious frozen dog treat, "Frosty Paws". I love it so much!



Rosie the Rescue Overcamp

Savior

My fabulous mama has all sorts of things she does to keep me comfortable, safe and happy in the heat. She gets up really early so she can take me for a morning "W" (she can't actually say "walk" because she knows I know what that means!) around 5:15 a.m., so that my foot pads stay cool. She also always brings water on our walks, and she fills my water bowl with ice cubes. My mama is the best!



Maggie Ayers

Sparker of joy

My mommy makes sure to walk me in the early mornings or the evenings, so I don't overheat and burn my tootsies. She also takes me for haircuts in the summer to help keep me cool. And I often finish off a hot summer day with a nice, cool pup cup!



Honey and Bailey Rosenthal

Super sidekicks

Our mom puts ice in our water bowl and leaves the air conditioning on all day, even if she's not at home. She also keeps a fan next to our bed, just for us. And she feeds us frozen blueberries. But we're not spoiled or anything like that. Not at all!



Tater Evangelista

Crumb control officer (CCO)

My parents take me only on very brief, very-early or late-at-night walks, and they keep me cool and comfortable indoors the rest of the time, with plenty of toys to keep me entertained. I always wonder what my mom and dad are doing when they place their hands on the ground and start counting to five. I'm not 100% certain, since I'm a dog after all, but I'm pretty sure they do that to make sure the pavement is not too hot for me.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Tour vets hall

Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and Pleasanton American Legion Post 237 are joining forces this Saturday for an open house and community barbecue at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street in Pleasanton.

"Attendees will meet local veterans who have served in every military branch and in every part of the world since the 1950s," organizers said. "Veterans will be available to speak one on one about their service to the nation and our community. And tours of the historic Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building built in 1933 will be offered."

Pleasanton Military Families and the Las Positas College Veterans First Program will also be participating.

The event is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., open to the public with a particular eye toward local veterans and their families. It will include games, a cyber cafe and free barbecue lunch with dessert.

Native plants

The Tri-Valley Native Plant Resource Team is hosting a public education event for experts and enthusiasts this Saturday on the back patio of Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore.

"We'd like the public to come to learn about the many benefits native plants bring to wildlife including habitat for the pollinators that are vital to our food supply," team member Ann Brown said.

"As more and more members of the public now realize, we can't have native birds, butterflies and other pollinators without native plants," fellow organizer Carol Garberson added. "Without them, apart from losing natural beauty, it will be nearly impossible to produce food that we need for livestock and to feed people. Non-native plants do not support the plummeting numbers of pollinators, birds or other native wildlife."

The event is running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

New appeals board

Livermore officials are recruiting for inaugural seats on the city's Interim Building Code Appeals Board, which will hold the first terms through next February after which the board is set to become permanent.

"We're looking for volunteers to tackle appeals regarding the California Building Code and other construction-related regulations. We're looking for folks who know their stuff about Livermore's building codes and ordinances," officials said in a call to city residents.

The deadline to apply is next Friday (July 19) at 5 p.m. To learn more, go to www.LivermoreCA.gov/AB. ■

City prepares for final pitch on sales tax increase measure

Council set for final vote next week on whether to place issue on November ballot

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton residents appear poised to be voting on a sales tax increase this November, with the City Council getting set to decide next Tuesday about whether to confirm the revenue measure for the general election ballot.

Even though the council has not made any final decisions heading into the July 16 meeting, City Manager Gerry Beaudin sat down for an interview with the Weekly to respond to criticisms about the proposal and explain why residents should consider supporting the tax

increase, even those who don't like it.

"There's a lot of folks who are looking for the one, quick, easy fix or the one reduction or the one solution," Beaudin said this week. "The half-cent sales tax is the thing that is most likely to bring stability to our finances in the near and medium term."

And because a supermajority of four council members need to vote yes at Tuesday's meeting in order to place the measure on the ballot, it seems likely that the measure will move forward given that all the council members, except for Jack

Balch, voiced their initial support of the tax increase during the June 18 council meeting — Balch said the city should take more time before pursuing the revenue measure.

According to the city staff report prepared for next week's meeting, the city government is facing a structural budget deficit where expenses have and will continue to grow faster than the city's revenues, which means less funding for city-provided services and programs.

The reasons for the deficit, according to city staff, range from slow real estate developments, declining

retail sales activity and increasing operational or contract service costs, to rising personnel costs, unfunded mandates from the state and increasing insurance costs.

One notable loss in the city's budget was an over \$11 million drop in hotel tax revenue during and after the pandemic because of the fact that hotels have not rebounded to their pre-pandemic levels, according to city staff.

Additionally, the city's infrastructure and facilities are aging and need

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton resident Joseph Roberts sits in an Oakland courtroom on July 2 while members of Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner's family and friends talk about how much her murder has affected their lives.

Pleasanton man sentenced for 'heinous' murder of girlfriend

Victim's family, friends describe pain of losing their loved one during emotional impact statements

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A Pleasanton man who was found guilty of second-degree murder for killing his girlfriend and dismembering her body last year was formally sentenced to 15 years to life in a state prison without the possibility of probation last week in a packed courtroom in Oakland.

Around 50 people, including family and friends of the victim Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner, watched as others read their victim

impact statements before Joseph Roberts, 43, was read his fate.

"Mr. Roberts, in my decades working in the criminal justice system I have seen a lot of heinous crime and also a lot of tragedy," Alameda County Superior Court Judge Scott Patton said during the July 2 sentencing hearing. "Imani's killing is a heartbreaking tragedy ... your crime is one of the most heinous crimes I have ever seen."

Roberts was initially found guilty of the murder on May 13

following a jury trial.

Buckner, who was 27 years old at the time of her death, had met Roberts at Golden Gate University Law School in 2019, according to a press release from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office following the jury's decision.

The two lived together in an apartment in Pleasanton.

According to the district attorney's press release, Pleasanton

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Patelco customers sue over cyberattack

Credit union embroiled in slow recovery from security breach

By JEANITA LYMAN

In addition to lingering system disruptions in the wake of a security breach that was identified more than a week ago, Dublin-based Patelco Credit Union is now facing legal challenges in the form of two lawsuits filed amid a system outage spurred by the cyberattack.

Patelco is the defendant in two separate class action lawsuits filed on July 1 and July 3, respectively. The timing of the civil cases falls just days after the credit union's 450,000 customers lost access to e-banking services on June 29 before being notified of the breach on July 1 — online-based features remain down while branches are open with limited functionality.

Attorneys from the Oakland-based law firm Cole & Van Note filed the first complaint on behalf of plaintiff Eileen Poluck and "all others similarly situated," which was first reported by broadcast news station KRON4 on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, attorneys at the San Diego law firm Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz had also filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of Livermore resident Josh Warren and "similarly situated" class members in the same federal court.

The crux of the allegations in both complaints is the credit union's requirement for customers to provide

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Narrow lead for recall of both Sunol school trustees

Single-digit margins as ballot tabulations continue for special election targeting Hurley, Jergensen

By JEANITA LYMAN

As ballots continued to be counted for last week's special recall election for two trustees on the school board for the Sunol Glen Unified School District, the margin in favor of the recalls was ahead but gradually shrinking from a high of approximately 10% in initial Election Night results.

A majority of ballots counted as of late afternoon on July 3 were for recalling trustees Linda Hurley and Ryan Jergensen, with 52.69% of voters approving of removing Jergensen and 51.92% approving of ousting Hurley.

However, the latest results update following Election Night on July 2 saw the initial lead of approximately 10% in favor of the recalls narrowing, with the margin now at 5.38% for Jergensen and 3.84% for Hurley — or 28 votes for Jergensen and 20 votes for Hurley



Linda Hurley



Ryan Jergensen

out of the pool of eligible voters in the small-town school district.

Officials with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office said July 3 that they were not sure yet how many ballots remain to be counted, but that the office did "not expect a large number of additional ballots." The latest results available consist of a total of 521 ballots counted so far, with a total of 828 registered voters in the district.

That meant voter turnout was at 62.92% for the special election, compared with 35.15% countywide

in this year's March primary election, according to data from the California Secretary of State.

Eligible ballots in the special mail-in election are required to have been postmarked by July 2 or earlier and received by July 9. The count released on July 3 was set to be the final update before results are certified some time next week, according to election officials.

Neither Jergensen or Hurley had returned requests for comment as of press time. Organizers with United for Sunol Glen, a group advocating for the recall effort, said that they were heartened by the initial results but would be waiting until results are certified to issue a statement.

"We are pleased with the initial provisional results that give Yes to Recall both Trustees Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley a substantial lead," said Kelly Goldsmith, a Sunol Glen parent and member

of United for Sunol Glen. "We will continue to monitor the results as all ballots are counted and we look forward to a certified result from the registrar of voters."

Hurley is already nearing the end of the two-year special term she was elected to in 2022, which expires after the upcoming November general election, while Jergensen was elected to a four-year term in 2022 having first been appointed to the board earlier that year. The third trustee, Peter (Ted) Romo, is set to remain in office through 2026.

Hurley started to come under fire shortly after being sworn-in as trustee following comments she made as a member of the public at a Feb. 21, 2023 board meeting at the nearby San Ramon Valley Unified School District during a debate on the young adult graphic novel "Gender Queer" by Bay Area author and cartoonist Maia

Kobabe. Hurley and a number of other commenters called the book "pornography," while others rallied against censorship of textbooks and library materials at public schools.

In April 2023, Romo introduced a resolution to provide guidelines on how elected trustees at Sunol Glen are allowed to conduct themselves in public, which failed to pass on the three-member board.

Then in September tensions at the district ramped up, with both Jergensen and Hurley — a majority on the three-member board — voting in favor of a resolution banning the display of flags other than the U.S. and California flag in the district, which consists of a single K-8 school with one flag pole. The public meetings and ensuing backlash garnered widespread local and national media attention, becoming among the lead reasons for the recall petition and special election. ■

TAX MEASURE

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to be replaced or rebuilt — however the city currently does not have the funding set aside to do so.

One of the other major reasons the city is facing such a deficit is pension liability cost increases, which the city has been trying to reduce, according to Beaudin. He said because the city has legal obligations per state law to pay these pension costs, the city created the Section 115 Pension Trust Fund to pay down the city's unfunded liability and proactively stabilize the city's pension costs in the long term.

"The pension obligation has grown over time for cities across the state, but it is an obligation," Beaudin said, adding that the pension does help attract quality employees.

However, he said while pension costs have been a big factor for the city's financial situation, he said there are many other factors as well.

But what is the city's financial situation?

The city has been forecasting an average budget shortfall of about \$13 million every year for the next eight years — if there is a financial recession then that annual deficit is projected to exceed \$22 million. According to the staff report, the cumulative deficit over the next eight years is projected to exceed \$180 million.

That's why in 2023, staff began polling residents to see what their priorities were and about new potential revenue streams. Last December, the council reviewed the information and began considering the half-cent sales tax increase.

If the measure were approved by voters, the total sales tax in Pleasanton would go from 10.25% to

10.75%, which means that for every \$100 of taxable purchases, consumers would pay 50 cents in additional tax.

"It's a half-cent increase — what you physically feel — because the tax rate goes up by a half percent," city communications manager Heather Tiernan told the Weekly.

The proposed tax would be paid by all consumers purchasing goods in the city and the revenue would remain in Pleasanton, according to the staff report. Prescription medicine, groceries, rent, mortgage payments, utilities and any digital goods would be exempt from the tax.

It would also sunset in 10 years and be subject to audits and oversight — an ordinance will be up for approval on Tuesday that would make the council form a five-member citizens oversight committee to oversee the use of the revenue funds.

"The proposed measure addresses areas identified by voters as top priorities and would maintain essential services such as 911 emergency response and police and fire protection services," according to the staff report.

Emergency response services and public safety were the most important priorities for residents according to a previous community survey conducted by the city.

According to the staff report, the city has implemented cost-saving measures — which Beaudin said has been saving the city millions of dollars — such as merging departments; providing lower pension and retiree medical benefits to employees; limiting the number of budgeted general fund positions; and reducing costs related to contracted services or new department programs.

While some residents have said in previous council meetings that

the city spends too much on professional service contracts and should cut those instead of seeking a tax increase, Beaudin said contracted services are cheaper than having to pay for employees to do jobs that aren't needed on a regular basis and the city is cutting back on contractors when they can either way.

Recently, the City Council also approved \$2.5 million in reductions from the current fiscal year's budget, which included the deferral of capital improvement projects such as the highly contentious skatepark project at Ken Mercer Sports Park and the Century House renovation.

Residents during the past year have been vocal about the city putting money toward those projects being one of the reasons why the city is in this financial hole and have said they don't trust the city with using more of their money if the tax measure passes.

However, Beaudin said the city's goal is to take care of residents' money.

"The city of Pleasanton is committed to spending the community's money responsibly," Beaudin said. "We've been very focused on our spending and reducing costs, at the same time as trying to identify new ways to generate revenue for the city."

Beaudin said while those non-essential projects are currently shelved, the city will look for other ways to fund those projects in the future through outside funds, but he stressed that the money from the tax increase measure will be solely for the essential services listed in the ballot language.

"We're focused on infrastructure projects and things that keep our existing system working," he said.

The proposed ballot language reads as follows: "To maintain city

services and prevent cuts, such as police and fire protection; 911 emergency response; disaster preparedness; pedestrian safety; park maintenance; pothole repair and street maintenance; recreation programs; open space preservation; and other general government uses; shall the City of Pleasanton's measure to establish a half-cent sales tax, providing approximately \$10,000,000 annually for 10 years, keeping all funds local, with annual audits, public spending disclosure, and oversight, be adopted?"

According to data the city received from one of its consultants that conducted a poll of likely voters from May 15-21, 58% of those who were surveyed supported the ballot language as presented, which is above the 50%-plus-one majority vote needed for the measure to pass in the November election.

The polling results did show that support decreased to 49% with 14% of respondents saying they were undecided after the same folks who were surveyed heard negative or opposing information on the measure. However, according to the staff report, given the 4.9% margin of error for the study the research consultant said a sales tax measure "may be viable for the November 2024 election."

Beaudin said while the revenue measure is the city's best plan, staff have been working on a backup contingency plan, which would make significant cuts to city departments, that they presented to the council during a special meeting workshop on May 21.

That plan, which the council did not approve, included reduced library hours, eliminating funding for crossing guards, closing one of the fire stations in Pleasanton and reducing police programs, among other



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin during an interview Tuesday at city hall.

cuts in the next two-year budget cycle.

Even though Beaudin said the tax increase wouldn't completely cover the \$13 million annual deficit every year, it would make it so Pleasanton wouldn't have to make such drastic cuts as outlined in the contingency plan.

"This is really an amount of money that helps to stabilize the city financially at a time when we know that without it ... more significant cuts will be necessary," Beaudin said.

He said that while the city has heard a multitude of suggestions from residents to sell property, cut funds for programs, or make reductions to other areas of the budget to save the city some money, these reductions are small in comparison to the overall deficit.

"There are a lot of other things that we need to do and continue to work on ... but what I would say is there's no one thing that is going to fix this issue for us," Beaudin said. "The half-cent sales tax is a really important tool that we have available to control our destiny here in the city." ■

PUSD board approves first phase for finding new superintendent

Engagement process aims to collect input from all stakeholders on what next district leader should embody

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The search for Pleasanton Unified School District's new superintendent has officially begun after the Board of Trustees approved a contract with a search firm that will begin gathering input from the community in the next couple of months.

Board President Mary Jo Carreon had asked district staff to include the contract in the June 27 board meeting so that the community knows how the district will be looking into gathering feedback from stakeholders on what kind of superintendent they want for the future.

"I really think it's important that we gather public information and we engage our public," she said. "I want to hear from all members of

the community."

Last month's board meeting was former PUSD Superintendent David Haglund's last one before leaving the district so that he could spend more time with his family in Southern California — his final day at PUSD was June 30.

Haglund was originally set to stay on into August but when he learned the board wasn't planning on following the district's succession plan of hiring deputy superintendent Ed Diolazo to take his place, Haglund opted to exit earlier. Carreon previously told the Weekly, the board didn't want to just appoint Diolazo because hiring a superintendent is an important decision that requires community engagement, which is why the board instead hired former

Menlo Park City School District superintendent Maurice Ghysels as interim superintendent.

The public engagement process for the permanent superintendent recruitment will be led by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, an executive search firm based in Illinois that actually helped the district during the hiring process for Haglund seven years ago.

Jim Negri, a search associate with the firm who was a part of the search process for Haglund, told the board that the first step in any superintendent search is engagement, which entails gathering input from all of PUSD's stakeholders.

Negri said the engagement phase would consist of conducting a community survey, hosting town hall

meetings and talking with focus groups, board members and other individuals who would be impacted by a new superintendent. He said some of the focus groups could include middle school and high school students, staff and other local community members such as folks in city government.

He said all of that data would be used to create a leadership profile, which basically outlines the desired characteristics of what the community wants in the future superintendent.

Negri said the search firm would conduct all of that input gathering during the last half of August and the beginning of September before bringing a full leadership profile report back to the board for final approval on Oct. 10.

Now that the board approved the contract with the search firm for the engagement phase, which is estimated to cost the district no more than \$14,000, a subcommittee made up of Carreon and Board Vice President Justin Brown will work with the search firm to

address any issues leading up to the engagement efforts.

"The committee is to help us with the planning questions but all the decisions come back to the full board," Negri said.

Trustee Kelly Mokashi said one issue she was worried about was that with there being three seats up for election this November — and with Trustee Steve Maher confirming he will not be seeking another term — it could affect the search firm's plans to interview board members.

However, Negri said they have had a similar issue with another district and that what they could do is interview each candidate for the trustee seats separately in order to get that feedback. In order for that to happen, the subcommittee made up of Carreon and Brown would have to bring that up with the firm and then bring it to the board for final approval before the engagement process begins.

He said the engagement phase timeline is fairly quick and should be finished before the election. ■

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a range of personally identifiable information including Social Security numbers, addresses, and account information in order to use Patelco's services, with customers having a reason to expect that information will be kept secure and private — something thrown into question by the recent security breach.

Attorneys in the Poluck case allege that Patelco "intentionally, willfully, recklessly and/or negligently" failed to take measures to ensure that customers' personal information was kept secure, and that the credit union neglected to "follow applicable, required and appropriate protocols, policies and procedures regarding the encryption of data."

"As a result, Representative Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information was compromised through disclosure to an unknown and unauthorized third party — an undoubtedly nefarious third party seeking to profit off this disclosure by defrauding Representative Plaintiff and Class Members in the future," attorneys wrote in the Poluck complaint.

In addition, attorneys in both complaints point to the inconvenience and frustration brought on by both the cyberattack and the ensuing outage, with Patelco customers still facing intermittent outages and other obstacles and the credit union providing no timeline for when full services might be restored.

Attorneys for Poluck allege that she and other Patelco customers "suffered lost time, annoyance, interference and inconvenience as a result of the Data Breach and has anxiety and increased concerns for the loss of privacy, as well as anxiety over the impact of cybercriminals accessing, using and

selling" her private information.

Warren's case elaborates further on the inconveniences experienced by customers.

"Moreover, because of the Data Breach and resulting service outages stemming therefrom, Defendant has been encouraging Plaintiff and Class Members to travel to and from various Patelco ATM locations to withdraw or deposit their money thereby causing Plaintiff and Class Members to incur out-of-pocket travel expenses (including but not limited to gasoline/fuel expenses and wear and tear on their personal vehicles)," attorneys for Warren wrote.

Attorneys in both cases also allege that Patelco failed to address the cyberattack in a timely fashion, as well as withholding the reason for the outage from customers until a full day had passed and continuing to withhold details of the incident.

"Noticeably absent from the Notice Email are details of the root cause of the Data Breach, the vulnerabilities that were exploited, and the remedial measures that Patelco undertook to ensure such a breach does not happen again," attorneys for Warren wrote. "To date, these critical facts have not been explained or clarified to Plaintiff or the Class Members, who have a vested interest in ensuring that their (personal identifying information) remains protected."

Patelco posted another update on the situation late Tuesday, reiterating the message from their previous update on Sunday that their system was "stable" and progress was being made to restore services.

"I want to address the question many of you are asking about the date when systems will be up and operational with access to account information and online/mobile banking," Patelco CEO Erin Mendez said in Tuesday's update. "We recognize

this is critical information to get to you as soon as possible. Although we don't yet have a specific date to share with complete confidence, we are committed to sharing status updates along the way."

Mendez added that the credit union was working to "catch up" in

processing electronic and in-person transactions, with 50% anticipated to be complete by Wednesday and full completion expected by Friday.

"Once that happens, we will be able to confirm the date when you will be able to access your accounts," Mendez said.

"We don't take lightly the position our members are in and are committed to communicating with our members as we have further updates to share," she added.

Both cases are making their way through the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. ■

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Glazer awards Tri-Valley Haven as Nonprofit of the Year

Recognition highlights 'dedicated staff and volunteers' helping families in need

By OLIVIA PENNEY

For more than four decades, Tri-Valley Haven has been a resource to the region for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and poverty.

Offering a shelter for domestic violence and unhoused individuals, transitional housing, a rape crisis center, individual counseling and group therapy, legal assistance, life skill education and so much more, Tri-Valley Haven has been a consistent protector and healer of the community.

For these reasons and others, Tri-Valley Haven was named Nonprofit of the Year by State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) for his district.

"Tri-Valley Haven is a vital lifeline to our community and those

affected by violence and homelessness," Glazer said in a press release announcing the award. "The dedicated staff and volunteers at Tri-Valley Haven have helped thousands of families in need and continue to treat each individual who comes through their doors with the utmost dignity and grace. I am pleased to uplift their important work by selecting them as the Nonprofit of the Year for my senate District," he added.

As part of the recognition, Tri-Valley Haven was invited by Glazer to a luncheon in Sacramento for the official award ceremony. He will also visit Tri-Valley Haven this fall for a local event to highlight all that the nonprofit does, Tri-Valley Haven Executive Director Christine Dillman told Embarcadero Media.

"Tri-Valley Haven is thrilled to be selected as Nonprofit of the Year by California Senator Steve Glazer," Dillman said in a statement. "We appreciate the Senator supporting vital, safety net services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty."

Noting that they were unexpectedly selected for the award, Dillman expressed gratitude on behalf of the nonprofit.

"Senator Glazer recognized the importance of serving victims of interpersonal violence in a trauma informed manner, so he chose Tri-Valley Haven," she told Embarcadero Media. "We cannot make the impact we do without the support of our community and elected officials like Senator Glazer." ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left: State Sen. Steve Glazer, Tri-Valley Haven Executive Director Christine Dillman and Carla Rosas, TVH's director of homeless and family support services.

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Police Department records showed that over the years, officers were called to the couple's apartment for various welfare checks and domestic violence calls.

During the sentencing hearing, several friends and family members talked about how they saw a pattern

of abuse while Buckner was with Roberts and how he manipulated Buckner so that she would distance herself from her loved ones.

"He tore my first born child away from me first by turning her against me and making her believe that she was not loved, that I didn't care about her, that I could not be trusted, that I was the enemy," S. Jamila Buckner, Rachel's mother, said during her

victim impact statement on July 2.

Buckner's mother also went on to talk about how she did not recognize her own daughter while she was with Roberts and how she always felt like she had to look over her shoulder when Roberts would visit her house.

She also alleged Roberts assaulted her and her own mother — Buckner's grandmother — in her home.

Other friends who were close to Buckner said during their victim impact statements that they would see Roberts yelling and being aggressive toward her multiple times and that they knew she was in a dangerous relationship.

But despite the multiple check-ins from Pleasanton police, no action was ever taken toward Roberts during the time the other members of the Buckner family and friends said they saw the abuse taking place.

Then at one point last year, Buckner disappeared — Roberts never reported that she was missing. Following her disappearance, Alameda Police Department officers responded to a suspicious circumstance report at the Harbor Bay Club on Bay Farm Island in Alameda on July 20, 2023, according to the DA's office.

When officers arrived at the scene they found a woman's dismembered body inside a black garbage bag, which was later determined to be the remains of Buckner.

"When he beat, tortured, murdered and dismembered my daughter, I felt like my insides were ripped out of my very soul," S. Jamila Buckner told the court.

She said apart from traumatizing her, Buckner's grandmother and other family and friends, Roberts also traumatized Buckner's 4-year-old child who has to make the difficult realization that her mother is dead.

According to the DA's office, Roberts was arrested on Sept. 6, 2023, in connection with Buckner's death by the U.S. Marshals Service and

police from Pleasanton and Alameda.

Roberts had pleaded not guilty to the charges. But according to the DA's office, prosecutors presented irrefutable evidence to the jury during his trial two months ago to prove Roberts was connected to Buckner's death.

One crucial piece of evidence was DNA that matched Roberts' DNA, which was found on the duct tape that was used to seal the garbage bag containing Buckner's dismembered body, according to the DA's office.

However, Patton told the packed courtroom on July 2 that during the trial, the pathologist who studied Buckner's body could not determine the cause of death. He said the manner of death was determined to be homicide but because they could not prove the cause — and because there were no additional charges that would enhance the punishment — the court was only able to impose the 15 years to life sentence.

Patton said that while he did deny the possibility for probation, there

were no words or actions he could say or do that would give the Buckner family and their friends any relief or that would bring her back.

Roberts waived his right to comment at the hearing, but his criminal defense attorney, Anne Beles, said that while she knew the sentencing was going to be what it was, she hoped after the sentencing everyone on all sides of this case can get "some semblance of peace."

As for the family and friends, many said they wish Buckner was still alive because she had so much to live for, was meant for great things and deserved to be with her daughter. But now that she is gone, they said they hope to get some comfort knowing that Roberts can't hurt her or any other woman ever again.

"The only solace I can see in this entire tragic situation is that Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner is finally at rest ... and no longer lives in fear and is no longer being tormented and tortured," Judy Carter, a longtime friend of S. Jamila Buckner, told the court. ■

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Guzmán bidding farewell to Livermore school board

Trustee will not seek reelection as first term comes to an end this fall

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore school board Trustee Yanira Guzmán is not seeking reelection this November, opting instead to pursue other professional and personal interests, according to a statement from the district.

The upcoming vacancy of Guzmán's seat means that two spots are wide open on the Board of Education with Clerk Kristie Wang also bowing out to run for City Council.

Guzmán and Wang, who were both first elected in 2020, are currently serving in their fourth year on the board with terms set to expire at the end of the year.

The remaining three trustees — Board President Emily Prusso, Steven Drouin and Craig Bueno — each have two more years left in

their current terms.

"I decided to focus on my family and my business," Guzmán told Livermore Vine of her decision to leave the board. "I have one child who is in her last year of high school and before she heads off to college/career, I want to spend more time with her. Plus, my business is picking up and is requiring more travel of me," she added.

Guzmán is the founder of her own career coaching firm called The Career Gem. She is also a trained educator who previously taught Spanish language immersion and later worked in the technology field before launching her own business.

Noting that she's not completely closing the door on serving in public office again in the future, Guzmán shared that the timing of her initial run during the height of the



Yanira Guzmán

coronavirus pandemic was sparked by specific factors.

"I always knew I would run for school board, but to be honest (and I shared this in 2020), I thought I would run when I was retired or when my children were out of school," Guzmán said. "However,

COVID-19 expedited my run. I wanted to advocate for the students that didn't have access to wifi and their online learning (the digital divide) when we originally went into shelter in place. That was my impetus."

With two seats to fill on the five-member board this November, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is encouraging members of the community who are interested in candidacy to view the district's website for a "Board Trustee Candidate Information Form" that includes links to details about the district, roles and responsibilities of public service as a board member and the election process.

Also included is a meetings calendar, timelines for candidates, conflict of interest and campaign reporting requirements, the city's regulations

regarding campaign signs and the California Fair Political Practices Commission rules, according to district officials.

"Serving on the local Board of Education is a meaningful way to contribute to one's community," district officials said in their statement. "Being a trustee of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District does not require a degree in education or a background in politics. It does require a sincere interest and strong investment in the community and the education of its children."

Campaign filing documents are available through the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office between July 15 and Aug. 9, which is the official candidate nomination period. For additional information or questions, contact Jennifer Arias at jarias@lvjUSD.org or 925-606-3283. ■

Interim Dublin Mayor McCorrison confirms run for City Council in fall

Seeking to 'maintain a functional council', he eyes District 1 seat in 2024 — but teases mayoral bid for 2026 municipal election

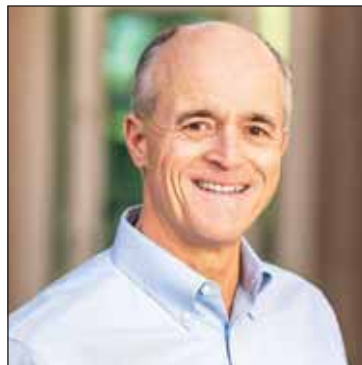
By JEREMY WALSH

Dublin Mayor Michael McCorrison has announced his plans to run for a second term in a regular City Council seat in November rather than pursue election to the top seat on dais that he was appointed to on an interim basis last month following his predecessor's resignation.

Validating the vow he made during the council meeting when he was voted mayor by his peers on the night of June 4, McCorrison told the Pleasanton Weekly that passing on a mayoral race that already has two sitting councilmembers as candidates and instead seeking election to City Council District 1 this fall was the right thing to do for the city and his campaign objectives.

"We need to maintain a functional council during a stressful and very challenging election year," McCorrison said in an email interview after his July 1 campaign announcement. "My primary responsibility as mayor is to ensure that the council remains cohesive and focused on the important work we have in the coming months."

"It is imperative that I instill trust and commitment with my colleagues and city staff. These character attributes have been very important to me throughout my professional career," he added. "Ultimately, there is a correct time and place for my next steps in public service. Besides, the two candidates are aware of my current intentions to run for mayor in 2026."



Michael McCorrison

McCorrison, a finance professional and married father of two with just city service experience as an alternate on the Human Services Commission at the time, was elected to an at-large term on the City Council in November 2020. With Dublin's ensuing conversion to district-based elections, he is running for the west-side District 1 in the Nov. 5 general election.

Many of his priorities remain the same today as they did for this first campaign four years ago, McCorrison said, listing public safety, supporting local businesses, transportation infrastructure, and the city's growth and development strategy among his top goals for a new term ahead.

"Our diverse city continues to grow along with its need for services and infrastructure. There will be some tough budgetary decisions over the next few years," McCorrison said in his campaign press release. "As a council member, I will use my leadership experience to ensure city resources

support necessary infrastructure requirements, while maintaining sound fiscal strategies."

"Development efforts must be economically and environmentally sustainable, and, of course, well thought out from an aesthetic perspective," he added. "We can preserve our remaining natural landscapes and emphasize open space for the enjoyment of our community with intelligent development planning. As a councilmember, I will encourage redevelopment efforts that partner with developers and local skilled labor to revitalize existing structures to meet Dublin's residential and commercial demands."

McCorrison also pointed to the importance of creating more workforce housing and focusing on better services for local seniors.

"The decisions we make today are the legacy for future generations of Dublin families. Let's work together to maintain Dublin's unique heritage in the Tri-Valley," he stated.

McCorrison, whose prominence in the city will be boosted the rest of the year with his appointment as mayor after Melissa Hernandez resigned to join the BART Board of Directors, is the only candidate to publicly declare for the District 1 council contest thus far. Sitting councilmembers Sherry Hu and Jean Josey have each indicated their intent to run for mayor this fall.

For more information about McCorrison and his campaign, visit www.mike4dublin.com. ■

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July Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update – Summer Slow Down

The Pleasanton real estate market slowed in June. While we saw a fairly large increase in inventory, it is still below normal levels, and the best listings are still being snapped up quickly. Pending sales have declined as well, indicating that we could be in for a sluggish summer

Let's take a dive into the numbers for June

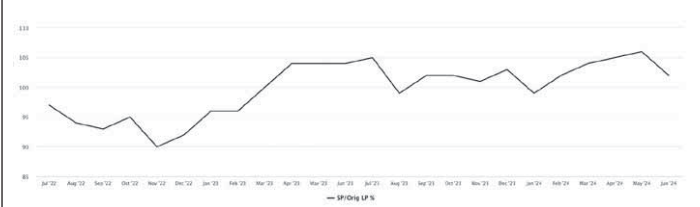
Supply/Inventory: The inventory of available single family homes was up strongly in June. There were 82 single family homes available at the end of June, which is 22% higher than May and 122% higher than June of 2023. While this surge in inventory is notable, it is still below what we would see in a normal/balanced market. Historically it is normal to see around 150 homes on the market, >> [To read the rest of this article go to The680Blog.com](http://The680Blog.com).

Pleasanton Market Report

Data for June 2024 – Single Family Detached Homes

	JUN 2024	CHANGE FROM MAY 2024	CHANGE FROM JUN 2023
Homes sold	54	↓3.6%	↑29%
Homes for sale	82	↑22%	↑128%
Median days on market	14	↑75%	↑75%
Median price per square foot	\$922	↑1.8%	↑6.7%
Months of inventory	1.5	↑27%	↑77%
Median sold price	\$1,859,000	↓3.7%	↑11%
Homes under contract	46	↓35%	↓8%

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Blue Shield drops Stanford Health from network amid stalled negotiations

Stanford says it will honor in-network pricing for current patients

BY LISA MORENO /
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

Blue Shield of California announced Friday that Stanford Health Care would no longer be included in its network amid contract disagreements.

The decision went into effect on June 29 before the announcement was made, a Blue Shield press release says. However, Stanford Medicine said it plans to honor Blue Shield insurance pricing for current patients during the pending negotiations.

If the contract disputes aren't resolved, Stanford Health Care

Medical Center, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley would no longer be covered by Blue Shield, the company says.

"Blue Shield recognizes the challenges of the rising cost of health care, and we negotiate on behalf of our members and customers to achieve our mutual goal of reasonably priced health coverage," wrote Patty Gonzalez, vice president of network management at Blue Shield, in a written statement.

Instead, the insurance company recommends new patients consider other in-network hospitals like UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals,

UCSF Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital and O'Connor Hospital.

Stanford Medicine and Blue Shield continue to negotiate the contract and hope to come to an agreement soon, Gonzalez wrote.

"Whether or not a new agreement will be reached, Stanford Health Care and Stanford Medicine Children's Health will continue to welcome all Blue Shield of California patients and will honor Blue Shield's in-network out-of-pocket expenses for all services and care at our facilities," wrote Lisa Kim, Stanford Medicine media representative, in a statement.

Kim said patients should not experience disruptions to their care, a policy that Stanford adopted in order to ensure patients don't experience disruptions to their care, according to a new FAQ page.

Blue Shield also has a Continuity of Care program, which allows certain patients to continue with a doctor or treatment plan throughout policy and network changes. Among other conditions, patients with terminal illnesses, in need of surgery or using pregnancy and postpartum services qualify for continued care, Gonzalez said.

A representative from Blue Shield said that Stanford's claims

that it will continue in-network billing are not accurate and only its Continuity of Care program would allow patients to continue with current pricing.

"Blue Shield is reaching out to Stanford regarding its statements," wrote media representative for Blue Shield Mark Seelig, in a statement to this publication. "Unfortunately, the information posted by Stanford is not accurate and is causing confusion for Blue Shield members."

In response to Blue Shield's concerns, Kim said Stanford's statement stands and it maintains the information on its website is accurate. ■

Details emerge about latest horse death at fair meet

Goodbye Kai succumbed on track from neck injury; jockey under hospital care

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 3-year-old horse died after it raced Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds race track in Pleasanton, according to an animal rights group.

The Kill Racing Not Horses organization originally said

that the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) confirmed that a racehorse, a gelding named Toppers Wager, died on the track "without euthanization" after a collision with another horse. On Monday, CARF clarified that the name of the horse that died was Goodbye Kai, not Toppers Wager.

"No. 2 Toppers Wager came up on #1 Goodbye Kai and clipped heels," said Larry Swartzlander, executive director of the California Authority of Racing Fairs. "No. 1 Goodbye Kai then flipped and in the process apparently fractured its neck and was pronounced dead on the track — no euthanization drug was administered. No. 1 Toppers Wager walked off on his own and was then taken to the test barn where he was examined and

is fine."

Jockey Catalina Martinez is currently in the hospital and being treated for a possible neck injury, said Swartzlander, who added that Jockey Assal Espinoza, who was on Toppers Wager, "is fine."


Kill Racing Not Horses said Goodbye Kai's death is the 44th horse fatality reported on California horse racing tracks in 2024. The group also said it was the fourth horse death during this

year's Alameda County Fair, which came to an end on Sunday.

"No legitimate sport would tolerate the deaths of 44 of its athletes in 26 weeks of competition in just one state (California), much less four deaths of its athletes in four weeks of competition in just 1 venue," the group said.

Alameda County Fair representatives did not respond to multiple requests for comment, as of press time Wednesday. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Adopt a resolution ordering the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Pleasanton a measure to approve a half-cent general Transactions and Use Tax; requesting the Alameda County Board of Supervisors permit consolidation of the Pleasanton general municipal election with the statewide general election to be held on the same date; approve an ordinance imposing a Transactions and Use Tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration; and consider the filing of arguments related to the measure
- Adopt a resolution approving a CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 Consistency Checklist pursuant to the City of Pleasanton Housing Element Update Final Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR); adopt a resolution to approve an application for Annexation (P22-1089); introduce ordinances, and waive the first readings, to approve a Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan (PUD-147) to construct a 111-lot residential subdivision, including an age-qualified community with 92 single-family detached homes, 18 affordable senior courtyard detached and duet homes, one existing single-family residence, and related on-and off-site improvements and a Pre-Annexation and Development Agreement (P24-0378); adopt a resolution to approve a Vesting Tentative Map (Tract 8522); and adopt a resolution approving an Affordable Housing Agreement for the proposed project

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CAL FIRE VIA BCN

Fire crews responded to a brush fire on Monday in Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore.

Fire burns 18 acres near Lake Del Valle

No injuries reported; cause remains under investigation

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A brush fire that began burning Monday in Del Valle Regional Park has charred 18 acres, fire officials said.

The blaze, dubbed the Tesla Fire, was reported about 11:15 a.m. southwest of Lake Del Valle, according to Cal Fire.

As of 2:50 p.m. Monday, the fire's forward progress had been stopped

and crews remained at the scene for mop up and to secure containment lines, Cal Fire said.

No injuries have been reported. The cause is under investigation. ■

Bay Area will decide California's biggest housing bond ever

Finance authority agrees to ask voters to approve up to \$20 billion for regional projects, programs

By BEN CHRISTOPHER / CALMATTERS

The largest affordable housing bond in California history is officially headed to the November ballot — just not for all Californians.

On June 26, commissioners of the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority — a first-of-its-kind regional agency with the ability to borrow and spend taxpayer dollars — agreed to ask voters across the nine counties of the Bay Area to approve an IOU of up to \$20 billion. The bulk of the funds would go toward the construction of new subsidized housing projects, with the rest to be spent buying up existing units (to make or keep them affordable) and on housing-related infrastructure.

The historically huge bond is being sent to the ballot at a time when the future of a long-sought statewide housing bond looks uncertain at best.

A lot will ride on the outcome of this bond vote — both economically and politically.

Affordable housing developers lined up in support at last month's hearing, noting that thousands of housing units reserved for working class Bay Area residents are ready to break ground but lack the public funding to do so.

"We have entitled projects now that cannot get financed through the system," said Nevada Merriman, vice president at MidPen Housing, a nonprofit developer. "There's a pipeline here. It's ready to go."

The Bay Area authority says the funds could be used to build and acquire up to 72,000 units. That housing would range from the most deeply affordable — homes reserved for people on the brink of homelessness — to "moderate" income households. In San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, that includes those making more than \$150,000.

California housing regulators have tasked local governments across the Bay Area to plan for roughly 250,000 affordable units by the end of the decade.

The bond is also a test case of a

new approach to funding affordable housing in California. State lawmakers gave regional planners across the Bay Area the greenlight to set up the finance authority in 2019. If this first bond passes, most of the proceeds will go out in the form of low-cost loans.

"We're very intent on setting up a successful public interest mortgage lending system so that we are self-sustaining," said Kate Hartley, the authority's director. "Our goal is to get good quality housing out as quickly as possible and to meet that need — and to the people who fear that we won't do a good job, to really prove them wrong."

But big borrowing comes with a big cost. The authority estimates that paying off principal and interest will add up to nearly \$50 billion, to be paid via higher property taxes — a couple hundred dollars per year for the average Bay Area homeowner.

Even for one of California's most reliably progressive regions, that's no sure thing. Last March, a mental health housing and treatment bond

was backed by Gov. Gavin Newsom and supporters spent nearly 15,000 times more than the opponents. Still, Prop. 1 passed by less than half of a percentage point.

Recent polling commissioned by the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, the results of which were detailed at the hearing, found that 54% of likely voters support the bond. That may be more than a majority, but in California, where most local bonds require the backing of two-thirds of voters, that isn't enough to pass.

That could change this November. Legislators are putting the finishing touches on a constitutional amendment to slash the threshold needed to approve local housing and infrastructure borrowing to 55%. That change is headed for the November ballot — and if it passes, it would apply to any bond concurrently on the ballot. That includes the Bay Area bond.

That means the fate of California's largest-ever housing bond may hinge on the outcome of not one ballot measure, but two.

If they fail, affordable housing may not be able to turn to the state for backup.

Last year, Oakland Assemblymember Buffy Wicks introduced a \$10 billion affordable housing bond, partly to replenish the coffers of the state's premier affordable housing program, which was funded by a prior bond in 2018. As now, housing costs and homelessness were a top concern for voters. With state funding running low, the odds that legislators would sign off on Wicks' proposal and send it to the voters later this year looked good.

But the political winds have shifted.

Affordable housing did relatively well in this austere budget cycle. That has given advocates less political juice as legislative leaders consider competing priorities to fund with borrowed cash — namely, school buildings and climate programs.

Lawmakers have until July 3 to decide which bonds will make it onto the November ballot and which will be shelved. ■

Supporters of BART Silicon Valley extension ask for federal funding

Project needs additional \$6 billion to continue multi-year construction process

By ALISE MARIPUU / BCN

Dozens of business and labor leaders, elected officials and community activists who support the BART Silicon Valley Extension project gathered in solidarity Tuesday at San Jose's Diridon Station to plead with the federal government to help fund the project.

"We must include the federal funding in order to move this project forward," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

The BART Silicon Valley Phase II project plans to build a 6-mile BART line from Berryessa Transit Center through downtown San Jose. It will eventually end with a station in the city of Santa Clara. The project would complete a ring of transit rail around the Bay.

The project broke ground in June but it needs additional funding from the federal government to continue the multi-year construction process.

San Jose taxpayers have contributed over \$4.5 billion toward the project and the state of California has paid \$1.9 billion, Chavez said. Now it is hoping to secure \$6 billion from the federal government to cover the rest.

"Our voters tax themselves because they so badly want BART here. Now we need the Biden administration and the (Federal Transit Administration's) help. We

need them to step up," Chavez said.

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan spoke at the news conference to explain the benefits the project would bring to Silicon Valley and the Bay Area as a whole.

"It's not every day that you see our businesses and labor leaders standing side by side in total agreement. But today we are here to say that ringing the Bay in rail is our best chance to create a better, more connected future for everyone. And the moment to make that investment is now," Mahan said.

The project is estimated to bring 75,000 new jobs to the area, said Omar Torres, a San Jose city councilmember.

Ahmad Thomas, CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group business association, said the project will be a catalyst to expand economic innovation in Silicon Valley, the tech and startup hotspot of the country.

"When we look at our innovation ecosystem, this pivotal project provides equitable connectivity to make this region all it can be. To bring more startup founders, drive more housing and to truly catalyze a more equitable and inclusive innovation economy for all," Thomas said.

Gary Dillabough, founder of real estate firm Urban Community, also praised the extension's potential to attract more labor growth in the

tech sector of Silicon Valley beyond the 75,000 jobs the project is creating in and of itself.

"Connecting Diridon Station to the rest of the Bay Area is going to help these companies tap into a larger and broader workforce, which will enable them to grow more quickly and effectively," Dillabough said.

The news conference comes as the project is waiting to hear from the federal government regarding how much money they are willing to pay. This year, the estimated cost rose from \$12.2 billion to \$12.75 billion, according to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

"Bringing BART through Silicon Valley is not just about the cost today. It's about the opportunity we are creating tomorrow," Mahan said. "We can sacrifice for the benefit and for the opportunity of future generations for our kids, grandkids and our great grandkids after that."

Tammy Dhanota, a San Jose resident and Service Employees International Union Local 521 member, has been waiting to see the project come to fruition for decades.

"As a mom and a lifelong resident of San Jose, I know this project is more than just a story about numbers. It's about investing in our future so my kids your kids have access to good jobs, an effective transit system and a healthy environment,"

Dhanota said.

Torres said he has been waiting for this extension since he was a kid. Now as an adult, he is hoping the

federal government will help fund the project's remaining costs and understand its benefits for Silicon Valley and the Bay Area.

"This extension will enhance connectivity, drive significant economic growth, and provide a sustainable transit option for our residents and our workers," Torres said. "But we can't do it alone. We need the federal government's support." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Glacier lagoon in Iceland: The Markel family spent Spring Break in Iceland chasing the Northern Lights (who knew they would turn up in Pleasanton just over a month later?). The weeklong trip included lots of driving through some pretty gnarly blizzard weather with lots of stunning vistas, waterfalls, geothermal pools and a stop at the Jokulsarlon glacier lagoon to take a picture with their Pleasanton Weekly. Shown from left: Jenny Mack, Kanoa Markel, Ellen Markel and Patrick Markel.

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Livermore Valley Open Campus hits collaborative stride

14 years after founding, both Sandia and Lawrence Livermore labs are spinning out technology success stories

By TIM HUNT

Increasing national security requirements and a significant change in the workforce demanded that Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national laboratories shift the way they do business after more than 50 years.

Both labs traditionally had recruited from top universities' graduate programs and once people joined, they spent their career on the East Avenue facilities in Livermore. For some, they found the work so interesting that after they retired, they volunteered to continue their research.

By the 2000s, that had shifted and the best and brightest were seeking opportunities in private industry as well as the national labs. That led to the realization that collaboration between the labs, industry and academia was going to be required. Lawrence Livermore Director Kim Budil expects one-third of her workforce to be new within five years, while Sandia's Stephanie Beasley said she almost feels like an old-timer having worked there for 12 years.

Thus, the Livermore Valley Open Campus came into being. The labs sought U.S. Department of Energy approval in 2009 that was granted in 2010 with the first initiative being the High Performance Computing Innovation Center.

Lawrence Livermore has operated some of the world's most powerful computers for decades because

they are critical to the modeling necessary to maintain the nuclear stockpile. That modeling capability can be used for other purposes such as Cardoid, developed with IBM, which replicates the electrical system of the human heart, allowing diagnosis and treatment of arrhythmias.

That time was notable for two other events: the formation of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group to tap into the business community to help drive public policy across the valleys and establishing the i-GATE incubator in Livermore to enhance the innovation environment here. Both Sandia and Lawrence were founding partners.

Sandia executive vice president Andrew McLroy drove the open campus from his side, saying it was time to move the "guards, guns and gates back." Sandia has a history of doing so since its non-classified combustion research facility opened in 1990. He's said that any car in Sandia's parking lot is better because of the combustion facility.

The center has been part of Sandia's effort to support and enhance the use of hydrogen as fuel instead of oil products. Its teams developed the safety protocols for fueling stations and mapped out where they needed to be across the state. Working with Cummins, it designed a diesel engine entirely by computer, saving about 10% of development time and expense. It's now powering more than 200,000 Ram trucks.

One huge advantage of the open campus coupled with the University of California's rehabilitated Livermore Collaboration Center is no clearances are required to meet with foreign nationals.

Given the many immigrants that lead companies in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area, there had been "friction" trying to meet together. Often, the best solution was a coffee shop offsite. For instance, the president of Ford Motors was a German citizen so meeting outside the gates was easy compared with a process that can take weeks for a security clearance to meet in the secured area.

The UC center also is offering an entrepreneurial class for employees that 60 take advantage of each summer. The week-long course takes them into the unfamiliar world of startups and dealing with venture capitalist investors.

Michelle Gonzalez from Sandia explained the thrust is for Sandia to lean into a culture of innovation and take meaningful and actionable steps to create a culture that is energizing and inspiring and allows people to pursue purpose-driven work. She recalled the famous quote from business guru Max Dupree that culture eats strategy for breakfast. She also said that employees who attend often gain a broader perspective on potential uses for their technology.

What's ahead for Sandia is a new



Sandia researcher Isaac Ekoto (left) and former postdoc Will Colban prepare to conduct measurements are used to help understand the flow features involved in the creation

high-powered computing center as well as a sitewide effort to achieve net-zero carbon status. Sandia's national security mission expanded after 9/11 and it launched bio-detection and bio-energy and now cybersecurity programs. When the COVID crisis exploded into 2021, Sandians tapped into their antibody library to see what might be useful.

Sandia is the largest of the national labs and is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

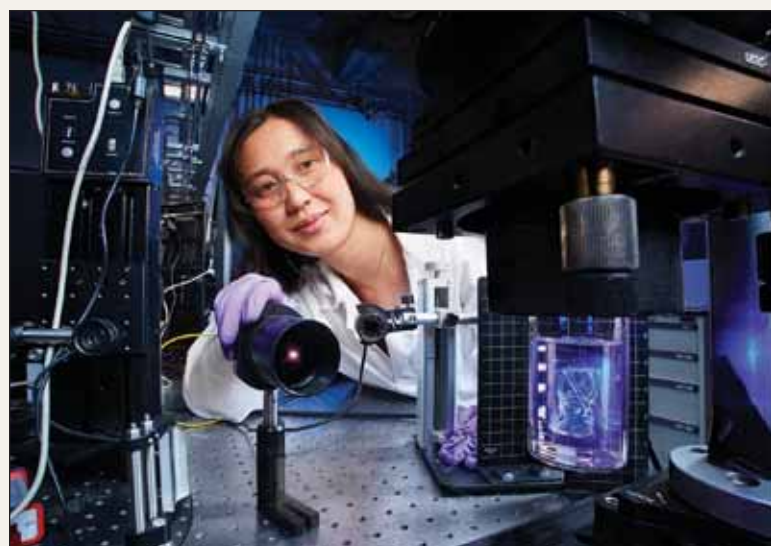
One commercialized Sandia innovation is the lab-on-a-disk SpinDX technology that enables real-time monitoring of male fertility. It also

has applications in emerging countries where blood can be tested remotely and results sent to a medical professional. Sandstone Diagnostics has commercialized the male testing kit.

Another Sandian, Dr. Joseph Pratt, launched a company based in Alameda to build zero-emission vessels using hydrogen and batteries. In May, it launched the Sea Change, a 75-passenger ferry on the San Francisco Bay. Hydrogen fuel cells also can be used with the ubiquitous forklifts found in every warehouse and expanding in the



Michelle Gonzalez



LLNL scientist Erika Fong demonstrates how the Computed Axial Lithography (CAL) 3D printing process uses light to create a three-dimensional, solid part within a container of resin.

Hertz Foundation bolsters Innovation Tri-Valley

Local collaboration grew deep this spring when the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group and the John and Fannie Hertz Foundation established a formal partnership.

The organizations both benefited from the leadership of retired Lawrence Livermore nuclear physicist Jay Davis who served as an associate director and other roles in his long career. Davis was president of the Hertz Foundation and was a founding ITV board member.

The Hertz Foundation has

benefited more than 1,280 science and technology people through its fellowship program over its 60-year history. Lab Director Kim Budil is a Hertz fellow.

The foundation has invested throughout its history in skilled post-graduate students with an interest in national security. It's broadened its mission as the national security challenges have grown more complex.

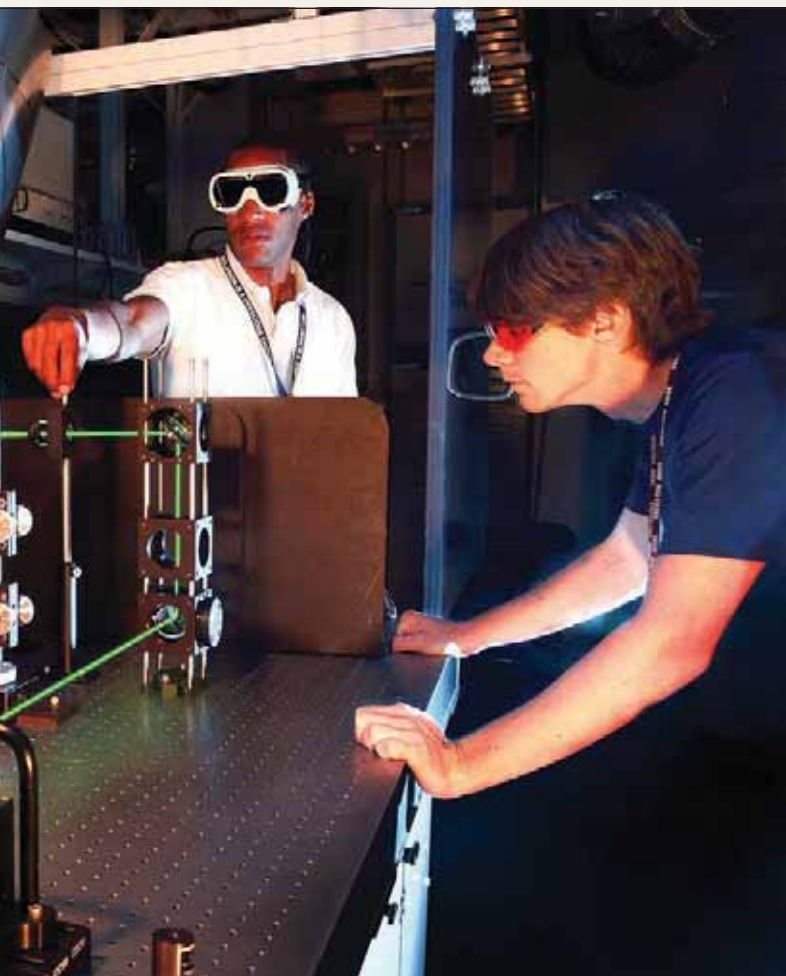
The partnership will highlight Hertz's role in the Tri-Valley's innovation economy that ITV strives to consistently improve.



Jay Davis



The scale model of the National Ignition Facility, achieved, is the centerpiece of the LLNL D



RANDY WONG / SANDIA

conduct laser-based velocity measurements at the Combustion Research Facility. The measurement of in-cylinder carbon monoxide distributions in automotive diesel engines.

growing logistics industry. When hydrogen burns, what's left is water.

After the successful launch of the open campus, Lawrence Livermore built its Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory that opened in 2020. More than 20 company and academic partnerships have utilized that facility. One of them was Vector Atomics that developed new technology to offer the most precise location measurements available in place of GPS that potentially is at-risk in a conflict.

The military was the first backer and work demonstrated both the precision of the location and its ability



Matt Garrett

to stand up to harsh conditions. It's progressed, thanks to government contracts, to standing alone as an employee-owned company with no debt. Now headquartered in Pleasanton, the firm is debt free and working on atomic clocks and communication.

Another win for the lab was utilizing a laser and specialized metal pellets in precise 3-D manufacturing

in partnership with G.E. Seurat, headed by former lab researcher James DeMuth, licensed technology developed for the target chamber of the National Ignition Facility.

Using the 3-dimensional extrusion head, it can manufacture spare parts instead of stocking a huge inventory. They worked together for two years. Seurat attracted a significant investment from chip manufacturer Nvidia because of the potential to use the technology to cool their chips more efficiently.

Lawrence Livermore has what amounts to a business development team headed by Matt Garrett. It's charged with knowing technology and capabilities the lab has, whether inside the gates or in the open campus and then networking with potential industry partners.

"You have to be present and ready to communicate and engage," Garrett said in an interview from a conference in Dallas. "That's when these casual conversations and relationships that you build over time can lead to opportunities for our researchers."

Chris Spadaccini, who manages the manufacturing lab, said an overriding goal is to "spin in and spin out" technology from industry and use it to enhance lab capabilities and then spin it out into the private sector.

The lab's bio researchers have combined the high-speed computer with biologics in partnership with Bridge Bio to discover a molecule taken orally that has the potential to significantly slow or inhibit the growth of cancer. One major goal of biologic research is to shorten the time it takes to get drugs through the FDA approval process and into the market.

The lab reopened its updated Discovery Center in 2023 that is



CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD / COURTESY SANDIA

The hydrogen vent mast installed near the aft of the hydrogen-powered ferry "Sea Change" funnels potentially dangerous fumes away from people on board the vessel. The vessel was built by Zero Emission Industries, founded by former Sandia employee Joe Pratt.

open to the public. It received more than 3,700 visitors and 74 school groups. That same year, more than 620 events or meetings were held on the open campus. That included 1,540 guest passes with 18% going to non-citizens. The numbers through six months of 2024 have trended up.

With the overall success of the open campus and lots of available land on the Lawrence side, the natural questions are about what's next. One interesting possibility would be a facility to bridge companies between a successful prototype at the manufacturing lab and the process of manufacturing thousands of them.



Chris Spadaccini

One striking commonality among the six leaders interviewed for this story was how many other places these key managers had worked. They seemed

well-equipped for their current roles.

For instance, Chris Leno, who oversees the infrastructure side of the Lawrence open campus, has moved 17 times since 2000 that included stints at Sandia Albuquerque and in the private sector operating a franchise business with his husband that they sold when he headed out West.



Chris Leno

He said Lawrence is in the process of designing two new buildings: the potential bridge facility and an integrative bio-resilience facility. No decision has been made on what to pursue — that's up to senior management, the National Nuclear Security Administration that directly oversees the nuclear weapons complex and eventually Congress for a specific funding allocation depending upon the cost of the building.

What's clear after almost 15 years is that the open campus has met the goal of increasing collaboration and is ready to build on it. ■



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Discovery Center in the Livermore Valley Open Campus.



LLNL

The 14,000 square-foot Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory (AML) houses some of the world's most sophisticated manufacturing equipment and advanced materials

San Ramon actress lands biggest part yet in 'Evita'

Cal High alum Emily Kessel is youngest cast member in San Francisco Playhouse production

By JEANITA LYMAN



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Emily Kessel



JESSICA PALOPOLI / SAN FRANCISCO PLAYHOUSE

The cast of San Francisco Playhouse's production of "Evita" includes San Ramon native Emily Kessel in a switch performer role.

Arising sophomore majoring in data science and dance at Northwestern University is back home in San Ramon this summer while she is currently making her San Francisco debut in the musical "Evita" — her biggest production to date following nearly a lifetime in the performing arts.

Emily Kessel, who graduated from California High School in 2022, is a switch performer in the ongoing production from San Francisco Playhouse, playing six different characters depending on the show date and gleaned wisdom from her castmates as the youngest actor in the production.

"I got into theater at a very young age," Kessel told Embarcadero Media Foundation. "My mom put me in every possible activity you can think of, and I think the one thing that just stuck was everything that had to do with theater and the arts and anything like that."

Kessel grew up exploring school and regional theater opportunities prior to shifting her attention to competitive dance in high school, ultimately returning to theater in her senior year for Cal High's production of "Mean Girls".

"Throughout my childhood and now, I've looked for every opportunity to perform and to train, and I've done a lot of community theater around the Bay Area and I've done a few regional theater productions," Kessel said. "But I would definitely say this is my biggest role that I've landed."

Although the San Francisco Playhouse production of "Evita" marks Kessel's debut on a San Francisco stage and her most significant gig to date, it's not her first time bringing the 1978 Andrew Lloyd Webber musical showcasing the story of former

Argentine First Lady Eva Perón to a local stage to life for a Bay Area audience.

"I actually did 'Evita' when I was 10 years old at a community theater in Sunnyvale," Kessel said. "It was a really fun show, and when I found out that I got in, I was just really excited because it has some of my favorite music and there's a lot of dancing in it."

While Kessel's passion and time were consumed by the heavy training and performance schedule required for competitive dancers, leaving a years-long gap in her formal theater career during high school, she said that her experience as a competitive dancer and currently as a dance major had also served to help hone her theater skills in the present day.

"There are really very few people that are more hard-working than dancers," Kessel said. "I used to be at the studio 24 hours a week just training in all styles, and it's a very artistic endeavor, which is something that I enjoy personally. Especially with musicals, there's a lot of dancing, so I think it's given me an edge in theater for sure, and it's definitely one of my favorite aspects of theater."

The current production has given Kessel the opportunity to flex her existing skills, with the rehearsal experience and working with her castmates also providing valuable insight into the life of professional actors.

"It's been really amazing to work with this cast, because everyone is so experienced and so talented, and I feel like I've just been

learning so much about this business," Kessel said. "They've talked about their past experience and I just feel like I've learned a lot about being a professional actor, and just watching their methods of learning the stagework and the choreography and the music."

The current production is not just a musical but a rock opera — one of Kessel's favorite genres — with what she describes as particularly poignant choreography.

"I think that's one of the most dynamic parts of the show," Kessel said. "Our ensemble is very strong and they're on stage in almost every number, and they're just killing it every night."

Kessel is among the five swing performers in the current production directed by Tim Rice, giving her the opportunity to explore a number of different roles every night of the production that runs through this fall.

"I cover six different characters," Kessel said. "They're all members of the ensemble, but they actually play a million different roles throughout the show. I start as what they refer to in the show as the 'shirtless ones', and they're the poor people who are just looking for something to believe in, a ray of hope, and those are the people who sort of elevate Eva Perón to her status as a sort of spiritual leader of Argentina."

"I also play an aristocrat, and those are the people of England and France who are sort of in charge of the country," she continued. "They're very rich and they sort of call the shots at the time, and Eva Perón, one of her goals is to sort of overthrow them."

"Evita" is set for performances every night other than Mondays in the San Francisco Playhouse at 450 Post St. in San Francisco through Sept. 7. Tickets and more information are available at sfplayhouse.org. ■



JESSICA PALOPOLI / SAN FRANCISCO PLAYHOUSE

"Evita" is being staged now through Sept. 7 at San Francisco Playhouse.

'The Music Man' arriving in town this weekend

TVTC presenting classic musical tale of slick salesman who finds his heart of gold

By JEREMY WALSH

Concerned about fritterin' away the summertime? Tri-Valley Theatre Company has just the pitch for you.

The local troupe's production of the "The Music Man" — with a capital "T" — debuts this Saturday for a three-weekend run at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. The classic Meredith Willson romantic comedy musical tells the story of traveling salesman Harold Hill trying to hoodwink the townsfolk only to lose his heart to Marian (the librarian) and his deceiving ways in the process.

"The Music Man' is pure Americana," John Maio, director of the TVTC production, told the Livermore Vine ahead of opening night.

"The American dream is used as a background for hope," Maio said. "Mix in a con man trying to take advantage of the naivety of simple, trusting people; and it offers directors a rich textured storyline supported by beautiful, romantic and recognizable music that allows them to transport an audience on a journey filled with emotion."

"Now more than ever, as an audience member, I want a story that gives me hope and allows me to smile. This show reaches into the core of us all and reminds us of what is really important in life: people caring for and about other people," he added. "A family experience — for some a new one and others, pure nostalgia — filled with laughs, beautiful music and that special feeling you get sitting with a community that shares it all together."



COURTESY LVA

Working on a dance number are James Gregory (Marcellus) and Shannon Hunt (Echel Toffelmier) ahead of opening night for Tri-Valley Theatre Company.

The Tony Award-winning musical that arrived on Broadway in 1957 and became a beloved film five years later is known for songs like "Ya Got Trouble," "Seventy-Six Trombones" and "Shipooi!"

"The Music Man' follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a kids' band that he vows to organize — this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His

plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by the curtain's fall," said officials with the Bankhead, where TVTC is the resident theater company.

Directed by Maio with Jed de Roza as vocal director and Rachelle King as choreographer, "The Music Man" will see Oakland actor John Melis star in the role of Hill made famous on stage and screen by Robert Preston.



COURTESY LVA

Rebecca Davis as Marian the Librarian and John Melis as Harold Hill in TVTC's production of "The Music Man".

The 40-actor TVTC cast also stars Oakland's Rebecca Davis as Marian Paroo and features local performers like Casey McMillin (Livermore) as Tommy Djilas, Jill Vellingner (Pleasanton) as Mrs. Paroo and Sean Hendry (Danville) as Winthrop Paroo. The group of ensemble players includes a number of Tri-Valley talents as well.

"Scheduling that many actors over a 10-week period was a challenge, to say the least, especially when half of them are in school full-time and the majority of the remaining cast all have day jobs. Sometimes life got in the way; colds, flu and even covid, but through it all everyone worked diligently towards a common goal,"

Maio said of the rehearsal period. The director added, "What audiences may not know and definitely will not be able to tell by the quality of the performances is that all the cast members are volunteers. They have dedicated their time and talent to this project solely based on their love of performing. It is incredible to work with so many dedicated performers."

"The Music Man" is set to open this Saturday (July 13) at 8 p.m. and run through July 28, with nighttime shows on Saturdays and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays — plus an extra matinee on July 27. For tickets and more information, go to livermorearts.org. ■

Board a flight to the 1960s at the Firehouse

'An Evening with Pan Am Betty' is next installment of museum's speaker series

By JEREMY WALSH

Learn about the life and times of the famed Pan Am stewardess during this month's installment of the Museum on Main's interactive speaker series in downtown Pleasanton.

Historian and actor Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., will embody Pan Am "Betty" to highlight the true story of the flight attendants who became synonymous with the glitz and glamour of Pan Am. Seats remain available for her July 23 evening show, but the matinee is already sold out, according to museum officials.

"Fasten your uniform buttons and get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel. In the 1960s, when jets were new, the stewardess was an all-American fantasy: hostess, nurse, cook, therapist and even sex symbol," museum officials said. "Buckle up — this is one flight you won't forget."

Part of the museum's 2024 Ed Kinney Speaker Series, Goddard will deliver a composite portrayal

of a stewardess of the era in the familiar Chautauqua performance style, which sees the scholar-actor fully in character for a scripted part of the show and to answer initial questions from the audience. She will then step out of character at the end to respond to any final inquiries from the crowd.

"With the airline industry being so different today, I cannot wait to learn from Leslie Goddard about the heyday of airline travel. Specifically, about whether it was as glamorous as we are led to believe," said Rachel Brickell, director of education for the museum and coordinator for the speaker series.

Tickets are still on sale for "An Evening with Pan Am Betty" at 7 p.m. July 23 inside the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The 2 p.m. show that day is sold out, Brickell noted. A virtual viewing is also available for July 30 via the webinar platform BigMarker.

For more information, go to museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2766. ■



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Scholar-actor Leslie Goddard as Pan Am "Betty" for the Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

Community Pulse

Douglas "Drake" Linforth

December 21, 1959 – April 14, 2024

Douglas "Drake" Linforth was born on December 21, 1959 in Atlanta, Georgia and passed away peacefully on April 14, 2024, in Pleasanton, California, at the age of 64. Drake was a beloved Father, Stepfather, Co-worker, fraternity brother, golf buddy and pickleball partner.



Drake was raised in Alamo, CA, since he was 10 years old. He graduated from Monte Vista High, then went onto Menlo College, in Menlo Park, CA. Where he met many of his lifelong friends and golfing buddies, as a member of the Eta Phi Fraternity. After leaving college he moved to Foster City, CA, where he met his wife, Karin. They married and settled in Pleasanton in 1990, and have made it their home ever since.

Professionally, Drake excelled in project management, with over three decades of experience, spanning various industries, including semiconductor manufacturing, hospitals, highway improvements and high-tech laboratories. As a mentor, he generously shared his expertise, guiding and inspiring new generations of professionals to meet their full potential.

Drake is survived by his wife, Karin Linforth, his children Court Stroud, of Chico, CA and Garrison Linforth of San Rafael, CA. His sister Avolyn and her husband Todd Smith of San Francisco, CA. He is predeceased by his parents, William Linforth and Deedy Linforth, of Alamo, CA.

To honor his memory, a Celebration of Life was held, at his personal residence, where his loved ones came together to share stories, laughter and cherished memories. All who knew him will miss his cheerful laugh, great sense of humor, along with his generosity and kind heart.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Amador grad dies from injuries sustained in Hayward shooting

A Pleasanton teenager and recent high school graduate has died after being taken off life support in the hospital where he had been in critical condition since getting shot in Hayward nearly a week earlier, police announced on Independence Day.

Hayward detectives continue to investigate leads into the late-night shooting on June 27 that claimed the life of the 18-year-old man and injured his 17-year-old friend from Pleasanton.

"Evidence gathered in the case suggests that this was not a random act of violence," Hayward police said in an afternoon press release on July 4. "Furthermore, detectives are diligently following all investigative leads to identify those responsible, uncover motive, and determine the events that led up to the shooting."

Supporters of the victim's family

established a GoFundMe in recent days and identified him as Denis Bautista, a graduate this year of Amador Valley High School.

"Denis Bautista, a young man of just 18 years old, has left us a great void in the hearts of his family, friends and loved ones," the GoFundMe organizers wrote. "Sadly, his life was taken from him and thus ended his dreams at such a young age. A month ago he graduated from high school and had many goals and dreams to fulfill. His family is going through great pain and needs help with medical and funeral expenses."

The "Support Denis Bautista's Family in Grief" page on GoFundMe has raised more than \$27,000 as of press time Wednesday.

This marked Hayward's sixth homicide of 2024.

"Any loss of life is heartbreaking, and the loss of such young members of our community is even more difficult to comprehend," Hayward Police Chief Bryan Matthews said in the July 4 press release.

"Our thoughts go out to the family and loved ones of the

victims in this incident," Matthews added. "While no words can heal the pain of losing a loved one, we want to assure the community that we are working tirelessly on this investigation to ensure that those responsible for this tragic event are brought to justice and that closure can be brought to the victim's families."

Police said thus far that they have found no connections between Bautista's death and the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old Rodeo boy in Hayward two nights earlier, but they continue to look into it.

The situation involving the two Pleasanton teens unfolded just after 11 p.m. June 27. Police said they were responding to a report of a shooting in the area of Mission Boulevard and Industrial Parkway in Hayward when emergency dispatch received a call from the 17-year-old boy saying he and his friend had been shot and were fleeing the scene.

Officers located the two victims not far away moments later in the 100 block of West Tennyson Road, police said.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 7

Shoplifting

■ 2:01 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Weapons violation

■ 3:50 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

July 6

Assault/battery

■ 12:33 a.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

Shoplifting

■ 7:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

July 5

Warrant arrest

■ 1:57 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 11:47 a.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Yolanda Court

■ 2:23 p.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue

■ 8:08 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Domestic battery

■ 11:51 p.m. on Trenton Circle

July 4

Domestic battery

■ 11:01 a.m. on Santa Rita Road

Theft

■ 11:54 a.m. on the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

■ 5:59 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 8:05 p.m. on the 3600 block of Dunsuir Circle

DUI

■ 1:20 p.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road

Burglary

■ 8:02 p.m. on the 5800 block of Hansen Drive

Assault/battery

■ 10:33 p.m. on the 3600 block of Vineyard Avenue

July 3

Drug violation

■ 9:47 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

■ 9:55 a.m. on the 4100 block of Churchill Drive

Bicycle theft

■ 7:36 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

■ 8:09 p.m. on the 700 block of Summit Creek Lane

July 2

Theft

■ 10:04 a.m. at Genovesio Drive and Appian Street

■ 11:26 a.m. at Fairlands Drive and Manchester Street

■ 2:37 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 2:41 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 6:38 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

■ 10:44 a.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue

July 1

Theft

■ 6:51 a.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 11:50 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Embezzlement

■ 7:07 a.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 8:40 a.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Domestic battery

■ 4:22 p.m. on Gibraltar Drive

Assault/battery

■ 10:49 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

June 30

Theft

■ 10:23 a.m. on the 5600 block of Belleza Drive

■ 10:42 a.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

■ 1:04 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violation

■ 5:55 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

June 29

Fire

■ 10:06 a.m. on the 4900 block of Monaco Drive

Drug violation

■ 2:53 p.m. at Peters Avenue and St. Mary Street

Theft

■ 5:40 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; bicycle theft

■ 5:49 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:50 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

■ 10:12 p.m. on the 1100 block of Kottinger Drive

June 28

Theft

■ 1:06 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 3:12 p.m., 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive; bicycle theft

■ 7:53 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

■ 3:46 p.m. on the 800 block of Sylvaner Drive

Jeanne Marie Magoon

January 18, 1940 – July 3, 2024

Jeanne Marie (Adams) Magoon went to be with the Lord and her loved ones in Heaven on July 3, 2024. Jeanne was born in San Francisco on January 18, 1940 to Frank and Marion Adams and grew up in Oakland. She moved to Pleasanton in 1964, where she raised her family. She was actively involved in St. Augustine Catholic Church, as well as many other charities close to Jeanne's heart.



Jeanne will be lovingly remembered by her children, grandchildren, and her large extended family. Jeanne had 6 children, Joseph Magoon (deceased in 1958), Robert Willard Magoon Jr., Jeanette Elizabeth Scardina (John), Jacqueline Marie Oliver (Mark), Douglas John Magoon (Barbara), and Matthew Donald Magoon (deceased in 2022). She is survived by her only sibling, Lloyd Peter Adams (Linda), whom Jeanne loved dearly.

Jeanne was a big part of the lives of her 6 grandchildren, Benjamin Oliver, Alexander Oliver, Travis Houston, Veronica Rohrer (Benjamin), Christian Magoon, and Brennan Magoon. She was so proud of each one of them.

To know Jeanne was to love Jeanne. Her laugh was infectious! She loved to travel and was always up for a new adventure. Jeanne loved big, worked hard, and enjoyed life. She could get a party going, and was always the last to leave. She will be immensely missed by all of her family and friends.

We want to thank the staff at Valley Verde Care Home for the loving care given to our mom over the last 7 years. They were an enormous blessing to our family.

There will be a funeral mass on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA. Jeanne will be laid to rest in St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

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The 17-year-old Pleasanton boy, whose name has not been released, was treated at an area hospital for gunshot injuries and released to family. But the 18-year-old Pleasanton man was more gravely injured and was listed in critical condition for nearly six days until he was taken off life support and pronounced dead at the hospital on July 3, police said.

No arrests have been made to date in the homicide, though police said detectives are actively working leads and soliciting information related to the case. Anyone with information related to Bautista's death can contact Hayward police Detective Scinto at 510-293-7176; reference Hayward Police Department case No. 2024-35448.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- Livermore police arrested a man accused of stealing more than 90 pieces of merchandise over the weekend from outlet stores in the city.

Police nabbed Elthon Miguel Romero-Paz, 26, a transient from Texas, at 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

Officers were notified by security personnel at the San Francisco

Premium Outlets about the suspect, who was still in the parking lot.

Police searched Romero-Paz's vehicle and allegedly found more than 90 items from nearly half a dozen stores, with an estimated value of \$6,100.

Romero-Paz was transported to Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of organized retail theft, receiving stolen property, and possession of burglary tools.

—Bay City News Service

- When Gov. Gavin Newsom announced earlier this year that the California Highway Patrol would install almost 300 new license plate readers in Oakland, it was the end of a roundabout process to fund, approve and implement the cameras. But the effect was the same: Oakland would expand its number of license plate readers nearly ten-fold.

But that increase in the number of cameras won't be joined by an increase in the number of Oakland Police Department officers, and

the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury released a report questioning whether the department can accommodate the new cameras.

"OPD is unlikely to respond to more than a small percentage of (license plate reader) notifications," the report said.

The cameras take snapshots of a vehicle's license plates and compare them to a list of vehicles linked to serious crimes, alerting OPD if there is a match. They were to replace OPD's existing 30 plate readers, which were no longer operational after their software had become outdated.

But for months, the grand jury couldn't find evidence that Oakland signed a contract to operate these new cameras. Then, in late March, Newsom announced that the CHP would install 290 cameras in the city.

"This investment marks another step forward in our commitment to bolstering public safety and tackling organized crime and roadway violence in Oakland and

across California," Newsom said at the time.

But the civil grand jury, a group of civilians who audit government practices, said that responding to alerts from all of these cameras might be too tall a task for Oakland police. The cameras, the jury's report said, might generate dozens of alerts, each needing an officer to respond.

It's a similar problem for police as ShotSpotter, an audio-based system that detects gunshots.

The jury found that OPD receives an average of 11 alerts per day from ShotSpotter, but OPD officers can't respond to all of

them. Considering this, the jury said that police are not prepared to respond to additional alerts generated from license plate readers, which could potentially total over 100 alerts in a day.

OPD is not likely to see an increase in manpower available to address these alerts either, according to the grand jury.

"The City of Oakland appreciates the Alameda County Grand Jury's attention to these important matters," OPD said in a statement July 2. "The City is reviewing the report and will follow up with the Grand Jury as appropriate." ■

—Cole Reynolds, Bay City News

John N. Stewart

June 23, 1932 – July 3, 2024

With heavy hearts, we the family of John Stewart, celebrate his life today. At age 92 years and 9 days, John left us, passing peacefully on July 3, 2024.



Simply put, John was a remarkable man, devoted father and husband — caring, honest, and honorable. He leaves behind his wife, Kay Stewart, following 65 years of marriage, his daughter Laurie and his two sons, Jack and Paul. John also leaves behind four grandchildren: Will Clark, Tyler Stewart, Shelby Stewart, and Tigan Patrick; and a daughter-in-law, Kelle Patrick. John was a long-time resident of Pleasanton.

John is and was best known around the community as a teacher of history and social studies. He taught for nearly 30 years within the Pleasanton School District, first at Pleasanton School then later at Harvest Park. During his years he taught thousands of students, many of whom still remember him with fondness. He was known as the teacher who liked to tell very "corny" jokes. John also spent nearly a decade coaching youth soccer teams in Pleasanton and Dublin.

In earlier years, John earned his BA and MA in Education from the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He additionally served in the US Navy for two years and was based primarily in the Asia Pacific. Following their wedding in 1959, John and Kay spent two years teaching at a US army base in Germany. He and Kay went back to do this again for a two year stint starting in 1988. While in Pleasanton, John and Kay had been active members of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church and more recently became members of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

Beyond spending time with his family and friends, John's passions in life included reading (he must have read thousands of books) and traveling. As a dad and young family man, in the 1970's, he and his family set out on many long (and not so long) road trips. This included three summer-long trips driving across the USA pulling a trailer behind the family station wagon. In total, the family traveled over 15,000 miles and to all of the 48 contiguous US states (+ Canada), visiting many several times. Later, the family took trips to both Alaska and Hawaii, completing their American journey. Internationally, John ventured to as many as 60 countries, visiting 6 continents and exploring Europe extensively.

Born in Santa Monica in 1932, John attended Santa Monica High School. He met Kay in 1957 at a church in Westwood, marrying her in Compton in 1959.

With great respect and appreciation we, his family, thank the caregivers at the Golden Hill Home in San Ramon who assisted with John's living and health issues during his final months.

As we reflect on John's rich life we cherish the memories of a man who touched many with his kindness, patience, wisdom, and humor.

PAID OBITUARY

Terence "Terry" Michael Sullivan

June 26, 1942 – June 18, 2024

Terence "Terry" Michael Sullivan, born June 26, 1942, went to be with the Lord on June 18, 2024. Terry attended St. Anne's Catholic School until his family moved to San Leandro, where he graduated from Arroyo High School in 1960, and attended Chabot College. Terry built a career in manufacturing, starting as a machinist at Caterpillar Tractor, working his way to Superintendent as well as representing the union as a Shop Steward. He continued his work in Quality Engineering at Kaiser Aerotech where his team was instrumental to the successful launch of the Space Shuttle Hercules, and Peacekeeper rockets. He also worked for Edwards Enterprises and Fabco. Terry retired in 2005 and spent time working on restoring classic automobiles and impressing upon his grandsons the importance of family and faith.



Terry met his wife Mary Jo in 1964, they were married in 1965 and as a young couple made their home in Hayward until they moved to Pleasanton in 1971. Terry was a family man, spending many summers camping and waterskiing on New Hogan Lake or boating around Clearlake. He always jumped in to help people in many ways over his lifetime, including the beginnings of youth soccer in his hometown, building and repairing cars, boats, and so many backyard decks alongside neighbors, relatives, and dear friends. When he attended music and sporting events of his grandsons, the pride he felt was evident in his smile and encouraging words.

Terry and Mary Jo have been active members of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, involved in CCD, confirmations, engaged couples and Worldwide Catholic Marriage Encounter.

Terry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Jo (Perry) Sullivan; his daughters Sandy Taylor (Michael) and Jeannine Sullivan (Maria Ceremello); his grandsons Nicholas Tucker (Lauren), Blake Tucker, James Happ, and William Happ; his sisters Janet DePino, Linda Warncke, and Trina Nahm.

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We need respect back in Pleasanton

Recently our city celebrated its 130th birthday. Our city prides itself on being a Community of Character. Respect is one of the core values and was spoken about by Councilmember Jack Balch as he opened the June 18 council meeting.

What followed during the meeting would have had our founding

leaders turning in their graves.

The lack of decorum and respect demonstrated very poor behavior on the part of Mayor Karla Brown and City Manager Gerry Beaudin. A resident was expressing concerns about the ballot initiative for a 0.5% sales tax increase and because he didn't agree with the initiative he was "questioned and corrected" by the mayor, then by the city manager.

I hope that resident will continue to speak up and not let how he was treated stop him in the future. The "questioning and correcting" of a speaker goes against our city's meeting rules and possibly violates the Brown Act.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin then lectured the audience as though she was still on the PUSD board about the 0.5% sales tax which demonstrated a lack of respect for the residents.

During the discussion about Bright Choice, Vice Mayor Julie Testa treated another councilmember with complete disrespect and was even quietly admonished by the mayor. Not only was the vice mayor rude, but Arkin and Councilmember Jeff Nibert didn't want to hear the opinion of one of the councilmembers. When did we stop respecting each other and not valuing the opinions of others?

Our city leadership has forgotten respect and that the residents of Pleasanton are who they work for and should have their opinions listened to and not challenged by the dais.

—Vicki LaBarge

No on Pleasanton City Council's sales tax

There are four members of the Pleasanton City Council that are planning to increase the sales tax in Pleasanton because they cannot find a 5% reduction in the city budget that does not place the citizens' safety and wellbeing in danger.

They suggested a reduction of police and fire services, removal of school crossing guards and reduction in library hours — using fear mongering to sell their tax increase.

The 5% budget shortfall is a temporary problem. The council's tax increase could be permanent. Citizens of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, please contact the City Council today and urge them to stop their plans for the sales tax increase.

And just because you do not live in Pleasanton does not mean you won't be impacted by the tax increase. Let your voice be heard and say no to the Pleasanton city sales tax increase.

—David Ott

SCOTUS decision on presidential immunity

Six extreme right-wing justices on the U.S. Supreme Court have ruled that a former president should be immune for "official acts" while in office. That hypothetical whereby a president could be immune for using his official powers to order the assassination of a political rival is no longer a hypothetical.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, in her dissenting opinion wrote, "This new official-acts immunity now 'lies about like a loaded weapon' for any President that wishes to place his own interests ... above the interests of the Nation. When the president uses his official powers in any way ... he now will be insulated from criminal prosecution. Orders the Navy's Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival? Immune."

The ruling paves the way for the authoritarianism that is outlined in Project 2025, a 920-page document from the Heritage Foundation detailing how our freedoms could be taken away: banning contraception, controlling if and when to start a family, eliminating corporate regulations, telling us what religion to practice, and allowing discrimination are all part of this "project". In addition, programs like the Affordable Care Act, Social Security and Medicare will be eliminated.

How did we get here? The extreme right-wing justices on the Supreme Court have accepted extravagant gifts from billionaires as part of a larger concerted effort to rule in favor of these wealthy few while taking away the freedoms and programs that impact the lives of the majority.

—Ward Kanowsky

California law mandates thousands of new homes

Why not use building materials to build those homes with materials other than wood? Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen for people to breathe, through a process called photosynthesis.

A mature leafy tree can absorb 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and release enough oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year. One acre of trees annually consumes the amount of carbon dioxide equivalent to that produced by driving an average car for 26,000 miles. The same acre of trees also produces enough oxygen for 18 people to breathe for a year.

When it comes to building homes there are several alternatives to traditional wood lumber. Some options to consider for Pleasanton Merritt property and all other developments.

Bamboo: Bamboo building materials resemble wood but are more sustainable. Bamboo grows quickly and regenerates after cutting, making it an eco-friendly choice. It is also durable and can be used for various applications.

Hemp: Hemp is another sustainable alternative. It grows rapidly and yields more construction-grade fiber than wood. Hemp-based products, such as composite lumber and medium-density fiberboard (MDF), offer strength comparable to wood.

Metal: Metal materials, such as steel or aluminum, are commonly used for framing, roofing and siding. Entire homes can even be built using metal components.

Concrete: Concrete is a versatile material for foundations, walls and floors. It is durable, fire resistant and offers excellent structure integrity.

Fiber cement: Fiber cement siding combines cement, sand and cellulose fibers. It is weather-resistant, minimal maintenance and can mimic the appearance of wood.

Cork: Cork is a renewable material harvested from cork oak trees. It is lightweight, insulating and can be used for flooring, wall coverings and more.

Mycelium: Mycelium-based materials are emerging as sustainable alternatives. They are grown from fungi and can be used for insulation, packaging and even structural components.

—Michael Austin

Employment

Solution Architect for Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Req: Bachelor's in Info Syms or rtd + 5 yrs progr post-bacc exp. (Alt 7 yrs exp). Telecommuting is permitted full-time from anywhere in the US. Expected salary range for position based on primary location in CA is \$167,904 to \$206,300 per yr. Actual pay w/in range determined based on exp, qualifications, geographic location & other job-related factors permitted by law. Discretionary annual bonus may be avail based on individual and Company performance. Position qualifies for benefits detailed at Benefits (<https://roche.ehr.com/default.ashx?CLASSNAME=splash>). Apply: <http://applyroche.com/202403-107331> (Job ID: 202403-107331)

Professionals:

Grid Dynamics Holdings Inc. located in San Ramon, CA seeks F/T Senior Analyst (\$146,266/yr); Senior DevOps Engineer (\$146,266-160k/yr); Salary in paren. For both jobs: may allow for remote work; may involve travel to or relocation to anticipated or unanticipated locations across the US, including client sites and Grid Dynamics' offices throughout the US and/or company HQ located in San Ramon, CA. Apply at jobs@gridynamics.com.

Medallia, Inc. has the following position available in Pleasanton, CA:

Technical Manager, Professional Services (CIPKH): Responsible for high-quality, scalable technical solution for the client. Manage the technical configuration workstreams, solution quality, & ensure scope is implemented sustainably. Position based at HQ and may be assigned to unanticipated worksites throughout the U.S. as determined by management. Telecommuting permitted. This position has an annual salary range of \$146,266 - \$166,266. **Send resume to:** hiring@medallia.com. Must reference job title and job code. Background check required.

Professionals:

Grid Dynamics Holdings Inc. located (HQ) in San Ramon, CA seeks F/T Staff DevOps Engineer (\$181,272/yr); Data Scientist (\$125k-\$145k/yr). For both: may involve travel to company HQ 1x per year (no Int'l travel); may allow for remote work; may involve relocation to anticipated or unanticipated locations across the US, including client sites and Grid Dynamics' offices throughout the US and/or company HQ. Salary in paren. Apply at jobs@gridynamics.com.

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

Sr Software Engineer (Distributed Systems) (20637.2502): Drive Workday's public cloud platform development, understanding other teams' needs for the platform, discussing solutions with architects and business partners, and mentoring junior members of the team. May allow for partial telecommuting. Salary: \$215,197 - \$264,000, 40 hours per week.

Cybersecurity Engineer (20637.2145): Drive security into Workday's platform. Salary: \$169,395 - \$198,000, 40 hours per week.

Product Manager (20637.2082): Designs, develops and manages activities or a significant product or product category. Salary: \$157,600 - \$236,400, 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

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

TV30 honors top student-athletes of the year

Awards handed out to Falcons, Dons, Gaels, Cowboys and Matadors from various sports in 2023-24 season

I remember growing up in Pleasanton and the incredible amount of coverage youth and high school sports received.

It was amazing and the community thrived on the attention. When I made the decision to get a degree in journalism, I wanted to pay it back to the local athletes.

I knew how I would carry the memories I had and wanted the next group of athletes to have a chance to do the same. For 26 years I worked at the Tri-Valley Herald, for many years

as the local sports editor, which was the person who oversaw the East Bay Athletic League and all local youth sports.

Slowly the coverage dwindled, and when the Herald and the Valley Times — our rival newspaper — merged, the signs were clear: Local sports coverage was going to take a hit.

When I started at the Herald in the fall of 1985, we had five full-time writers just to cover the EBAL. Every football, basketball and baseball game was covered — by both local papers.

By the time I took a buyout (the writing was clearly on the wall and being shoved down our throats) I was the lone preps writer left at the Herald.

When the Pleasanton Weekly offered me the chance to keep local coverage alive in Pleasanton, I jumped at the chance. A few years back they came to me with the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook — an online weekly release on all of the EBAL — it was another thing I couldn't pass up.

Now the Playbook, which is free but requires signing up to get the email every Tuesday during the academic year, features things such as Power Rankings for many of the sports, a weekly slate of action and the Big Picture, a weekly column about anything related to local high school sports.

If you go to www.pleasantonweekly.com and sign up, you will get it delivered to your inbox each week.

It makes me happy each year to see other local organizations still honoring the local high school athletes for their accomplishments. TV30 is one such group.

The show "Tri-Valley Sports Final", which I hosted each week when I was with the Herald, shows highlights of high school action during the school year and then youth sports during the summer, as well



Riley Young of Foothill basketball accepts her award from TV30 during the 2024 Outstanding High School Athletic Awards ceremony.

as celebrates the end of each high school year.

It was a blast joining Ian Bartholmew and the late iconic local sports figure Dr. B, hosting the show each week.

This time it was their 30th annual Outstanding High School Athletic Awards. Some 25 awards were presented to high school students from Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton to honor them for their outstanding athletic accomplishments.

Viewers can watch the televised program broadcasting on Comcast Channel 30 or AT&T U-Verse via Channel 99. It is also available streaming and video on demand at tv30.org.

Participants in the program also included Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown and Dublin Vice Mayor Sherry Hu.

Chris Williams, the cross-country and track/field coach for Dublin High, was picked as the Coach of the Year.

Williams has led the two Dublin programs for 16 years and has established the Gaels cross-country and track/field as elite programs not just locally, but statewide as well.

"Even more important than the victories are the positive ways he's impacted his athletes' lives," Bartholmew said of Williams.

Those student-athletes were honored at the banquet as current "Tri-Valley Sports Final" hosts Bartholomew and Tim Sbranti presented the awards to the 2024 honorees. They were:

Foothill High School: Katie Salonga, volleyball; Paige Bennett, volleyball; Riley Young, basketball; Beti Terpstra, basketball; Marissa Anderson, softball; Kaycie Burdick, softball; and Nate Novitske, baseball.

Amador Valley High School: Tristan Ti'a, football; and Matthew Foley, baseball.

Dublin High School: Garrett Esomonu, football; Jalen Stokes, basketball; Lana Nguyen, wrestling; Tanaya Barrett, softball; and Kaitlin Lee, swimming.

Livermore High School: Kamarri Robinson, football; Xavier Thorpe, football/basketball; Jae Cosgriff, softball; and Tanner Lee, baseball.

Granada High School: Quinn Boyd, football; NaVaughn Long, basketball; Cortevius Taylor, basketball; Lauren Nguyen, wrestling; Parker Warner, baseball; Saskia Raab, softball; and Sarah Deplitch, softball. ■

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.



Tanaya Barrett of Dublin High School has committed to the Ohio State softball program.

T-RADD athletes compete at Summer Games

Special Olympics teams bring home medals in bocce, track and field

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley's T-RADD bocce and track-and-field teams earned a range of medals at the Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games at Santa Clara University this summer.

More than 1,000 athletes and coaches from 35 counties competed in the tournaments over the weekend of June 28-30, according to T-RADD coach Kay King.

"Summer Games is a high-visibility, multi-day event which showcases the talent, determination and joy of our Special Olympics community,"

organizers said on the event webpage. "Along with intense competition, athletes have the opportunity to meet new friends, receive free health screenings and experience independence — often for the first time — all while being supported by family, friends and fans."

The T-RADD bocce team featuring Zachary Barber, Brent Eagle, John (Jack) Nespore and Jennifer Thomas got two wins on the weekend, including a 13-1 victory in their final game.

Coach Kristal Lopez said, "The players took turns on being captain for each game and did amazing talking to one another and strategizing for

their next play. The bocce team won a bronze medal. All that hard work paid off, and I am so proud of my team."

Five T-RADD athletes advanced to the Summer Games' track-and-field competition, taking part in three events out of the following: turbo javelin throw or runs of 100 meters, 200M, 400M, 800M or 1,500M.

Coached by Jose Iglesias, the local participants were Steph Brock (two gold, one silver), Mihir Chandrun (two gold, one silver), Jason Paasch (two gold), Andrew Paez (ribbons) and Evan Rutter (two silver, one bronze). ■



Celebrating their Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games medals are the T-RADD track-and-field team.

Entertainment

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., July 12. Lions Wayside Park.

THE MUSIC MAN The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, but his plans are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen. July 13-14; 20-21; 27-28. Tickets \$55. For more information livermorearts.org.

JAZZ IN JULY AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY This annual Livermore tradition takes over the Civic Center Library by top jazz artists. The Dave Rocha Quintet perform an eclectic mix covering a wide variety of tempos, rhythms and styles, including jazz waltz, jazz rock, Latin, hard bop and blues. 2 p.m., July 14.

TUESDAY TUNES Tuesday Tunes are every Tuesday night, 6:45 p.m., through Aug. 20. Shea Homes Stage, Livermore Plaza. 2400 First St., Livermore.

TRI-VALLEY HIGH: THE SERIES For the past 13 years, The Series has been a staple summer show at the Firehouse Arts Center. Creatures of Impulse creates a brand new experience in the moment. 7:30 p.m., July 17. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

BRIAN SCOTT MAGIC Brian Scott the goofball Magician will perform his BiblioSpectacular magic show guaranteed to wow the crowd. See magic and fun like you've never seen before. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Seating is first-come, first-served. 7-8 p.m., July 17.

THE BEST OF SF COMEDY COMPETITION Laugh until your sides hurt when The Best of SF Comedy Competition returns to The Bankhead. Don't miss this hilarious night of stand-up comedy. 8 p.m., July 19. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

BILLY NATION AT WENTE Billy Nation presents an electrifying concert experience, featuring Billy Joel's greatest hits spanning multiple decades, enhanced by Adam Shapiro's captivating piano and vocals. 5 p.m., July 19. Tickets \$50. Visit wentevineyards.com.

ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE Las Positas College presents Escape to Margaritaville, a funny, moving and heartwarming musical that features many of Jimmy Buffett's classic songs. 8 p.m., July 19-20; 26-27. Tickets \$15-\$20. Mertes Center for Arts Outdoor Amphitheater. Visit laspositascollege.edu.

PYTC PRESENTS XANADU JR. Xanadu JR. is a moving, electrifying tale of endless fun that keeps audiences in stitches while the original, legendary chart-topping tunes lift them out of their seats.

2 p.m., July 19; 7:30 p.m., July 20. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

COMICCON LIVERMORE Join ComicCon Livermore where fandoms collide and imagination knows no bounds. 11 a.m., July 20. Free. Visit livermorearts.org

JAZZ CONCERT AT SENIOR CENTER The Amador Valley High School Jazz C+ Band performs at the Pleasanton Senior Center 12 p.m., July 23. Free.

TRI-VALLEY HIGH: THE SERIES Based on viewer suggestions, Creatures of Impulse creates a brand new experience in the moment. Each episode impacts the next, so each episode is a can't miss experience. 7:30 p.m., July 24. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on the stage dealing with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing classes and extracurricular activities. July 25-27. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

JOAN OSBORNE AT THE BANKHEAD Joan Osborne is known for her gritty, blues-based rock sound, passionate performance, and emotionally evocative songwriting. 8 p.m., July 26. Tickets \$25-\$220. Visit livermorearts.org.

TWELFTH NIGHT Shakespeare's quintessential romantic comedy returns at Darcie Kent Vineyards. Enjoy award-winning wine and a theatrical event under the stars. Weekends July 5-28. Visit SPARCtheater.org.

Exhibits

COLORS OF SUMMER EXHIBIT The Harrington Gallery exhibit "Colors of Summer" embraces the brimming excitement and bright hues of a summer holiday. Featuring 97 works of oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, and more, 20 artists will be featured in this vibrant group exhibition. Now through July 27. Visit firehousearts.org.

FACES OF OUR COMMUNITY EXHIBIT This exhibition reveals the impactful work and the human stories behind the many Tri-Valley non-profits 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.

TEXTURES OF REMEMBRANCE This exhibit explores a date that impacts many Vietnamese Americans: April 30, 1975, the end of the Vietnam War featuring works by 25 Vietnamese artists and writers. Through Sept. 21. Visit museumonmain.org.

Outdoor Movies

MOVIES IN THE PARK Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy film favorites. Movies are free and begin at dusk.

July 18, TMNT Mutant Mayhem (PG). Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

MOVIE NIGHTS AT WENTE Join for a free family-friendly movie night featuring Wonka and bring a low back chair or blanket. Food available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m., movie starts at 8 p.m. First-come, first-served. July 18. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

Talks

NATIVE PLANT RESOURCE TEAM KICK-OFF Join for the kick-off of the Tri-Valley Native Plant Resource Team. Learn how to transform a yard, schoolyard or nearby park into a more sustainable landscape. 10 a.m., July 13. Alden Lane Nursery.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Speaker Sandra Mollon is an award winning quilter living in Northern California who has been quilting for over 30 years and teaching for 18 years. 1:30-3:30 p.m., July 13. Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress.

LET'S TALK TRASH SERIES Del Valle Regional Park explores different concepts related to the waste cycle and how to make a positive difference. Afterwards a family-friendly litter pick-up to earn volunteer service hours. Register at ebparks.org/calendar and search for Let's Talk Trash. 9:30-11:30 a.m., July 14.

MOCKTAIL MIXOLOGY Learn how to mix delicious cocktails without the booze. Lila Volkas will demonstrate different ways to transform non-alcoholic ingredients into simple and complex drinks. 7-8 p.m., July 16. Pleasanton Library.

THEN & NOW: LIVERMORE STORIES Dublin City Historian Steve Minniear will give a presentation entitled "The Alameda County Sheriff's Department: A Storied Past." This presentation is part of Then & Now: Livermore Stories. 7 p.m., July 18. Livermore Civic Center Library.

AN EVENING WITH PAN AM "BETTY" Get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel in the 1960s, when jets were new and the stewardess was an all-American fantasy. Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. will share the exciting, true story about the real-life stewardesses for Pan Am. 7 p.m., July 23. Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit museumonmain.org.

HARRINGTON ART WALK TOURS Enjoy the stories of the twelve artworks donated by Gary and Nancy Harrington that grace the inside and outside of the Firehouse Arts Center and learn about the artists who created these works on this one hour public art tour. 10 a.m., July 25. Call Museum on Main at 925-462-2766 to reserve a spot.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets in-person and virtually

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Kick it with Kiki

Sweet senior cat Kiki is a loving companion who enjoys the best of both worlds: attention and gentle affection from her favorite humans, and peaceful solitude. This 11-year-old tortoiseshell cat has a sassy streak to go with her deeply loving nature. Kiki has been with East Bay SPCA for more than two months — come meet her at the Dublin Adoption Center today or visit eastbayspca.org.

via Zoom. Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org.

Outdoors

LARPD REC-ON-THE-GO Join for free games, sports, crafts and special activities for the whole family. The theme, sprinklers and popsicles. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., July 12. Pleasure Island Park, 280 Pearl Dr., Livermore. Visit larpd.org/larpd-rec-on-the-go.

NIGHT OF THE BATS Bats are some of the most thrilling animals to see and dusk is the perfect time to see them in action. Watch them emerge from sleep and start to feast on insects. 7:30-9 p.m., July 18. \$6 parking fee. Del Valle Regional Park. Registration is required. Visit ebparks.org.

Farmers' Markets

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

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

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

Veterans

VETERANS AFFAIRS MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH-LIVERMORE The VA Palo Alto Health Care System's Mobile Medical Outreach Unit will be on-site to provide examinations, consultations and referrals to veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. No appointment is necessary. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 18, Livermore Civic

Center Library. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., July 22, Pleasanton Library.

Seniors

LUNCHES AT THE PLEASANTON 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.

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

PLEASANTON PEDALERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER Pleasanton Pedalers Cycling is Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Rides will be 15 to 25 miles and scaled for those who participate.

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

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

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 \$3R/\$3.50NR.

Support

FREE LUNCHES FOR KIDS & TEENS Free bag lunches for children and teens provided by Open Heart Kitchen at Livermore Rincon Library. Lunches will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Vegetarian option available. No sign up or identification needed. 12-3 p.m., Mondays. 725 Rincon Ave.

OPEN HEART REFUGE Open Heart Refuge is a 20-bed overnight shelter in Livermore for adults who are in crisis or experiencing homelessness. Operates seven days a week from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 603444

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): INNOVATIONS HAIR SALON 19581 Center St. Castro Valley, CA 94546 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 01-18-2024 UNDER FILE NO. 603444 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): MARSHA JANE LEMOS 5701 Augusta Ct. Discovery Bay, CA 94505 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on June 10 2024. (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

BYOG BUILD YOUR OWN GARMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607331

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) BYOG, 2.) Build Your Own Garment, located at 6918 Sierra Ct. Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PRINT INK LLC 6918 Sierra Ct Dublin, CA 94568 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/30/2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 17 2024. (PLW Jul 12, 19, 26 and Aug 2, 2024)

KORNER'S ROLL N BOWL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: #607222

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Korner's Roll N Bowl, located at 4363 1st St, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JONG SEOK CHOI 4363 1st St Livermore, Ca 94551 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 June 11 2024. (PLW Jul 12, 19, 26 and Aug 2, 2024)

GG FOOT MASSAGE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-297782

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) GG FOOT MASSAGE, located at 595 San Mateo Ave. San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): GG777, LLC 595 San Mateo Ave San Bruno, CA 94066 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 24 2024. (PLW Jul 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

NOTCH OPTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607277

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Notch Optics, located at 269 Mavis Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): FIBER OPTICS FOR SALE CO. 269 Mavis Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 13 2024. (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

GALLICO ENERGY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607283

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Gallico Energy, located at 5727 Athenour Ct, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MICHAEL GALLICO 5727 Athenour Ct 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 June 13 2024. (PLW Jun 28, Jul 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

PRIME AUTO DISTRIBUTORS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 606830

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) PRIME AUTO DISTRIBUTORS, located at 5424 Sunol Blvd Ste 10, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): OBAIDULLAH SAYED AMIR 5424 Sunol Blvd STE 10-446 Pleasanton, CA 94566 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 28 2024. (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

ATELIER SKIN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607177

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Atelier Skin, located at 205 Main St Suite G, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 6754 Bernal Ave STE 740 #150 Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JUANITA MOODLEY 6754 Bernal Ave STE 740 #150 Pleasanton, CA 94566. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 10, 2024. (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

PRECISION LEADS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607313

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) PRECISION LEADS, located at 4070 Laguna Ave, Oakland, CA 94602, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BLUE FIG LABS LLC 4070 Laguna Ave Oakland, CA 94602 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 14 2024. (PLW Jun 28, Jul 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

ABC KIDS DAYCARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607320

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Jose Maria Torres, located at 1218 96th Ave Oakland, CA 94603, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JOSE MARIA TORRES 1218 96th Ave Oakland, CA 94603 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/17/24 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 17 2024. (PLW Jun 28, Jul 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

OUTSTYLISH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 606935

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Outstylish, located at 28085 E 11TH ST, Hayward, CA 94544-4815, ALAMEDA COUNTY. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are): OSCAR GUZMAN 28085 E 11TH ST Hayward, CA 94544-4815 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 June 03 2024. (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

HEALTHSYNC PRO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607289

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) HealthSync Pro, located at 3231 Vineyard Ave, Space 76, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CRESTSTONE ENTERPRISES INC. 3231 Vineyard Ave, Space 76 Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 13 2024. (PLW Jun 28, Jul 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV077032 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Richelle Lyndon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RICHELLE LYNDON to RICHELLE RIETH 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: 8/30/2024, 9:30 am, Civil Branch of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: 5/24/2024 Thomas J. Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV080657 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Marina Sung Mi Coop filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARINA SUNG MI COOP to MARINA AURELIA RAMIREZ 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: 08/16/2024, 9:30 AM, Rene C. Davidson Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: 06/22/2024 Thomas Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 28, Jul 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV079578 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Terriana Briggs filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

BAYLIE CHANEL OSHUN MACKVAUGHN to BAYLIE CHANEL GRACE MACKVAUGHN 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: 10/11/2024, 9:30am, Oak Street, 3rd floor of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak St, 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: 6/13/2024 Thomas J. Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jun 21, 28, Jul 5 and 12, 2024)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BULLOCH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: J.A.F., SEX: Male; DOB: 09/09/2011 J.A.F., SEX: Male; DOB: 09/11/2012 Minor children under 18 years of age.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: **JAMES BOUNDS**, the father of J.A.F., a male child born on September 9, 2011, and J.A.F., a male child born on September 11, 2012, born to Sabrina Annette Frick. You are hereby notified that the above styled action seeking to terminate your parental rights and place custody of said children with the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting through the Bulloch County Department of Family and Children Services, was filed in said Court on June 21, 2024 and that by reason of Order for Service by Publication, entered by the Court on June 21, 2024, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Jennifer C. Mock, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is P.O. Box 159, 326 South Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30459 an answer to the petition within 30 (thirty) days of **July 26, 2024**. A copy of the petition is attached to this summons or, if this summons is served by publication, can be obtained from the Clerk of this Court during business hours. Final hearing in this matter is scheduled for **1:00 o'clock p.m.** on the **September 12, 2024** in a courtroom of the Bulloch County Judicial Annex located at 20 Siebald Street in Statesboro, Georgia. The effect of the termination order requested shall be to terminate the parental rights and obligations of the parents with respect to the above-named child, including rights of inheritance. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to Court as required, you may be held in Contempt of Court and punished accordingly. Now, therefore, you the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated herein and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged by the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all other business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Bulloch County, Georgia. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-11-96(b) you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights. READ CAREFULLY: If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your parental rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted. This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court. The child or other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings. If you want a lawyer, you may choose and hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately. If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer

without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. If you want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of this Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately. WITNESS the Honorable Donald Sheppard, Judge of said Court. This 28th day of June, 2024. Clerk, Juvenile Court, Bulloch County, Georgia (PLW Jul 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BULLOCH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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Place a legal notice at PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

Behring Estate up for auction in Blackhawk

Highest bid currently at \$10 million for landmark property with auction open through July 18

By JEANITA LYMAN

The prominent home of late Blackhawk developer and founder Ken Behring is now up for auction through the middle of July after being placed on the market for the first time ever last year.

The high bid for the sprawling, 4.5-acre Behring Estate located above the Blackhawk Country Club at 81 Eagle Ridge Place was at \$10 million as of Tuesday evening, nearly a year after it was put on the market for an asking price of just under \$25 million in August 2023.

“The new owner of this iconic property will not just possess a home; they’ll own a piece of living history that stands as a hallmark among residences in Blackhawk and the broader East Bay,” real estate agent JouJou Chawla told Embarcadero Media.

The property has been a staple in Blackhawk since early in the planned community’s history, with



BRIAN KETTS

The Behring Estate in Blackhawk is up for auction until next week.

Behring purchasing the property that was previously known as Blackhawk Ranch in 1975 for the purposes of developing housing and a small community in the unincorporated Contra Costa County

territory outside of Danville.

Construction on the estate was completed in 1988, with the property having served as a landmark in the community ever since, as well as being home to Behring and his

family prior to his death in 2019, followed by the death of his wife in 2022.

“Having sold real estate for over 40 years, I can confidently say that this home’s craftsmanship and choice of materials are unmatched,” Chawla said. “It’s a rare find that showcases a level of quality and detail that couldn’t be replicated today.”

Behring’s former home is more than 26,600 square feet in size, consisting of seven bedrooms, eight full bathrooms, and six half-bathrooms in addition to sculptures, a pool, and other water features and landscaping.

“From the moment you approach this estate, its beauty enchants and captivates,” Chawla said. “Being involved with such a significant home within the Blackhawk community is truly an honor, a testament to the enduring allure and prestige that defines this remarkable residence.”

In addition to the estate, Behring, who was owner of the Seattle

Seahawks from 1988 to 1997, continues to be known for his wide-ranging philanthropy even after his death, having worked to found the nonprofit Wheelchair Foundation and the Blackhawk Museum.

Last year, John Muir Health received a record-breaking \$20 million grant from the Behring Global Education foundation for the development of a new cancer treatment facility at the Walnut Creek hospital, which opened earlier this year.

Bidding for the Behring Estate started on June 28 and is set to remain open through July 18. Viewings are available by appointment.

“From its sprawling 7,000-square-foot ballroom to the exquisite collection of art and artifacts, this home presents an unparalleled opportunity,” Chawla said. “It’s a place where every imaginable luxury converges, offering the next owner not just a residence, but a rare chance to own a piece of history and an extraordinary living experience.” ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during April 22-26 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 10-14 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

4641 Augustine Street Esser Family Trust to C. & S. Chhabra for \$1,385,000
7810 Bernal Avenue A. & J. Torrez to D. & P. Kaur for \$3,350,000
601 Blossom Court M. & A. Nejad to K. & M. Singh for \$3,410,000
1920 Buckeye Court Cheney Trust to W. & M. Ali for \$3,760,000
1015 Byrd Lane Belchik-Clausen 2000 Trust to G. & B. Xu for \$2,050,000
7595 Canyon Meadow Circle #G Alair Trust to B. & Z. Qin for \$691,000
4379 Clovewood Lane Hudelson Living Trust to M. Pang for \$1,568,000
3657 Dunsmuir Circle M. & P. Hennings to D. & S. Pasupuleti for \$2,320,000
1167 Kottinger Drive Foreman Trust to Lin Family Trust for \$1,650,000
427 Matthew Court Bush 2004 Family Trust to C. & J. Sturm for \$2,950,000
8165 Mountain View Drive #A Barbier Living Trust to C. & T. Patterson for \$620,000
2370 Raven Road T. Lowe to R. & A. Shah for \$1,700,000
6284 Robin Court C. & P. Ashburn to P. & S. Nehete for \$1,665,000
663 Romeo Court Miller Living Trust to A. & B. Wilson for \$2,900,000
3950 Vineyard Avenue Wiggins Family Trust to M. & O. Urizar for \$1,480,000
3505 Wind Cave Court C. & S. Matter to Bird Song Flip LLC for \$1,200,000

Livermore

1758 5th Street Alves Trust to Cheng-Lam Living Trust for \$850,000
1811 6th Street Rodgers Family Trust to Tennyson Living Trust for \$1,800,000
430 Alice Way J. Secco to C. & J. George for \$1,275,000
723 Chippewa Way J. Neves to K. & A. Coen for \$1,275,000
1061 Coronado Court Douglas Living Trust to C. & K. Staub for \$1,150,000

1368 Fairbrook Court Springer Trust to A. & G. Souza for \$1,320,000
945 Florence Road J. Gennoy to J. & E. Brown for \$1,530,000
4232 Guilford Avenue Shah Family Trust to J. & A. Campos for \$1,545,000
6422 Half Dome Court V. Sambasivam to D. & V. Mehrotra for \$1,340,000
3899 Macgregor Common A. & H. Westphal to Renbarger Trust for \$1,065,000
1684 Mallard Street X. Hu to R. Bi for \$400,000
5459 Martingale Court J. & R. Herman to H. & A. Mishra for \$1,400,000
11 Medina Street Ensminger Trust to R. & M. Baraji for \$1,260,000
714 Moraga Drive Abdul Family Trust to R. & U. Marepalli for \$1,270,000
3966 Princeton Way Kelleter Trust to Harkush LLC for \$975,000
5362 Rainflower Drive R. Gowthaman to H. & S. Save for \$990,000
2426 Regent Road Blue Point Properties LLC to S. & P. Jeganathan for \$1,510,000
2195 Rhone Drive L. & G. Caudle to C. & D. Gamache for \$2,250,000
676 Ruth Way Field Trust to F. & M. Raza for \$1,000,000
560 Selby Lane W. Thomas to J. & S. Yang for \$1,315,000
1227 Winding Stream Court Louis Living Trust to B. & V. Yerrapotu for \$1,300,000
212 Wood Street #1605 S. Koutsoftas to M. & I. Crystal for \$725,000
3912 Yale Way Mcguinness Family Trust to M. & K. Hill for \$1,630,000

Dublin

11542 Betlen Drive Baishiki Family Trust to N. & M. Patil for \$1,710,000
7564 Burnham Way D. & A. Artache to L. & Z. Tong for \$1,520,000
3510 Capoterra Way K. & O. Cabot to S. & W. Shekaib for \$1,425,000
4430 Central Parkway Gudipati Family Trust to B. & N. Kondameedi for \$2,000,500
4261 Clarinbridge Circle Yip Living Trust to Mok-Yip Living Trust for \$820,000
8372 Deervale Road J. & G. Tucker to L. & V. Sundaram for \$1,219,000

3985 Eminence Street S. Parthasarathy to X. & D. Liu for \$1,050,000
8023 Galaxy Way R. & M. Magee to P. & N. Pedapatnam for \$1,350,000
6791 Hickory Lane A. Maestas to A. & R. Soni for \$1,475,000
11811 Kilcullin Court Hatheway Living Trust to M. & J. Leard for \$860,000
5810 Midnight Place #E K. Sukhyani to S. & H. Srinivasan for \$1,185,000
11705 Murietta Court M. & S. Purta to E. & E. Carlson for \$1,870,000
8808 Oliver Place H. & E. Etemad to H. & S. Venkata for \$775,000
7790 Squirrel Creek Circle Tannenbaum Trust to S. & R. Challa for \$1,880,000
7711 Squirrel Creek Circle S. & A. Tjoe to I. & A. Wagle for \$1,840,000
7262 Tina Place Jung Living Trust to S. & S. Mohan for \$1,800,000

San Ramon

9085 Alcosta Boulevard #398 R. Beugre to P. Wei for \$655,000
1513 Arianna Lane S. Massoni to K. & S. Satpati for \$1,100,000
2206 Camino Ramon Nadler Family Trust to Bachman Fam R/E Ventures LLC for \$2,400,000
2774 Canyon Creek Drive M. & H. Kim to Sps Properties LLC for \$1,200,000
130 Copper Ridge Road S. Grant to A. Benham for \$550,000
124 Cortona Drive R. Krishnan to F. & H. Esfeden for \$1,605,000
3871 Crow Canyon Road J. Dufrane to F. & A. Ibrahimy for \$715,000
2625 Derby Drive J. & L. Vargas to S. & A. Jethnani for \$2,430,000
2512 Dos Rios Drive Norman Trust to Ronda Trust for \$1,530,000
2241 Goldenrod Lane D. & K. Lum to P. & V. Gudar for \$1,800,000
3012 Kittery Avenue J. & L. Viglizzo to N. & P. Gaikwad for \$1,475,000
2772 Paige Way A. Faisal to N. & S. Mishra for \$2,900,000
505 Quimby Court Babu Living Trust to P. & K. Rana for \$1,735,000
108 Rosario Court S. Wong to B. & T. Nguyen for \$1,170,000
112 Shadowhill Circle Barer Living Trust to E. & R. Turner for \$1,330,000
426 Silvercrown Way Catapult Custodian LLC to A. & V. Vakada for \$1,635,000
37109 Via Vicenza A. & R. Kyhl to H. & S. Kumar for \$1,320,000
2899 Westchester Drive Vejby Living Trust to S. & A. Narayanan for \$1,600,000
776 Winterside Circle Palomino Living Trust to P. Trivedi for \$1,500,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (April 22-26)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$620,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,760,000
Average sales reported: \$2,043,687

Livermore (April 22-26)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,250,000
Average sales reported: \$1,268,478

Dublin (April 22-26)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$775,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,000,500
Average sales reported: \$1,423,718

San Ramon (June 10-14)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$550,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,900,000
Average sales reported: \$1,500,000

Source: California REsource

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3 BD | 3 BA | 2,370 SF | \$1,940,000



6488 S. Land Park Dr, Sacramento
4 BD | 3 BA | 1934 SF | \$1,325,000



194 Kottinger Dr, Pleasanton
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,000 SF | \$1,146,000



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