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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Feeling 'Stuck'

Ashley Bower's career as an entertainment creative is on the rise — thanks recently to the tale of two young women who, well, aren't moving at all.

The 2009 Amador Valley High School alumna who works as a medical researcher on the TV show "Chicago Med" is making the rounds on the film festival circuit with her debut short as a solo writer and executive producer: "Stuck".

Inspired by her own experience with loss, the fictional story follows "a teenage girl named Aria who's on her way to her sister's post-funeral reception when she gets stuck in an elevator with a newly single woman in her 20s named Hailey. While confined, the two strangers begin to bond as they realize that their biggest obstacle isn't that they're stuck physically — but emotionally," according to Bower.

The 11-minute film directed by C. Fraser Press was screened at the 2024 LA Shorts International Film Festival on July 17, in the wake of appearances at events in New York and Vail, Colo., last year and with dates at festivals in Sacramento and Edinburgh, Scotland on the calendar next month (during which she'll also celebrate her 33rd birthday).

"All of the film festivals I have attended with 'Stuck' thus far have felt so surreal, but especially LA Shorts International Film Festival as it's the biggest festival 'Stuck' has screened at yet," Bower told me on Monday.

"I never imagined getting to see my film in a theater that big, and to know that that many people were going to see this thing that I worked so hard on and was so proud of was one of those core life memories that will be sticking with me forever," she said by email. "It was an honor to be in the company of so many talented filmmakers and to have my film shared among theirs."

The origins of Bower's professional life in entertainment can be traced back to her time growing up in Pleasanton.

Multiple terms working on Amador's yearbook, including as editor-in-chief when she was a senior, taught her about content production and a fateful first viewing of "Grey's Anatomy" as a freshman helped her "realize that what I really wanted was to write about doctors."

She pursued a bachelor's degree

in creative producing with a minor in psychology from Chapman University but found it very difficult to break into the TV industry after completing college.

"I ended up moving to the East Coast for about a year and a half to get some more internships on my resume. In 2016 I moved to LA and ended up landing my first job in the industry as a set (production assistant) on an ABC show called 'How to Get Away With Murder,'" she said.

"I loved every second of working with them. They taught me so much," Bower added.

Her list of ensuing PA credits is impressive: "Station 19", "GLOW", "Speechless", "Lucifer", "Everything's Gonna Be Okay", "9-1-1", "The Expanding Universe of Ashley Garcia" and "Twenties".

Bower was a showrunners' assistant to Dave Hoge and Dan Cross on the Netflix show "Julie and the Phantoms" when the pandemic hit. She landed her gig on "Chicago Med" during Season 8 (the 10th season has been underway for about two months now).

"It's the best job I've ever had," Bower said. A particularly proud moment was earning her first "Story by" credit on the show last season.

She's always had her eye — and heart — on writing. One motivation to press those creative buttons came up three years ago after the death of her aunt.

She started writing "Stuck" in October 2021, filming took place during a single day in June 2022 and post-production wrapped in March 2023. Bower financed the endeavor through crowdfunding.

With "Stuck" beginning its journey on the festival circuit last October at the New York Shorts International Film Festival, the momentum continues to build for Bower's debut passion project. She is excited to release it publicly on YouTube or Amazon once its fest run ends.

"The short has really seemed to resonate with people at festivals," Bower said. "At each one I've had at least one audience member come up to me and share a story about someone they've lost. One even cried and gave me a hug, and that's truly all I've ever wanted as a writer — to write things that make people feel seen and less alone." ■

About the Cover

Back on July 22, 1992, all 1.1 million pounds of the Union Pacific 3985 ("Big Boy" as it was named then) passed through the Tri-Valley on its way to the National Railroad Historical Society Convention in San Jose, shown here steaming past the Arroyo del Valle railroad bridge near downtown Pleasanton. Photo featured in exhibition by Chuck Deckert.

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Vanessa Ledesma
Nurse

Well, I'm not sure quite how nutritious it is, but my "go to" snack is always a PB&J sandwich. It's the greatest comfort food imaginable and peanuts, on their own, are nutritious, right?



Nicolette Corteau
Realtor

I love Catalina Crunch cereal from Costco. Target sells it now too. It's crunchy and sweet and cinnamon-flavored. Plus, it's high in protein and fiber. As far as I'm concerned, it's a perfect snack on every level.



Devin Corteau
Lawyer

I always enjoy Sun Chips. Because they're not greasy, they're very salty and they taste good.



Avery Clinton
Marketing specialist

I really like anything from Trader Joe's because they have such unique snacks there. My favorite one, that most people don't even know about, is their soy sauce crackers. I really like them because I love soy sauce.



Jim McKinney
Service manager

What comes to mind instantly is wasabi peas. I could snack on them forever. I like that they're spicy and crunchy. And honestly I don't really even care whether they're nutritious or not. When I eat them, I feel like I've had a serving of vegetables.

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World Series time

The 2024 Little League Baseball Intermediate (50/70) World Series is set to start on Sunday (July 28) and continue until a winner is crowned on Aug. 4 in Max Baer Park in Livermore.

The host California District 57 Region is represented by the hometown Livermore Little League squad this year. Competitors will be joining from across the U.S. as well as international teams from the Asia-Pacific, Australia, Canada, Europe-Africa, Latin America and Puerto Rico regions.

For game times and more information, go to the tournament page at littleleague.org.

Night Market back

The 626 Night Market returns this weekend to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

With organizers encouraging people to make “mouthwatering memories together,” the event features an array of food, merchandise, arts and crafts, games, live music and other entertainment attractions.

The Night Market will be open from 3-11 p.m. Friday (July 26) and 1-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (July 27-28). To learn more, visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Fraud prevention

UNCLE Credit Union is hosting “Deception Detection: A Fraud Prevention Seminar” next Wednesday (July 31) at Livermore’s Bankhead Theater, where the credit union sponsors the art gallery that bears its name.

With presentations by the FBI, Livermore police and others, the “interactive seminar invites you to ask unique questions, learn how to protect yourself from fraud and identity theft, hear case studies of actual fraud stories and more,” organizers said.

Doors open at 11 a.m. for the event that will include lunch. Learn more about the free event at livermorearts.org.

Collaborative BBQ

Pleasanton’s Community of Character Collaborative is holding its annual fundraising barbecue on Aug. 17 benefiting its Juanita Haugen Scholarship Fund.

“Keep the memory of Juanita Haugen alive and help these amazing Pleasanton students fulfill their dreams by purchasing tickets or donating to the scholarship fund,” organizers said. “Last year, due to the success of the BBQ/fundraiser, we were able to increase the number of scholarships to eleven from five the prior year.”

For more information, visit www.bit.ly/2024-cc-bbq. ■

Pleasanton council approves senior housing development near Foothill

110 new homes planned for Merritt property will mostly be sold at market rate, with 18 affordable units

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously signed off on an application last week for the development of a new gated community for seniors that will be located just a few blocks south of Foothill High School.

The project will produce 110 new age-restricted homes and was designed with input from the surrounding communities, which is mostly why council members said they liked the overall design and public improvements that will come with the new Pleasanton neighborhood.

“It will be a great asset for the community,” Vice Mayor Julie Testa said at the July 16 meeting. “I know there’s a couple of residents who are still mourning the loss of their field, but I think the applicants spent a lot of time and sincere effort connecting with the neighbors and addressing

everything that could be addressed.”

In December 2023, the council zoned the site project site — which is known as the Merritt property — as one of the 19 sites designated for housing in order to meet the city’s assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) counts for new residential units within designated affordability categories as part of the city’s sixth cycle Housing Element.

While the developer still needs to submit an application to the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to annex the piece of unincorporated land into the city, Testa said the developer spoke with Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert who said he will support all of the units on the property counting toward Pleasanton’s total RHNA numbers.

Jim Summers — president of development and construction firm

The DeSilva Group — said the plan to develop homes at that site has been around since the 1960s.

“We have been very patient in waiting for the right opportunity to bring a well thought out and well planned project to the city of Pleasanton,” he said. “We have planned this project to be sensitive to the adjoining neighborhoods. This project brings many public benefits to the Pleasanton community.”

Summers — who is also a managing member of project applicant Foothill Boulevard Holding Company, LLC — said he has been personally involved with the project development since the ‘90s, which is when the project applicant first gained ownership of the majority of the project site.

According to Eric Luchini, senior city planner, the approved project will construct a 111-lot residential

subdivision across 46 acres located on the east side of Foothill Road between Muirwood Drive and Puri Court.

While the site is mostly vacant now, there are two existing single-family residences, several outbuildings that were previously used for agricultural purposes and the remnants of a former orchard.

Only one of those existing single-family residences will be retained as part of the new development, Luchini said.

The homes would be for age-qualified residents and would be made up of 92 single-family detached homes — which would be sold at market rate — and 18 affordable senior courtyard detached and duet homes. The 18 affordable homes for sale will be deed-restricted for qualified

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley sit at the dais during the June 18 Sunol school board meeting. The two trustees were recalled in a special election held two weeks later.

Sunol trustees ousted from office as county certifies tight recall results

Jergensen, Hurley removed by margins of under two-dozen voters; Alameda County Board of Education poised to pick successors

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Sunol voters have recalled school board President Ryan Jergensen and Trustee Linda Hurley, with county officials’ certification last Friday of the July 2 special election results representing an end of the political drama that consumed the small-town district for the better part of a year.

According to the outcome confirmed by the Alameda County

Registrar of Voters Office, 277 Sunol residents voted in favor of recalling Jergensen — 52.07% of participating voters — while 274 people cast ballots for removing Hurley (51.50%). The margin of each recall was just 22 votes for Jergensen and 16 votes for Hurley.

“I am thankful that enough voters in Sunol recognized that a change in leadership on our school board was needed,” Erin Choin,

a Sunol resident and Sunol Glen School parent, said in a Friday press release from United for Sunol Glen. “Our victory is tempered with the knowledge that the past year has sown a lot of division and now we have to figure out how to move forward as a community.”

Neither Hurley nor Jergensen responded to requests for comments

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Workday sued over AI hiring software

Class action case alleges company’s product prompts bias

By JEANITA LYMAN

A class action lawsuit against Pleasanton-based Workday is set to move forward in federal court after a judge denied the company’s motion to dismiss the complaint, which alleges bias and discrimination in its hiring software.

During a case management conference on July 12, U.S. District Judge Rita Lin ruled to grant in part and deny in part a motion for dismissal on the case filed by Workday, siding with the cloud-based enterprise software company in some regards but ultimately determining that Workday could be liable for discrimination in hiring induced by its platform.

“We’re pleased that the majority of claims in this case were dismissed, and we’re confident that the remaining allegations will be easily refuted as we move to the next phase where

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Ballot measure seeks to allow development on Crosby land

Dublin council also debates pros and cons of potentially annexing property bordering Livermore

By JUDE STRZEMP

Voters will decide come Nov. 5 whether to allow Dublin City Council the authority to approve limited development of the debated Crosby property along a future extension of Dublin Boulevard with a ballot measure titled “Dublin Traffic Relief, Clean Air/Open Space Preservation Measure”.

The council approved the ballot measure in a 3-2 vote after spending more than two hours discussing the topic at its July 16 meeting.

Mayor Michael McCarriston and Councilmember Kashef Qaadri were the two dissenting votes. During deliberations, they both expressed an interest in obtaining more information and collaborating with partners like the city of Livermore before moving the ballot measure forward.

The parcel known as the Crosby property, owned by Livbor-Manning LLC, is the unincorporated buffer between Dublin and Livermore along Interstate 580 and is the subject of the two cities’ differing visions.

Both cities have agreed on the benefit of constructing a 1.5-mile extension to Dublin Boulevard to connect the current street with North Canyons Parkway as an alternative

route to the freeway, but Livermore wants to maintain an open space buffer between the cities, whereas Dublin wants to commercially develop the area surrounding the road in the Crosby area to offset the cost of constructing the extension.

The extension project itself does not depend on passage of the measure but if it does pass, Dublin’s next move would likely be to annex the Crosby property into the city.

“The objective of putting it on the ballot is to be successful, not spin the dice. It’s to achieve something, that is, eventually annex this,” McCarriston said. However, he also shared concerns during deliberations about the implications of annexing the property as it would make the city of Dublin solely responsible for the cost of constructing the Dublin Boulevard extension.

The space is currently protected under the Open Space Initiative of 2014, which established regulations and developmental standards to protect open and agricultural spaces of Doolan and Collier canyons and Western Dublin Extended Planning Area.

Only voters can appeal and amend this initiative in the General Plan.

The 2014 initiative proposed that after 10 years, the city council shall “study commercial development along the extension of Dublin Boulevard to North Canyons Parkway up to 1,200 feet north of interstate Highway 580.”

Currently, Dublin estimates to pay \$96.5 million on the 1 mile of road within the current city limits. It expects to pay \$27.5 million for half of the portion of the Crosby property while Livermore pays the other half, according to the July 16 staff report.

However, Livermore Mayor John Marchand sent a letter to the Dublin council prior to its meeting clarifying that if the Crosby property is annexed, the city of Livermore would not be financially responsible for any amount of the road construction costs.

“Since the road, as presented in the staff report, will be wholly inside Dublin urban boundaries after the proposed annexation, per the existing agreement between our cities, Livermore’s contribution to the road will be zero,” Marchand wrote.

The commercial development proposed by Dublin to help fund the road extension is estimated to create \$1.1 million in annual revenue, \$16

million in one-time revenue, 2,000 full-time jobs and a total of 3,700 jobs.

If the recently approved ballot initiative passes, the city could designate “the portion of the property east of the Dublin Eastern Urban Limit Line up to the Livermore city boundary and along the proposed extension of Dublin Boulevard to North Canyons Parkway, up to 1,200 feet north of Interstate 580” as commercial land. An exception could be made west of Cottonwood Creek, as long as the developed land didn’t exceed 80 acres.

This means at least 100 acres of the property would remain open space.

The city completed an environmental review for the road extension but not the proposed commercial development because “The City Council’s approval of the resolution is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.”

The public comment period of the meeting elicited 14 speakers, three of which supported the measure being placed on the ballot.

Former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti was among the supporters. He offered some historical context, noting

that the current measure doesn’t conflict with a 2002 memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Dublin and Livermore that was meant to protect Doolan Canyon.

“Dublin wants to preserve our rights in the future for this commercial development as well as the extension of the road,” he said.

The 11 remaining speakers opposed the measure going to vote, with the majority citing problems with developing some of Crosby property and more specifically questioning the staff report’s accuracy, bill clarity, the legal requirement for a full environmental review, fire danger and the irreplaceability of open space in Dublin.

Local environmental groups who opposed the measure include the Tri-Valley Conservancy, Sierra Club and Save Mount Diablo.

A particularly passionate resident displayed a DVD case from the 2012 film “The Lorax” based on the children’s book by Dr. Seuss.

“You are either the Oncler — who basically takes down all the greenspace for profit, for money — or you can be the Lorax who tries to preserve what little we have left,” she

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WORKDAY

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we’ll have an opportunity to directly challenge their accuracy,” a Workday spokesperson said in a statement.

While Lin granted Workday’s motion to dismiss allegations of intentional discrimination and agreed with their attorney’s argument that the company can’t be rightfully classified as an employment agency subject to federal laws on fair employment practices, she concluded that Workday could still be held liable for alleged discrimination by its customers’ usage of its hiring software when that hiring process might have otherwise been done manually.

In the initial complaint filed on Feb. 21, 2023, in the U.S. District Court for Northern California, attorneys for lead plaintiff Derek Mobley allege that Workday’s AI-driven hiring software replicates patterns of human discrimination and allows for employers to discriminate against job candidates via its platform.

The complaint argues that Mobley — described in court documents as a Black man over 40 years old diagnosed with anxiety and depression — was subject to racism, ageism and ableism via more than 100 job applications he submitted to employers using Workday’s hiring software, with the lawsuit seeking restitution in the form of modifications to Workday’s software and putting a halt on its use in the meantime in addition to monetary damages, on behalf of Mobley and

“all others similarly situated.”

The subclasses’ attorneys for Mobley seek to represent include all Black applicants or former applicants who were not hired to jobs that used Workday’s hiring platform from June 3, 2019 to the present, as well as all applicants using the platform who are more than 40 years old and all applicants with disabilities.

“Mr. Mobley in the case at bar challenges systemic discrimination by, and seeks classwide relief against, Workday for its administration and dissemination of discriminatory screening products as part of its employment policies and procedures which constitute a pattern and practice of discrimination on the basis of race, age, and disability with respect to selections,” Mobley’s attorneys wrote.

“These policies and procedures have been continuously utilized by the Defendant since at least 2018, and their implementation and use has personally harmed the named Plaintiff, and the putative class members he seeks to represent,” they continued. “Moreover, the selection tools marketed by Workday to its customers allows these customers to manipulate and configure them in a discriminatory manner to recruit, hire, and onboard employees. Workday’s products process and interpret an applicant’s qualifications and recommend whether the applicant should be accepted or rejected.”

In their initial response to the complaint and an earlier motion to dismiss — which was granted fully in

that case, but left room for Mobley’s attorneys to file an amended complaint — attorneys for Workday argued that the original complaint lacks factual allegations, including specifics of what kind of hiring software it offers, and how that software is developed and implemented in a discriminatory way, as well as failing to make the case that Workday itself can be held liable for the hiring practices of its customers, much less of intentional discrimination by the company.

“Even were the Court able to fashion a coherent challenged practice, Plaintiff provides no detail concerning how the challenged employment practice could possibly cause any unlawful disparate impact. Plaintiff says nothing of how Workday’s products work, what mechanism or mechanisms they use to ‘screen’ applicants, what inputs are relevant, and what outputs the products provide,” attorneys for Workday wrote in their response on July 17, 2023.

“He also says nothing of how Workday’s customers make use of whatever it is he is claiming Workday provides,” they continued. “Without this information, it is impossible for the Court to reach the conclusion that the challenged practice caused the alleged disparate impact.”

In her ruling on the initial motion to dismiss from Workday on Jan. 19, Lin said that while Mobley’s initial complaint could not withstand the arguments in Workday’s motion to dismiss, it would be possible to amend the complaint in such a way

that it could move forward in the court.

“At the motion hearing and in his opposition brief, Mobley also identified two other potential legal bases for Workday’s liability: as an ‘indirect employer’ and as an ‘agent,’” Lin wrote in January. “Although the current version of the complaint does not plead those theories or facts supporting them, it appears that Mobley could potentially amend the complaint to do so.”

The amended complaint filed by Mobley’s attorneys includes more details about Mobley’s job application process at the root of the allegations, as well as information about how Workday’s hiring software is implemented, arguing that Workday is an agent liable for discriminatory practices stemming from the use of its software — given that the hiring process would otherwise be conducted by a human agent who could be held liable for discrimination under the same circumstances.

“Using their ‘AI,’ ‘ML’ assessments, tests, and pymetrics to make job recommendations (algorithmic decision-making tools) or control access to jobs (equitable or otherwise), makes Workday an agent for its client-employers,” Mobley’s attorneys wrote in the amended complaint. “Client-employers delegate to Workday certain aspects of the employers’ selection decisions as to Mobley and the putative Class Member.”

In last week’s hearing on the subsequent motion to dismiss

the amended complaint filed by Workday’s attorneys, Lin pointed to a “gap” in existing case law for the “agency” argument being made in Mobley’s amended complaint.

“Accepting Workday’s argument, and consequently ignoring this gap, would allow companies to escape liability for hiring decisions by saying that function has been handed over to someone else (or here, artificial intelligence),” Lin wrote in her order on Workday’s second motion to dismiss on July 12.

Lin went on to assert that should the agency argument hold, Workday would be subject to the same anti-discrimination laws that recruiters or human-driven hiring agencies would be.

“Workday’s role in the hiring process is no less significant because it allegedly happens through artificial intelligence rather than a live human being who is sitting in an office going through resumes manually to decide which to reject,” Lin wrote. “Nothing in the language of the federal anti-discrimination statutes or the case law interpreting those statutes distinguishes between delegating functions to an automated agent versus a live human one.”

Lin ordered that Mobley’s attorneys would be allowed to file a second amended complaint within three weeks of the July 12 order, scheduling a virtual case management conference for Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. and a July 31 deadline for case management statements by both parties. ■

Orenberg awarded California History Teacher of the Year

Pleasanton Middle School educator lauded for innovative and inclusive teaching methods

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton Middle School history teacher Katherine Orenberg was recently named the 2024 California History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, a nonprofit organization dedicated to American history education from elementary to high school.

The New York-based organization, which was established in 2004, recognizes kindergarten to high school history teachers from across the country every year with the award for their “outstanding contributions to American history education,” according to a July 17 press release from the nonprofit.

“When I learned that I received this award, I felt both humbled and honored,” Orenberg told the

Weekly. “This award means the world to me as I am not only a product of Pleasanton schools, but it was this very community that helped me become a teacher in the first place.”

Orenberg is one of 53 nationwide award winners who are also finalists for the 2024 National History Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced this fall.

“In times like these, history teachers play a critical role in shaping students’ understanding of the past and inspiring hope for the future,” James G. Basker, president of the Gilder Lehrman Institute,



Katherine Orenberg

stated in the press release. “Their unwavering dedication to educating our youth is commendable, and we take great pride in honoring the most exceptional educators across the country.”

With over a decade of experience at Pleasanton Middle School, Orenberg is being recognized for her innovative teaching methods that “bring history to life for diverse learners,” according to the press release.

“For parents/guardians and students it’s Katie’s passion, care and encouragement for her students that makes her a respected History teacher,” vice principal Karen Cobb said. “She welcomes all students in her class and has the ability to connect with, differentiate for, and encourage students who are school-dependent, have

specific learning needs, or need a safe place to land.”

Orenberg said for her, it’s important for her students to know that the same people who are in those history books were human, just like them and that students see themselves in these stories, which goes to show that they too can grow up and contribute to the future of the nation.

“It is crucial for students to understand that by studying history and our nation’s founding principles, they are both learning from the past and empowering themselves to preserve their own freedoms, extend justice and equality to all, and help maintain our country’s democratic process,” Orenberg said. “Every opportunity for students to use the themes of American history to see that they,

too, can make a difference will strengthen their resolve as participating stakeholders.”

As part of the state award, Orenberg will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, a core archive of American history books and educational materials curated by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, according to the press release.

“It was people like Juanita Haugen, retired PUSD teachers, and families acting in memory of former PUSD teachers that provided me with the scholarships to help make my career in education possible,” Orenberg said. “I vowed to each of them that I would return to Pleasanton to pay it forward, so to earn this honor while representing the very community that served me so generously means the absolute world to me.” ■

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said. “One day our kids are going to look at us and go, ‘Why did we get this name Dublin? Where’d it come from?’ because there won’t be a single ounce of greenspace around them.”

Following the public comment, Qaadri said the environmental impact of developing some of the land in the Crosby Property outweighed the revenue, since the land is a scarce resource.

Councilmember Janine Thalblum pushed back on all fronts, suggesting there would remain a lot of open space in the Crosby property even with the development.

“Putting this on the ballot is not going to be detrimental to the conversations we’re having with the city of Livermore. Putting this on the ballot just gives the voters opportunity to see the vision that the city of Dublin is trying to put forth for its economic success,” Thalblum said.

Vice Mayor Sherry Hu doubled down on the harmony between partial development and environmental concerns, which would be addressed at the time of development.

Councilmember Jean Josey voiced in favor of continuing conversations with Livermore, protecting as much open space as possible and a buffer space between the cities, but also moving forward with the measure.

“I think that not putting this on the ballot puts the (road) funding perhaps in jeopardy,” Josey said. “It doesn’t obligate us to do any actual development by asking the voters their opinion.”

“I’m concerned about the ballot measure being a false indicator of our unwillingness to negotiate with our partners in Livermore,” Qaadri responded.

Josey disagreed, saying the measure could go through without impacting negotiations with Livermore.

Additionally, Josey clarified that obligation for road costs within the Crosby property would only be incurred if Dublin annexed the property. Even if voters pass the ballot measure in November, the land would still be considered unincorporated and not all Dublin’s responsibility.

McCorriston elaborated on his concern about financing the Dublin Boulevard extension should the city decide to try annexing the Crosby land.

Upon annexation, the city would be responsible for a total of \$54 million, McCorriston said. “We’re betting on mitigating this through \$1.1 million a year that will actually take full effect in 20 years or maybe somewhere around there.”

Staff said that they could look for grant funding, support from developers and even local sales tax measures as funding sources to construct the road.

The landowner is also set to assist in paying for the road in addition to contributing the right-of-way for the road (10 acres) and off-site mitigation area.

Qaadri echoed McCorriston’s financial concerns and expressed that he didn’t see the benefit of pushing for annexation. Instead, he said he supports determining partnership and funding first, action that would also make environmental gains.

McCorriston finished the discussion by reiterating his stance against putting the measure on the ballot at this time, noting that with more information, he could be willing to do so in the future.

With the council majority ultimately voting in favor of the measure, it will now be up to voters to determine the next step. ■

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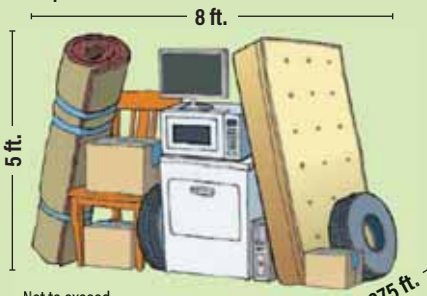
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Dublin council OKs development deal for Fallon 580 project

Agreement sets residential standards, max commercial space for nearly 200-acre site north of freeway

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Dublin City Council last week unanimously approved a development agreement with GH PacVest LLC for the Dublin Fallon 580 Project, a planned subdivision of 192 acres into 11 parcels to accommodate future commercial, campus office, multi-family residential, open space, community park and nature park uses.

In doing so, the council agreed to development standards for 238 residential units and almost 3 million

square feet of maximum commercial/campus office use on the nearly 200-acre site, located north of Interstate 580 to Jordan Ranch and east of Fallon Road to just beyond Croak Road.

For the project, they agreed to eliminate 2.5 acres of public/semi-public land and convert about 42.6 acres of open space to parks/public-recreation land use designation.

The city retains discretion for the whole site, since there is no proposed development. "A site development review permit is required for

any future development with approval by the planning commission at a public hearing," according to the July 16 staff report.

Proposed standards for the medium-high density residential areas include townhomes with a maximum building height of three-story and 40 feet.

Of the residences, 30 were proposed as below-market-rate units with the potential for 60% constructed on-site and 40% covered by in-lieu fees.

Commercial building height has

not been determined.

As part of the agreement, Dublin-based GH PacVest will dedicate about 42.5 acres of open space to Dublin at \$653,400 per acre. The city plans to redesignate this land as a parkland with hiking and walking trails to help close the gap on its parkland deficit. There is no specific timeline for the park, according to city officials.

Other plans for the site include a portion dedicated to the future Dublin Boulevard extension and grading of the area's knolls.

Revegetation of the land would be decided as part of the permitting process.

Land redesignation requires amending the city's General Plan, Eastern Dublin Specific Plan (EDSP) and EDSP environmental impact reports.

"The proposed project is not increasing the amount of allowable residential units or commercial square footage from what was previously identified for this area

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regarding the certified results as of press time.

The election certification sets the stage for the Sunol Glen Unified School District to soon have the majority of its three-member governing board appointed by the Alameda County Board of Education.

United for Sunol Glen formed as a grassroots recall effort organization led by parents, teachers, former trustees and other community members in the wake of a firestorm of controversy largely sparked by the contentious flag resolution adopted by Jergensen and Hurley that many saw as targeting the LGBTQ+ Pride flag after it flew briefly on the flagpole of the district's lone school the prior summer — an allegation both trustees publicly denied.

For nearly a year, the organization has been gathering signatures, petitioning and organizing in order to get a recall election on the ballot and supported by voters. It ran a campaign calling for Jergensen and Hurley to resign because of bad governance and bad decisions.

The anti-recall campaign, One Sunol, backed Jergensen and Hurley during the lead-up to the election, saying the ouster effort was politically driven by voices outside of Sunol to railroad two trustees who have just been acting in the best interests of the community.

That back-and-forth culminated on July 2 when the special election was held. Intermittent results released by county officials since Election Night showed the recall side narrowly ahead in both cases, a pair of outcomes that were ultimately confirmed when the final tallies were certified last Friday afternoon.

In the end, 533 Sunol voters participated in the off-schedule election — or 64.37% turnout, from the 828 registered voters living within the SGUSD boundaries.

Kelly Goldsmith, a Sunol commuter parent from Fremont who is on the United for Sunol Glen recall committee, told the Weekly that while she had a strong feeling they were going to get both trustees recalled and was

glad the results were in their favor, she said nobody in the pro-recall was overly ecstatic about the whole situation.

She said she was proud of all the work the community has done to come together and get to this point but she also said that nobody wanted to be at this point of having to recall their trustees in the first place.

"It's a bittersweet win because none of us wanted to be doing this," Goldsmith said.

She said she wished the trustees would have worked more with the community following the chaos that followed the flag resolution meeting last September, but that she is glad the majority of Sunolians voted in favor of good governance, which is what others in the community said as well.

"Parents, local community members, and teachers came together as our Sunol Glen school board veered away from their core mission of supporting our school and students," Chris Wheeler, Sunol Glen School teacher and president of the Sunol teachers union, stated in a July 8 press release from the California Federation-Teachers organization. "These concerned residents fought to return our school board to being one that is solely focused on our school and a world class education for our students."

The two Sunol trustees have been in the public eye for most of the term they were elected to in November 2022, but tensions in the community came to a boiling point during the infamous flag resolution that Hurley and Jergensen approved last September.

The resolution stated the district and its lone school could only fly the U.S. and state flag on the school's flagpole, which both Hurley and Jergensen argued was a way for the district to avoid potential lawsuits from people who wanted to fly their own flags, while others said it was a move to make members of the LGBTQ+ community feel unwelcome.

"The Sunol Glen School Board had lost its way, with actions that unmistakably aimed to reduce support for vulnerable students, including

LGBTQ+ kids," Castro Valley Pride President Austin Bruckner Carrillo stated in a July 17 press release from the LGBTQ+ advocacy organization.

Critics also called out Jergensen and Hurley for poorly conducting meetings, shutting down civil discourse, costing the school over \$100,000 in legal fees this past year and disrespecting staff and teachers — 84% of the Sunol teachers and support staff union members adopted separate votes of no confidence resolutions earlier this year.

Longtime SGUSD Superintendent-Principal Molleen Barnes, who at times found her recommendations at odds with the board majority, also stepped down at the end of this academic year. Pleasanton administrator Shay Galletti was brought in as the new superintendent-principal starting this month.

"My experience with the Sunol Glen Teachers and Staff is that they are top-notch, care deeply about their students and are passionate about education," Andrew Turnbull, editor of the Inform Sunol newsletter and longtime Sunol resident, told the Weekly. "When the teachers and staff voted no-confidence in Jergensen and Hurley, that was all it took for me to sign the petition and publicly support the recall."

Turnbull also said that if people knew about the roughly \$90,000 more in legal spending and had more information on everything that has been happening at the school board during these past 11 months, the margin of voters would have been more in favor of supporting the recall.

Goldsmith added to that point saying that she didn't expect the recall to be successful by a landslide because she said statistics show that people who aren't as informed on elections like a recall tend to vote no.

But because many Sunolians told Turnbull they didn't want to be publicly involved in the school board drama, it didn't mean their values weren't aligned to what's best for the town. He said they just needed to be more informed.

"I strongly believe that Sunol voters are not nearly as divided as the slim margin of the recall," Turnbull said. "If all Sunol voters had perfect

information, seen what was happening in the meetings, and had been fully engaged, I would have expected the recall margin to be closer to 66% to 33% based on the political and personal values of my fellow Sunolians."

"Especially if all voters understood the overwhelming and frankly outrageous amount of legal fees spent by the school board during the recent academic year," he added.

The two trustees were also recently under the public eye again after the United For Sunol Glen group posted on its website that a group of people had been visiting houses on behalf of the two trustees to "question the eligibility of voters to cast a ballot in the July 2 recall special election".

According to the pro-recall organization, the group had been identifying themselves as a "voter integrity check team".

"Directly questioning the integrity of Sunol voters and inquiring about their qualifications to cast a ballot is voter harassment and it is not OK," the pro-recall group stated on its website.

Jergensen told the Weekly earlier on Friday that he does not have any association or knowledge of those harassment claims other than what was posted by the recall group. He said he does not condone harassment of voters or community members and that he is looking into these claims.

"That is not associated with me or my campaign at all," Jergensen said.

"There are, unfortunately, some in this community that continue to make claims and attacks against me in this way," he added. "They try to falsely claim these actions and people are tied to me. Personal character attacks without evidence or inquiry is dangerous. I don't participate in those personal character attacks, and invite the recall team to also call on their group to bring things back to civility."

So what comes next now that both trustees have been officially recalled?

As of now, Trustee Peter (Ted) Romo is the only acting Sunol school board member, but that does not mean he has any power, Goldsmith said.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio, now president of the Alameda County Board of Education, also confirmed that Romo wouldn't be the only one on the board upon a successful recall in a letter to Inform Sunol on June 18.

Goldsmith explained that the county board president will appoint two of its board members to temporarily serve in Sunol — they would be able to take any immediate actions related to the board. That temporary board made up of Romo and two county board members will then cast a wide net for applicants in Sunol to serve as trustees temporarily until the town elects its two new permanent trustees during this November election.

A special meeting was called for Wednesday evening to anoint county trustees Cook-Kallio and Aisha Knowles to the Sunol school board in the short term and conduct regular business, which included a proposal to repeal the now-infamous flag resolution. The results of that meeting were pending as of press time.

Goldsmith said that the silver lining in all of this is that at least for this next election, the community will be more keen on who they elect to serve on the board and not make the same mistake it made with Jergensen and Hurley.

She also said, like Turnbull, that Sunol will be able to move past this divisive period and will hopefully be able to get to a point where everyone can be neighbors who only care for what's best for the school and its students.

"Most of us share 80%-90% of basic principles and values, yet the other 10-20% can cause significant tension and conflict. That's not going away anytime soon, nationally or in Alameda County," Turnbull said. "Regardless, I have confidence that most Sunolians will return quickly to looking for common ground and continue to work together, especially when we unite on community issues that we agree on and deeply care about." ■

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Dublin Unified Trustee Kuo won't seek reelection

After 'fulfilling experience' advancing Area 3 priorities, incumbent to refocus energy as parent volunteer

By JEREMY WALSH

Dublin school board Trustee William Kuo confirmed that he plans not to pursue reelection to a full term of his own this fall, leaving the door wide open for the Area 3 seat representing the central-eastern part of the south half of town.

Kuo called his three-plus years on the Board of Trustees "a fulfilling experience" as advanced many priorities championed by his late wife Catherine, whom he succeeded in office following her sudden death in March 2021, but he said the time is right to shift his focus to giving back in a volunteer capacity with his daughter about to start as a freshman at the new Emerald High School.

"My plan is to not participate in the upcoming November elections," Kuo told the Pleasanton Weekly. "I see myself as a parent volunteer and will be involved with the new high school as much as my schedule allows me to. The past three years has been stressful

at times, and I owe it to both my kids (one going off to college) to be more present for them in the future (in light of them losing their mom)."

"I felt compelled to become involved when Catherine was suddenly taken out of our lives ... and her vision for the future of the school district needed to be furthered along. She was only four months into her 2020-24 term," Kuo said. "I knew what she wanted to accomplish and what her supporters voted her in for. So I did the best with that legacy in mind."

An information technology professional by trade, Kuo has served on Dublin Unified School District's governing board since May 2021, receiving the appointment from among three applicants who came forward to initially fill the vacancy created on the dais



William Kuo

when then-trustee Catherine Kuo was killed after being hit by a car while volunteering at Fallon Middle School.

He then won the right to complete the remainder of his late wife's elected term in November 2022, defeating one challenger by a nearly 2:1 margin for a special two-year seat on that general election ballot.

"It has been a fulfilling experience looking back at what the board accomplished in the past three years together," Kuo told the Weekly.

No prospective candidates had pulled papers or filed to run for the DUSD Trustee Area 3 seat as of Wednesday morning, according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office website. The initial deadline to qualify for the ballot is Aug. 9, but if Kuo does not file for reelection as pledged, the nomination period will be extended until Aug. 14 for that seat.

Areas 1 and 4 are also scheduled to appear on the November ballot for full, four-year terms. ■

New executive director set to lead Pleasanton's Museum on Main

Schaefer steps down after nearly two years; Cruz being brought in starting next week

By JEREMY WALSH

The Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton is welcoming a new executive director next week, the second change in top leadership for the nonprofit since 2022.

Current Executive Director Sarah Schaefer announced her upcoming departure publicly to museum supporters via newsletter last week. But with the resignation already on the board's radar behind the scenes for multiple months, the directors were able to identify a top candidate as a successor to start soon after Schaefer leaves — local nonprofit professional Tony Cruz.

"The Museum on Main will not be the same without Sarah Schaefer," board chair Linda Garbarino told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"In her short tenure as our executive director, Sarah increased our fundraising, built our Ed Kinney lecture series after COVID, developed a successful plan to increase the storage of our burgeoning collection among her many strengths, Sarah was an excellent



Sarah Schaefer



Tony Cruz

representative for the face of our museum. She will be moving on to start her family and will continue to support our museum efforts," Garbarino added.

Museum directors conducted interviews throughout June and selected Cruz for the position, according to Garbarino. His first day is scheduled to be next Thursday (Aug. 1).

"We hired an enthusiastic candidate, Tony Cruz, who comes to us with strong nonprofit experience, is local to the area and knows our community," Garbarino said. "Tony comes to us with a background that will allow us to grow our revenue, build program strength and continue the welcoming style that is part of our

museum culture."

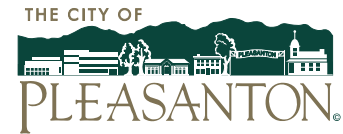
Looking forward to the new role, Cruz told the Weekly that he is particularly "excited to be a part of all of the wonderful programs that Museum on Main offers the community. The one that caught my attention is the Ghost Walk that we do in October."

Cruz, a Tri-Valley resident who started his nonprofit career as the Pleasanton director of YoungLife, most recently worked as director of development for Pacific Community Ventures starting in 2024 and before that served nearly two years as executive director of Friends of Oakland Animal Services, according to his LinkedIn account.

He recalled his fondly time running an after-school program for students of Amador Valley and Foothill high schools. "The highlight of my time with YoungLife was when I went to an Amador football game and a bunch of students invited me to sit with them in the 'Purple Pit,'" he said.

"My wife and mother-in-law

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1 Vacancy – Regular member

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One Member from each of the following categories:

At-Large Representative

Commercial Real Estate*

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1 Vacancy – Regular member

LIBRARY COMMISSION

2 Vacancies – Regular member

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy – Regular member

YOUTH COMMISSION

3 Vacancies – Middle School

(grade level in September: 6, 7, 8)

6 Vacancies – Freshman/Sophomore

(grade level in September: 9, 10)

4 Vacancies – Junior/Senior

(grade level in September: 11, 12)

If applying as an 8th, 10th or 12th grader, the term will be for 1 year only.

If applying for all other grade levels, the term will be for 2 years.

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For more information contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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under the General Plan and Eastern Dublin Specific Plan,” according to the staff report.

During council deliberations on July 16, Councilmember Jean Josey voiced concern over impacts to morning traffic. In collaboration with staff, it was agreed that redesign of an internal street might alleviate the potential jams.

Upon Vice Mayor Sherry Hu’s questioning, staff shared additional community concerns such as obstruction of scenic views, construction noise and housing affordability.

Mayor Michael McCorriston also addressed transportation concerns, but from the angle of emergency situations.

One of the parcels was proposed as having two points of access, which city staff assured was normal. The other parcel was proposed as having

one, given the amount of units.

Following a brief presentation by a project representative on the proposed grading, Josey suggested there may be an issue with rodents exiting to the surrounding areas. In response, the project representatives ensured fencing and was open to trapping the critters.

During public comment, the majority of eight speakers supported the project. All four guests with ties to construction unions, along with two Dublin residents, were in favor of the Dublin Fallon 580 Project.

In their comments, supporters cited a boost in local job opportunities and GH PacVest’s agreement to include apprentices in the project’s construction.

Those against the proposal expressed concerns about the egress options for the proposed housing developments, the impact on privacy in nearby neighborhoods, alterations in natural views, the plants

used for revegetation and erosion of the hillside.

Following the public comment, the council followed up on the speakers’ concerns with project representatives who asserted that residential parcels cannot be moved south to improve privacy because it is already at the edge of an airport protection area, plants will be drought-tolerant and noninvasive and no structural concerns have occurred in a Dublin neighborhood with similar grading.

The council approved the proposal with amendments, including one guest parking space per unit (in addition to the two residential parking spaces per unit), rodent mitigation, no contemporary designs, changing document wording from “40% of the inclusionary units shall be satisfied via payment of in lieu fee” into “may be satisfied” and exploring the idea of right turn, exit only at Twain Harte Road. ■

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both work for the Pleasanton Unified School District, I am excited to be a resource for PUSD and hope to build on an already strong relationship between educators and the museum,” he added.

Cruz’s arrival makes him the third executive director for the museum in less than two years. Schaefer, who had been the museum’s education director since August 2015, took the reins in the fall of 2022 following the retirement of Jim DeMersman after 13 years.

Schaefer, whose last day is this Friday (July 26), confirmed her resignation with reflections of “sadness” and being “proud of what we accomplished together” in the email newsletter on July 19.

She later told the Weekly among her favorite achievements during

her entire tenure at the museum were creating Family Days, the annual Celebrate Community collaborations, the new permanent history gallery and the collections storage improvement project.

“When I reflect on my time, I will think about all the programs and exhibits I was proud to be a part of and how we made history fun for so many people, but what I know will stick with me the most is the relationships I made with our members and visitors,” Schaefer said.

“I loved being a part of their lives and listening ear for their stories and memories,” she added. “I have learned so much from the thousands of conversations I have had over the years, and I have been given so much love and support. I will be forever grateful for all this community has shared and given back to me. Leaving is certainly bittersweet.” ■

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buyers at moderate income.

“I’d like to see this project move forward,” T.J. McGrath, a Pleasanton resident who has been looking for such a place to relocate to, told the council. “I think it’s a real plus to the city.”

While Councilmember Jeff Nibert pointed out that the affordable unit count is a little bit low, he said every bit counts, which was the general consensus throughout the council.

“I think there’s a need for senior housing,” Councilmember Valerie Arkin said.

The units will already be built to sell — only three of the lots at the project site remain vacant and will be reserved for future custom homes.

Luchini said the development plans include seven distinct architectural styles, eight floor plans and 17 distinct elevations throughout the project. He said the market rate units will range in size from 2,300 to 4,300 square feet and four will have accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Attached or detached casitas and ADUs will be available for construction if buyers would like to add them — staff said these would be good housing options for caregivers or family members.

The below-market-rate units will range in size from 1,300 to 1,420 square feet and will look pretty much the same as the market rate units in terms of design.

Luchini said the heights for these homes range between 25 feet to 32 feet and that while most will be single stories, there will be an option for a second story in order to provide an additional room. However, the applicant said these second-story homes would be facing away from surrounding neighborhoods in order to ensure privacy.

The proposed project would be surrounded on all sides by residential neighborhoods with the only vehicle access point being a

single driveway off Foothill Road. Pedestrians will be able to access the community through various other gated entry points.

Emergency vehicles will also have access to the community via three outlets that staff said would be easily accessible to those first responders.

A 50-foot setback would be built along the sides of the gated community to ensure privacy and a buffer between the existing residences and the new development — an eight-foot-tall soundwall will also be built around the project exterior.

As for parking, the project proposes a total of 597 parking spaces, which is roughly just over five parking spaces per unit including individual garages. Luchini specified each unit would include a two- or three-car garage and driveway which would accommodate two more vehicles, and there will also be a total of 177 on-street parking spaces for guest parking.

While all of those new parking spaces might raise questions about traffic, both staff and the applicant team ensured that this project will not impact traffic in that area.

“The project’s 111 homes would produce around 440 daily trips compared to 860 trips as produced by 91 non-age restricted homes,” Luchini said.

The applicant team said it conducted a field observation analysis at a similar senior community and found that there would be roughly 50% to 60% fewer peak hour trips. Luchini said that’s because seniors in those communities tend to avoid travel during peak hours.

The fact that the majority of the residents at the future community will be seniors will also bring no impact to the school district in terms of overpopulation, which Arkin said she appreciated.

Luchini added that residents and the Planning Commission — which approved the project during its June 26 commission meeting — did raise some concerns about the difficulty

and safety of residents living in the new development turning onto Foothill Road.

However, a supplemental memorandum that was prepared by the city traffic engineer showed adequate sight distance on Foothill Road for typical speed and volumes.

Luchini said the lower traffic volumes would not warrant a traffic signal at the project’s entrance but he added that staff’s recommendation is to install radar speed signs and monitor the traffic after the project is complete before considering a new traffic signal.

Along with the new housing, the project will also bring an array of other improvements that staff, the developer and the council all agreed would benefit the overall community and the surrounding neighborhood.

One of the site improvements lauded by the developer and city staff will be the widening of Foothill Road in order to create two left-turn pocket lanes and the creation of a six-foot-wide bike lane in both directions.

According to the applicant team, this will be a \$4 million project that will be paid by the developer.

While the bike lane and road widening were seen as positive safety improvements, Pleasanton resident and avid cycling advocate Sharon Piekarski told the council that she had previously raised some concerns that were not mentioned in the staff report.

“Foothill Road is a high speed corridor which is frequently used by cyclists,” Piekarski said. “And this particular section is near Foothill High School, which makes it particularly important that an all ages and abilities facility be built.”

The facility she was referring to is a protected bike lane. She said while some might just tell cyclists to ride on the sidewalks, she said that will be dangerous and things like green bollards need to be installed so there’s a clear buffer between cyclists and cars.



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON

Artist rendering showing a view inside part of the recently approved senior gated community project that will be located just south of Foothill Road.

City traffic engineer Mike Tassano told the council that cyclists have expressed mixed reviews on bollards that are around a couple sections of Foothill Road and suggested that before the city makes the developer install these bollards, it should hear more from the community on whether installing those bike lane buffers would be a good idea or not.

Additionally, the project will extend the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail to connect to the southeast corner of the proposed project site and will make that trail open to the public. The trail extension will connect the five-acre Meadowlark Park to this community, according to the applicant team, and it will be accessible to the public, which will make it easier for students to get to Foothill High School.

The applicant will also pay for the construction of that trail extension and the ongoing maintenance of the trail. Additionally, the applicant will be paying \$7.5 million in city fees, a \$1 million public safety contribution and related impact fees to the Pleasanton Unified School District.

“With all of the public improvements that are being paid for by the developer ... I see nothing to dislike,” Nibert said. “It’s an outstanding project.”

Another concern residents brought up at the Planning Commission and

at the council meeting was the issue of flooding in that area. The applicant team said that they don’t expect flooding will be an issue because the developer will work with the city to double the size of the pipes and get more water to go under the project so that the majority of the water stays underground rather than above ground.

Other issues that were addressed during the council meeting were regarding the water supply and power grid which staff said the water supply shouldn’t be an issue considering that the city continues to purchase water from the Zone 7 Water Agency and is working with PG&E to address power outages due to structural issues with the city’s power system.

Councilmember Jack Balch noted that while he agrees the project will provide community benefits and that there is definitely a need for senior housing, he questioned age-restricted housing developments for the future because there is declining enrollment at PUSD and there should be housing for all types of families.

“As we think about age-restricted (homes) in this particular case, there’s a lot of pluses and a lot of reasons why that works here right now. There is a market and a need for it,” Balch said. “But just as a community, we’re beautiful when we have all of us here.” ■



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Dublin Leprechauns on doorstep of improbable playoff berth

New manager says team's second season 'has been a huge step forward, and there is more to come'

The Dublin Leprechauns have got to be the feel-good story of the summer when it comes to Tri-Valley sports.

Earlier this summer I wrote about the Leprechauns — a member of the Pecos League, an independent professional baseball league in cities that don't have major or minor league baseball teams or affiliations for either.

The Leprechauns are in the Pacific Division (there is also a Mountain Division) and in their second year of play at Fallon Field in Dublin.

After an inaugural season where the Leprechauns went 4-44, they came out 0-5 this year and it seemed like the team was set for another tough campaign.

But since then, under the guidance of first-year manager David "Ace" Aceron, the Leprechauns have fought and clawed their way to a 22-26 mark as of July 22, and if the season ended on that day, they would be in fourth place and in the final Pacific playoff spot.

With eight games left, it has been a big-time improvement over season one.

"I think this year we have proven that Dublin baseball is not a joke," Aceron said. "This has been a huge step forward, and there is more to come."

The final game of the regular season is July 28, a rare Sunday game as the Leprechauns will face the Marysville Drakes in a 2 p.m. contest at Fallon Field.

Marysville was 25-23 as of July 22, in third, three games ahead of the Leprechauns.

Currently the Leprechauns have a three-game lead over the Vallejo Seaweed for the final playoff spot. Four of those remaining games are against Vallejo, so everything is right in front of the team.

"The players have stuck with the grind," Aceron said. "Now they are in contention for the playoffs. It's a very exciting time."

The Pecos League is indeed a grind as the teams play 48 games in a 60-day season. There is very little

downtime and very little time to get together as a team.

So, what has been the difference this year?

"For me, it's about showing the athletes the parallels of baseball and life," Aceron said. "We are either winning or learning. I think a lot of coaches are missing that — that it's about helping the players learn every day."

The acquisition of two pitchers late in the season and hot hitting has propelled the Leprechauns into the driver's seat late in the season.

"We began the year with three good starting pitchers," said Leprechauns director of baseball operations Guy Houston. "With the addition of Brock (Theriot) and Jonathan (Russamanni), we have a chance to go deep in the playoffs. These guys throw strikes and have great pitching knowledge."

Other players like Donnie Gardner, Tanner Fonoti, Dante Hatchett, Brad Moreno, Angus Stayte, Thomas Latham, Teddy Bridges, Chase Evans and Victor



COURTESY DUBLIN LEPRECHAUNS

Dublin Leprechauns manager David Aceron has managed into playoff contention in his first year on the job.

Ceniceros have been key players.

Coming together so quickly in a 60-day season is tough, but Houston was able to secure a big house in the east Pleasanton hills that allows all members of the coaches and players to live together, which has helped.

"Having 30-plus people in a house has forced us to be tight," Aceron said.

With Aceron already committed toward returning next season, things are definitely headed in the right direction for the team.

This Sunday's game will be a great chance to support the Leprechauns for a great regular season, as well as hopefully send the team into the playoffs. For more information about the team, visit dublinleprechauns.com

SRV all-stars

The San Ramon Valley Little

League 10-under all-stars team captured the Section 3 title by beating host Hillsborough Little League 7-0. It was the league's first section title in any age group since 2004.

By winning both District 57 and Section 3 championships, SRV has qualified to compete for the NorCal State Championship Larkspur, facing the section winners as far north as the Oregon border down to Kings County.

On July 2, the team captured the District 57 title beating Granada Little League 1-0. The 12-player roster went undefeated in the district tournament, previously defeating Bollinger Canyon 12-3, Tassajara Valley 13-2 and Pleasanton 11-1. ■

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Hope 100 Golf Marathon back ... with new option

As alternative to familiar 100 holes in one day, participants can try shorter skills challenge



HOPE HOSPICE

Dawn Barazza hits a tee shot during a prior Hope 100 Golf Marathon. This year's event is set to return to The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton on Oct. 21.

BY JEREMY WALSH

Sign-ups are underway for the 10th annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon in Pleasanton benefiting Hope Hospice, with organizers introducing a new skills challenge as an alternative for golfers who want to participate in the event but don't have time for 5-1/2 rounds worth of holes in one day.

The golf tournament is scheduled to be back on The Club at Castlewood's Valley Course on Oct. 21, a fundraiser founded in 2015 in memory of late Castlewood golf pro Piper Wagner that now supports Hope Hospice's patient care and grief support center in the Tri-Valley and adjacent East Bay cities.

"It's been heartwarming to witness the renewed support of the Hope 100 for a full decade," said Jim Berriatua, the Danville

resident who helped create the event and serves as co-chair each year with wife Kathleen. "Though the event is designed to be fun and lighthearted, it serves an important purpose in supporting hospice care here in the East Bay. We're excited to offer the Skills Challenge as a new way for more people to get involved."

The classic Hope 100 sees up to 36 golfers register to play 100 holes in a single day on the Castlewood's lower Valley Course, a pace of about 18 holes every two hours. People can play all holes solo or split the challenge among friends.

Participants commit to raising a minimum of \$2,500 each and can pay upfront or use the Hope Hospice website to fundraise within their personal networks, organizers noted. The registration cost

includes all green fees, cart rental, three meals and beverages.

The alternative offering debuting this year will be the Steve Thompson Skills Challenge, named for the late Bay Area businessman who played in the inaugural Hope 100.

"It takes dedication and a lot of energy to complete the marathon," Hope Hospice reps said. "Although the event sees many returning players each year who look forward to the challenge, event organizers have received inquiries about the possibility of a milder commitment."

The response is the new skills challenge that will run concurrently to the tournament for about half of the time, centered on a series of 10 trials in putting, chipping and driving for prizes and bragging rights, according to organizers. It will cost \$2,000 for a foursome or \$500 for singles.

To learn more or to sign up, visit Hope100GolfMarathon.com or call 925-829-8770. ■

NEXT STOP! ...

FIREHOUSE, BANKHEAD COLLABORATING ON EXHIBITION EXPLORING LOCOMOTIVE HISTORY IN TRI-VALLEY

By JEREMY WALSH

The area's two largest gallery spaces are rolling out a project with a similar ambitious aim to its historical subject — bridging the gap between Pleasanton and Livermore to bring people together ... with trains.

"Rails Connect: A Livermore-Pleasanton Railroad Journey Through Art and History" is a new joint exhibition between Livermore Valley Arts' Bankhead Theater and the city of Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center, with support from Niles Canyon Railway, showcasing art, photographs, models, artifacts, anecdotes and more of the Tri-Valley's generations-long ties to the iron horse.

"The 'Rails Connect' exhibition is a unique presentation that hopes to emphasize the

historical aspect of our region's railway legacy, while showcasing the art that has been born from it," said Sydney Tang, curator of the Firehouse's Harrington Gallery.

"A partnership between the city of Pleasanton's Harrington Gallery and Livermore Valley Arts, it was a collaborative process that spanned multiple months to plan and execute this exhibition," Tang told the Pleasanton Weekly. "Cross-pollinating in both art and historical artifacts, visitors will be immersed into a comprehensive and interactive journey through Livermore and Pleasanton's long railroad legacy."

Opening Aug. 8 in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery in the Bankhead and two days later at the Harrington Gallery in downtown Pleasanton, the joint exhibition focuses on the "rich railway history and culture" of the Livermore and Amador valleys, although elements will also include displays from the San Ramon Valley Branch modeling group and Niles Canyon Railway, according to organizers.

The Pleasanton gallery will feature nearly 60 works of various mediums by 29 locals, the result of an open call to artists and photographers for pieces on the theme of railroad such as trains themselves, landscapes and related subject matters, according to city officials. The modelers' installation at the Harrington will include a portable N-scale modular layout of the Alamo-to-Radum railway tracks.

Over in Livermore, a range of historical photography, artwork of all mediums and more modern photos will adorn the gallery space, according to LVA.

The Bankhead will also house a special multi-dimensional display from Niles Canyon Railway including an interactive tool table created by the group with educator Jan Coleman-Knight that LVA officials described as "a family-friendly

mecca for hand tool aficionados of all ages to enjoy."

The Altamont Corridor Express, the commuter train that runs through Livermore and Silicon valleys, will also be represented in the exhibit to demonstrate locomotives' presence in the region in the 21st century.

The exhibition will welcome visitors formally with an opening reception event at the Bankhead in downtown Livermore on Aug. 10 from 1-4 p.m. The free event will include an exclusive appearance by the Diablo Pacific Short Line "with a portable, large-scale model railroad set up outside on the sidewalk for all ages to try their hand at running such an exciting piece," LVA officials said.

Livermore city historian Alan Frank will also lead a talk that day from 3-4 p.m. for a special presentation on Livermore's Wild West origins.

The closing reception is set for 1-3 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Harrington Gallery, which is the last day of the exhibit in Pleasanton (it's open for



one more day in Livermore).

For gallery hours and more information, go to livermorearts.org or firehousearts.org, respectively.

RIDE THE RAILS

Niles Canyon Railway has a series of events on their calendar this summer and fall offering Bay Area residents the chance to ride on historic trains in Sunol and Niles.

- On the second and third weekends from July to October, take the 1.5-mile round trip on diesel- or steam-powered trains. Ride times are 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on those Saturdays and Sundays.

- Hot August Night on the Rails offers a sunset ride from the Sunol Depot at 7 p.m. Aug. 3.

- Beer on the Rails is set for Aug. 4 and Sept. 1, departing the Sunol station at 1 p.m. For tickets and more information, go to ncry.org or call 510-996-8420. ■

CONTRIBUTED IMAGES

Clockwise from top: This photo of a Union Pacific train car by Craig Varden is part of the showing in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery. "Commuter" by Dmitry Grudsky will be on display in the Harrington Gallery. A peek at the model by the San Ramon Valley Branch in the exhibition. "Show off" by Diane Rodriguez.



Family finds diet-based luck in fighting brain cancer

San Ramon teen dives into competitive roller skating, acting and sweets after years-long health battle supplemented by ketogenic regimen

By JEANITA LYMAN

These days, San Ramon teen Aditi Polamreddy spends her time traveling, roller skating competitively, and engaging in drama and leadership opportunities when school is in session — a welcome reality following months as a child spent in hospital beds and unable to walk due to an early brain cancer diagnosis and its aftermath.

“She is resilient, also very persistent when it came to skating,” her mother Swetha Polamreddy said in an interview with DanvilleSanRamon.com. “We went to Golden Skate for a birthday party when she was 11 or 12. She held that little stand thing that kids use. She was too tall for it, but she still tried to and she fell a hundred times.”

“So she came back next week, and the week after,” Swetha continued. “She kept falling — there was no coach. She fell like a hundred times and she never gave up. Then somebody walks up to her and says ‘I’ve been watching her from a distance and I’m a coach.’”

While the Golden Skate coach the pair met that day initially sought to help the younger Polamreddy realize her potential amid her physical limitations, the encounter and subsequent years of training yielded another competitive skater out of the popular Tri-Valley skating rink.

“David is still my coach now,” Aditi said. “I just recently started competitive skating. I’m able to jump on skates; I’m able to spin, and David keeps on pushing me which is also really nice.”

Learning to roller skate — and excelling at it — is one of the many ways Aditi has exceeded the expectations of professionals and her parents following nearly a lifetime of battling a brain tumor that was diagnosed in her early life and went on to have repercussions throughout her childhood.

“She’s one of the people who are super easy, free-spirited, and kind and generous, one of those people who’s very easy to get along with,” Swetha said. “She obviously has a lot of friends. She has a lot of adults who adore her both in the family and outside of school. Any other child, I think the journey would have been super hard.”

That journey started when the Polamreddys took their daughter for a routine checkup when the family had moved back to India, seeking to settle down and begin their lives in the country as a family after studying and working in the United States.

“We had life happening — nothing major, just life — and around that time we had a regular physical checkup,” Swetha said. “I brought

up ‘oh, I think she’s a lefty, she uses her left hand more.’ It was a new doctor. She looks at her and she goes ‘oh there is something happening on the right side. I’m pretty sure there’s a mass on the head.’ That was out of the blue, just a regular physical checkup.”

Swetha drove her 4-year-old daughter straight from the appointment to another doctor’s office for an MRI screening, where the presence of a mass on her head was confirmed, identified on the right side of her brain and explaining why she was favoring one side.

“I do remember I was scared, but I also didn’t know anything about what was going on at the time, because I never heard of an MRI machine; I never heard of a brain tumor or anything,” Aditi said.

While Swetha noted that the process for getting an MRI in India is much simpler, without a months-long wait like is generally the case in the United States, the family decided the next day to move back to America to seek the best care possible for their young daughter.

‘I would just say it’s OK to feel scared ... It’s a scary thing, but just keep going on.’

Swetha Polamreddy,
Mother

“Both me and my husband had lived and studied in the U.S., and he had lived and worked in the U.S.,” Swetha said. “While it might have some issues, we were also more confident about how it was going to go so

we made the decision to move back.

Approximately three weeks after her diagnosis, Aditi underwent her first brain surgery in Boston.

“They went seven centimeters deep into the head, because this brain tumor was right on top of her brain stem,” Swetha said. “They got 90% out. In some cases it doesn’t grow back, but in some cases it grows and then we have to do chemo.”

While the surgery had aimed to eliminate the tumor, with her family and medical professionals hoping that might be the end of the road for treatment, it left Aditi paralyzed.

“She couldn’t even talk,” Swetha said. “She couldn’t even move from left to right on the bed.”

The family stayed in Boston during the rehabilitation process, during which Aditi successfully relearned how to sit, stand, walk and talk, then started looking for somewhere to settle down, ultimately deciding on San Ramon.

“East San Ramon, the older San Ramon, I felt like it was a beautiful place and the school district was very good, so that’s why we moved to San Ramon,” Swetha said.

While everything seemed normal, Aditi’s next MRI showed that the tumor was beginning to grow back, with chemotherapy being the next step in treatment.

“At that point, I couldn’t, as a mom, just sit



COURTESY SWETHA POLAMREDDY

Aditi Polamreddy is getting ready for her new routine as an incoming freshman at California High School in San Ramon.

down and say ‘that’s it, let the chemotherapy take its course,’ Swetha said. “It’s a 14-month protocol of chemo, every week for 14 months, and during that time she might need blood transfusions.”

Swetha began researching ways to maintain her daughter’s health amid the chemotherapy process with the goal of preventing potential blood transfusions and keeping her as strong as possible during the treatment.

During one late night of research days before the chemotherapy process was set to start, Swetha came across a documentary film

that explored the possibility of a ketogenic diet for aiding not just athletic performance, but addressing illnesses such as cancer. She ultimately connected with the nonprofit organization MaxLove Project, founded by Audra and Justin Willford with the goal of providing culinary medicine, emotional health support, and community for families contending with pediatric cancers and rare diseases.

The day before her daughter’s first chemotherapy treatment, Swetha decided to start her

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COURTESY MAXLOVE PROJECT

Aditi Polamreddy in the hospital during her childhood battle with brain cancer.

Livermore Valley Wine Experience returns this October

Four days of food and wine events featuring the best the region has to offer

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Local wineries and restaurants will showcase their best food and wine this fall during a long weekend of tastings, gourmet pairings, classes and more.

Set to take place from Oct. 17-20, TASTE: The Livermore Valley Wine Experience is meant to spotlight wine and cuisine in the Livermore Valley.

“The goal for it is to bring some people in that believe that Napa and Sonoma are the only wine regions in California and to show them that Livermore Valley is fantastic,” said Heather McGrail, chair of TASTE and president of McGrail Vineyards and Winery.

The event will begin on Oct. 17 with Taste Our Terroir, an annual competition where 15 teams of the Livermore Valley’s wineries and restaurants will compete for the best pairing at Bella Rosa Event Center.

Three professional, guest judges will determine the Best Classic

Pairing, Most Innovative Pairing and Overall Best Pairing based on blind tastings. Attendees will also get the chance to crown the pairings with the People’s Choice Awards: Best White Wine Pairing and Best Red Wine Pairing.

The Cheese and Wine Pairing will follow on Oct. 18, in the Del Valle Winery Barrel Room from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Three wineries including Del Valle Winery, Fenestra Winery and Garré Vineyard & Winery will present two wines each to pair with cheese from Brandon Wood from the Cheese Parlor. Guests can expect a thorough discussion of the cheese, wine and how they combine.

Taste 92 is also set for Oct. 18, at Cuda Ridge Wines from 3-5 p.m.

At this intimate event, guests will be guided through a formal tasting of several premier wines of the region and some matching “library wines” — which are vintages of wine stored

past their time of debut. This means guests will be able to compare wines through time to see how they age.

Puppies, Wine & Yoga, Oh My! will kick things off on Oct. 19, at Fenestra Winery from 9-10:30 a.m.

In a playful combination of morning yoga and puppies, attendees will start the day with exercise amidst adoptable dogs on the lawn of Fenestra Winery. Later, wine will be served. Guests are welcome to continue playing with the animals and all will be adoptable through Family Dog Rescue.

Livermore Valley’s Signature Tasting arrives from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 19 at McGrail Vineyards & Winery.

Guests will be able to sample more than 30 different award winning wines at this informal event on the vineyard’s patio. They can mingle and talk with wineries and wine makers about the tastings.

Bougie Brunch & Beats is the highlight of the final day, at 3 Steves



COURTESY TASTE

TASTE: The Livermore Valley Wine Experience offers guests four days of events including wine tastings and gourmet food and wine pairings.

Winery from 12- 3 p.m. Oct. 20.

This lively event kicks off with sparkling wine and upbeat music played by a DJ. Later, guests will be served chicken and waffles by New Tradition Kitchen.

“It’s the best weekend for wine country,” McGrail said. “You get to

meet some wonderful people, make new friends, learn something new and indulge in two of my favorite things: food and wine.”

Tickets are available for purchase at lvwine.org. Most events are expected to sell out, according to organizers. ■

‘High School Musical’ debuting at Amador Theater

Pleasanton Youth Theater Company summer production presented this week only

BY JEREMY WALSH

The historic Amador Theater stage will be transformed into the East High School campus circa early-2000s for the coming days as Pleasanton Youth Theater Company presents its rendition of “High School Musical”.

Adapted from the popular 2006 Disney Channel movie starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens, “High School Musical” follows the story of teenage love and cliques centered on the budding romance of basketball star Troy and brainy transfer student Gabriella amid the backdrop of their school’s musical play.

“I grew up watching ‘High School Musical.’ I had all of the merchandise and I remember being so proud that I knew the actors’ names ... bragging about it as I named them off of my

lunchbox,” said Laura Lentz, director of the PYTC show.

“When I got asked to do this project, I immediately knew how special it would be,” she told the Pleasanton Weekly. “Not only is it childhood nostalgia for my whole generation, but the idea of getting to pass down the magic of this show was one that I couldn’t pass up.”

“When you boil it down, ‘High School Musical’ is a show about community and acceptance,” Lentz added. “One of my favorite aspects of PYTC is the strong sense of community that you feel when you walk into the room. This cast is one of the most welcoming, kind groups of humans and it makes the work we do in this show so special and genuine.”

The youth actors have been rehearsing for weeks, showing up at 9 a.m. on practice days



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Student performers rehearse for PYTC’s summer production “High School Musical”.

during their summer break to prepare for opening night, according to Lentz. And the hard work is paying off.

“The cast is incredibly talented. And we are having so much fun,” Lentz said, also giving credit to support from the creative team behind the scenes ahead of the debut of her first full-length musical as lead director. “The Tri-Valley can look forward to familiar songs and characters that they know and love, but with the magic of live theatre. Each actor has

worked so hard to craft a character that is their own which has absolutely transformed the show and made it so engaging to watch.”

The PYTC production of “High School Musical” opened Thursday night (July 25) at 7:30 p.m. at the Amador Theater on the campus of Amador Valley High School on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Evening shows continue on Friday and Saturday, along with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. For tickets and more information, go to firehousearts.org. ■

BRAIN CANCER

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daughter on a ketogenic diet.

“She was an easy child,” Swetha said. “I would feed her just cream cheese pancakes, or I would make bread out of coconut flour and almond flour. She just made it so easy.”

Aditi said that it was her mother who had made the diet easy, going out of her way to find foods and create recipes that tasted as much as possible like what her friends and family were eating, prior to the current popularity of ketogenic diets and an array of products on the market.

“I wouldn’t be able to do this journey without MaxLove Project,”

Swetha said. “This was at a time in 2016 when the ketogenic diet was still very new. We made our own ice cream, so we did everything from the ground up at home and figuring out recipes — there were no recipes either.”

“We had just spent so much and overnight moved here, so we were reaching our limits,” she added. “They made things easier for me — I had a community. I didn’t have my parents; I didn’t have a sibling — I had friends, but nobody in a way that could support me like Audra and Justin.”

Within two months, Aditi’s recovery was exceeding doctors’ expectations with 40% of the tumor gone by that point and 98% gone by the

end of the 14-month chemotherapy process — with doctors believing that the remaining 2% is only scar tissue.

Following the treatment and positive outcome, Aditi relished the fact that she wouldn’t have to miss any more days of school, but continued on a ketogenic diet until 2022 — selling Girl Scout cookies for approximately six years without being able to taste them.

“I think the transition from a keto to a regular diet was easier for her, but it was really hard for me,” Swetha said. “Now I have to let go — not just let go, but let go in a way that she was just going to be a regular kid.”

The Polamreddy family wasn’t entirely out of the woods, however, with

the early tumor and surgeries having had an impact on Aditi’s physical growth and development, leading to a surgery on her leg and a months-long stint in a wheelchair while she was in eighth grade over the past academic year — after her first foray into roller skating.

Nonetheless, Aditi is up and about once again and poised for her first days at California High School on Aug. 14, spending the summer back in India with her mother on an Ayurvedic wellness retreat.

For her part, Swetha is seeking to give back to MaxLove Project and provide support to parents facing childhood cancer, aiming to contend with the isolation she felt in the earlier

days of her family’s experience, having been trained under the organization’s “Mommy Mentor” program to talk to parents in the wake of critical diagnoses and provide support.

“I would just say it’s OK to feel scared,” Swetha said. “It’s a scary thing, but just keep going on. Someone somewhere in the world gets you right now, and you might not know them, but just knowing that they’re going through something like you are, or someone has or will, so you’re not alone.”

The Polamreddys are also seeking to give back to MaxLove Project by promoting its 10th annual Farm to Fork App-Off. More information is available at givebutter.com. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Mother, daughter die in fiery crash in Livermore

A Manteca woman and her 5-year-old daughter were killed in a fiery crash along South Vasco Road not far from Interstate 580 in Livermore early Sunday morning, according to city police.

The solo-vehicle wreck near the Naylor Avenue intersection also seriously injured the girl's father, who was pulled from the wreckage by first responders in the immediate aftermath, the Livermore Police Department said while confirming incident details on Monday evening.

The preliminary investigation indicated the black Hyundai was driving northbound on South Vasco Road north of Las Positas Road just before 2:30 a.m. Sunday (July 21) when, for unknown reasons, it went off the roadway after passing the intersection and crashed into a tree, police said.

Officers arrived to find the vehicle fully engulfed in flames, according to police. Investigators think the impact of the crash into the tree caused the fire.

First responders pulled the 25-year-old Manteca man out of the vehicle. He and his 5-year-old daughter were transported to an area hospital, where the girl succumbed to her injuries and the father remained in critical condition as of Monday night, police said.

The 24-year-old woman who was also in the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene. Police confirmed



A close-up of one of the five broken windows police discovered throughout downtown Livermore on Saturday night.

the adults were in a dating relationship and driving with their child that night. Their names have not yet been released publicly.

The circumstances of the deadly crash are still under investigation. Police said it is unknown yet whether alcohol or drugs were a factor.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- The Pleasanton Police Department is investigating a grand theft that took place at the Apple store inside of Stoneridge Mall, a police spokesperson said.

PPD Lt. Erik Silacci told the Weekly that the theft occurred sometime Monday afternoon. He said two suspects allegedly entered the store and stole several iPhones and iMacs that were on display.

It is unknown at this time whether the two suspects were armed. "Both suspects were gone when our officers arrived," Silacci said. "We are actively investigating the incident and will update when we have more information."

Silacci also said that PPD is waiting for the Apple store to send them the official list of items that were stolen but they believe the suspects made out with, "several thousands of dollars worth of merchandise."

—Christian Trujano

- Livermore police arrested a transient over the weekend for allegedly breaking windows of at least five downtown businesses.

At 11:30 p.m. Saturday, police responded to a glass break alarm at Walgreens on First Street. While investigating, officers learned of four other downtown businesses

that had broken glass store fronts, including Caratti Jewelers, Rosetta Roasting, Livermore Chamber of Commerce and Mosaic Lodge.

Officers arrested a 41-year-old transient a short time later and booked him into Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of vandalism.

—Bay City News Service and Cierra Bailey

- The BART Police Department is currently investigating the motive behind the stabbing of a woman last week at the Dublin-Pleasanton station, transit police said.

BART communications officer Chris Filippi told the Weekly that the woman suffered a non-life-threatening injury following the incident that took place on board the train. He said the police department received the initial call about the incident at around 7:18 a.m. July 17.

"The adult male suspect was arrested by BART PD outside the station," Filippi said. "Motive is under investigation."

The suspect in question — 45-year-old Diego Lightfoot from Palmer, Alaska — was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail that day, according to police.

He is being charged with assault with a deadly weapon with an enhancement, according to the Alameda County Inmate Locator, and his entry-of-plea hearing is set to take place next Tuesday (July 30).

Kendyl Clausen, who was visiting her parents in Pleasanton, was at the BART station on the morning of July 17 as she headed to work in San Francisco. She said while she wasn't a witness to the attack, she did see a bit of the aftermath as she first arrived at the scene.

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Jane L. Blyther

October 3, 1949 – July 15, 2024

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend

Jane L. Blyther passed away peacefully on July 15, 2024, in Pleasanton, California, surrounded by her family. Jane Lynn Brown was born on October 3, 1949, in Des Moines, Iowa. Moving to the Bay Area as a teenager, she developed a lifelong love for the redwood trees and all of nature. She enjoyed watching thunder showers, gardening in her back yard, and spending summers in Tahoe with her family.



Jane met her husband, Rob Blyther, at Chico State University, where they both studied education. They married in 1970 and moved to Pleasanton. Jane was a beloved teacher who inspired many students with her kindness, a passionate docent at Sunol Regional Wilderness, and a devoted Camp Fire leader.

Jane is survived by her husband, Rob, and two daughters, Christy and Cindy, who inherited their mother's love of nature. Jane was a proud mother and a doting grandmother to four grandchildren, who brought her much joy and laughter. She loved baking Christmas cookies with them, reading them stories, and decorating for each and every holiday.

Jane was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia in 2019, a progressive brain disorder that affects memory, thinking, and movement. She faced this challenge with courage and grace, and never lost her sense of humor, always joking with the staff at Sunol Creek Memory Care. She was grateful for the care and support of her husband, her daughters, her grandchildren, and her friends, who stood by her side until the end.

Jane will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She was a generous soul, an avid gardener, and the family matriarch. She left behind a legacy of love, laughter, and learning that will live on in the hearts of many.

A celebration of Jane's life will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Please contact the family for details.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Big Basin Restoration Fund at tinyurl.com/Big-Basin-Restoration.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 21

DUI

■ 12:12 a.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue

■ 9:48 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Domestic battery

■ 3:20 p.m. on Case Avenue

July 20

Vandalism

■ 3:49 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 10:25 a.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Theft

■ 12:07 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 12:16 p.m., 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive; theft from auto

■ 7:43 p.m. on the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

■ 4:10 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

July 19

Theft

■ 6:52 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 7:11 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

July 18

DUI

■ 6:08 a.m. at First Street and Bernal Avenue

July 17

Theft

■ 8:41 a.m., 2400 block of Crestline Road; auto theft

■ 9:25 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 12:08 p.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto

■ 12:10 p.m., 2800 block of Tangelo Court; theft from auto

■ 3:01 p.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; theft from auto

■ 4:35 p.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; theft from auto

Domestic battery

■ 12:13 p.m. on Merano Court

Warrant arrest

■ 9:25 p.m. on the 200 block of Old Bernal Avenue

July 16

Theft

■ 5:32 a.m., 1400 block of Whispering Oaks Way; theft from auto

■ 7:12 a.m., 1500 block of East Gate Way; theft from auto

■ 7:17 a.m., 5600 block of Black Avenue; auto theft

■ 7:35 a.m., 3400 block of National Park Road; auto theft

■ 10:38 a.m., 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

DUI

■ 10:52 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

July 15

Vandalism

■ 4:11 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Domestic battery

■ 6:41 p.m. on Springhouse Drive

■ 9:09 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

July 14

DUI

■ 12:07 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

Theft

■ 8:25 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

■ 8:26 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

■ 5:17 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Livermore police free dog from hot vehicle in Costco lot

Officers found it to be 112-131 degrees inside Jeep where pet was left for at least an hour

By **TONY HICKS** /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Livermore police recently broke a vehicle window to provide relief to a dog locked inside with the windows rolled up.

Around 11:45 a.m. July 11, officers received a call about a dog inside a Jeep in the Costco parking lot. Police said the temperature at the time was 101 degrees outside.

Animal services officers found the dog heavily panting inside the vehicle. The Jeep was locked and its windows were closed with the sunroof slightly open. Officers took a temperature reading and found it to be 112-131 degrees inside the vehicle.

Police decided to break the window to free the dog. They took the dog to a veterinarian, who said he was OK. The dog was estimated to be in the vehicle for at least an hour.

"If we would have let this dog inside the car any further, it could have possibly led to death," said Livermore Police Animal Services Officer Kevin Leon. "We don't want to get to that point of having to retrieve a deceased animal because someone was neglectful."

The dog's owner faces a fine as well as the veterinary and shelter fees. He'll pay for his own broken window as well. ■



LIVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT VIA BAY CITY NEWS

A dog gets air after being rescued from inside a locked Jeep by Livermore Police Department Animal Services Officers in the Livermore Costco parking lot on July 11. The dog was taken to a local vet and was deemed OK.

BULLETIN

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"When I got to BART, there was somebody on a stretcher and a lot of police officers," Clausen said.

She said she proceeded to the platform to wait for the train along with everyone else when the BART employees told the early commuters that service had to shut down because the station was now a crime scene.

Her morning trip was delayed over an hour because the incident itself put her original train out of service and because there was confusion as to whether or not any train was going to pick riders up at that last stop in Pleasanton, Clausen told the Weekly.

According to the BART Alert account on X, the transit authority stopped service from Dublin-

Pleasanton and West Dublin-Pleasanton at around 7:50 a.m. July 17 due to police activity. Clausen said that same notice came up on one of the screens at the station but was not announced.

Wheels provided more frequent bus service during that time between both stations, according to BART.

Clausen said it wasn't until she actually got on the first train heading out of the Tri-Valley around 8:30 a.m. that she heard the BART operator apologize over the speakers for the delay and say it was due to a stabbing.

A request to BART police about the specific details of the attack was unanswered as of press time.

—Christian Trujano

- Livermore police are looking into a shooting incident near May Nissen Park last week.

Officers responded to the 600 block of Rincon Avenue around 6:45 p.m. July 17 for a report of two vehicles — a white pickup truck and a blue sedan — involved in a shooting, LPD officials told the Weekly.

However, when officers arrived on the scene, they did not locate any victims nor the suspects. Police are now in the process of collecting

evidence and interviewing witnesses, but they did say they were able to confirm a shooting did occur as reported that evening.

The department also posted about the incident on its social media accounts. Anybody with information is encouraged to contact Livermore police's anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790.

—Cierra Bailey

- A driver was killed after his SUV was rear-ended by a meat truck on Interstate 680 in Fremont, snarling the morning commute coming south from the Tri-Valley on July 18, according to authorities.

The collision, which involved five vehicles in all, unfolded just after 7 a.m. July 18 on southbound I-680 at Auto Mall Parkway, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of the California Highway Patrol.

A big-rig hauling a load of meat on the freeway hit the back of a Toyota Venza and then collided out-of-control with three other vehicles before going down the embankment on the right shoulder, according to Hahn.

The Toyota's driver was pronounced dead at the scene, Hahn said. The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau later identified the victim as

Donald Eng, 68, of Walnut Creek. Two other people sustained minor injuries and were taken to Fremont-area hospitals for treatment.

The circumstances of the fatal crash remain under investigation. At this point, officers do not suspect that drugs or alcohol were factors, according to Hahn. Anyone who has information related to the collision can contact CHP's Dublin office at 925-828-0466.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A Mountain House man convicted of being behind a 2021 rape in San Ramon is in custody in Contra Costa County and set to be sentenced next week following a jury trial earlier in July.

Qais Faizi, 35, is currently at the Martinez Detention Facility after a weeks-long trial in county court that concluded on July 11, during which prosecutors from District Attorney Diana Becton's office prevailed in their criminal case against him.

Faizi faced three felony counts for rape and related charges stemming from a 2021 assault on an intoxicated woman during a party in San Ramon, who came forward to local police and helped law enforcement agencies with evidence that led to his conviction in a prior gang rape in San Jose, the East Bay Times reported earlier this month.

The women in both cases were intoxicated at the time of the assaults, a DA's spokesperson told the Weekly.

Faizi was sentenced to eight years in prison in January following a jury trial in the San Jose case that concluded in November, and could now spend up to 18 additional years behind bars for the San Ramon case.

The felony counts in the San Ramon case consist of forcible rape, rape of an unconscious person, rape of an intoxicated person and sexual penetration by foreign object.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled at the Martinez courthouse next Friday (Aug. 2) at 8:30 a.m. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

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Entertainment

DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on stage dealing with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing classes and extracurricular activities. July 26-27 at Amador Theater. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join the fun Friday night at Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concert in the Park featuring live music spanning various genres. 7-8:30 p.m., July 26. Lions Wayside Park.

TWELFTH NIGHT SPARC'S Shakespeare in the Vineyard returns at Darcie Kent Vineyards with Twelfth Night, Shakespeare's quintessential romantic comedy. Enjoy award-winning wine and a theatrical event under the stars. Weekends July 26-28. For info and tickets visit SPARCtheater.org.

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 26-27. Tickets \$15-\$20. Mertes Center for Arts Outdoor Amphitheater. Visit laspositascollege.edu/theater.

JOAN OSBORNE AT THE BANKHEAD Joan Osborn 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.

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 27-28. Tickets \$55. For more information, livermorearts.org.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS The free Jazz at Inklings concert is going to be an afternoon of Blues. Seating is limited. 5:30 p.m., July 28. 533 Main St. Visit meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-so.

JAZZ IN JULY AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY This annual Livermore tradition takes over the Civic Center Library by top jazz artists. Ashley Jemison brings a new school vibe to smooth jazz by covering the current styles of R&B and pop music, while adding a unique improvisational twist. 2 p.m., July 28.

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

KEIKO MATSUI AT THE BANKHEAD Pianist Keiko Matsui's transcendent and haunting melodies have long sought to build bridges and her sonic cultural exchanges have reached the hearts and minds of fans throughout the world. 8 p.m., Aug. 2. Tickets \$25-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

PYTC STAFF CABARET Pleasanton Youth Theater Company returns with another Staff Cabaret. Watch the staff show off skills and talent featuring songs across the musical theater genre. 7 p.m., Aug. 2. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

10TH ANNUAL DESI COMEDY FEST Laugh until your sides hurt as Desi Comedy Fest, North America's biggest South Asian comedy festival, hits the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for its 10th anniversary celebration. 8 p.m., Aug. 3. Tickets \$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY PRESENTS SHRUTI ABHISHEK Shruti Abhishek is an Indian dancer and choreographer of Bharatanatyam, a South Indian dance, characterized by precise movements, dynamic hand gestures and facial expressions. This free event is part of the Authors & Arts series. 2 p.m., Aug. 4. Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

FREDDY JONES BAND Experience a night of alternative rock nostalgia like never before for an electrifying celebration of the Freddy Jones Band's 30th Anniversary of their timeless hit, In a Daydream. 8 p.m., Aug. 9. Tickets \$25-\$60. Visit livermorearts.org.

ILLEAGLES (EAGLES TRIBUTE) AT WENTE This Bay Area tribute band delivers engaging and captivating performances that leave crowds enthralled from start to finish, founded by six talented musicians driven by their love for Eagles music. 5 p.m., Aug. 9. Tickets \$50. Visit wentevineyards.com.

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD Escape to a world of music and merriment at Opera in the Vineyard. Door open 4:15 p.m., Aug. 18. Individual tickets \$80. Garré Vineyard & Winery. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

Exhibits

COLORS OF SUMMER EXHIBIT This exhibit 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 exhibit reveals the impactful work and the human stories behind the many Tri-Valley nonprofits that contribute to the well-being and fabric of the Tri-Valley community. On display through Aug. 4. UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore.

TEXTURES OF REMEMBRANCE Textures of Remembrance: Vietnamese Artists and Writers Reflect on the Vietnamese Diaspora 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.

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. Aug. 1, Barbie, PG-13. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

MOVIE MADNESS IN THE VINTAGE LOUNGE Join the Senior Services crew for a movie in the Vintage Lounge at the Robert Livermore Community Center. No registration required. 1 p.m., Aug. 5.

Festivals

626 NIGHT MARKET 626 Night Market is back featuring food, merchandise, crafts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an event that appeals to all ages. July 26-28. For more information visit alamedacountyfair.com.

DODOCACA FESTIVAL Dodocaca Festival is a thrilling fusion of art, entertainment and stimulating activities to ignite the spark of creativity in children, fueling their imagination with fun, art and adventure-filled activities. Aug. 2-11. For more information, visit alamedacountyfair.com.

THRIFT FEST Thrift Fest is a celebration of vintage and maker vendors featuring clothing from years gone by as well as featuring one-of-a-kind jewelry, collectibles, home goods and more where vintage vendors and creators will be on display. 12-6 p.m., Aug. 3. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Talks

BAY AREA WILD ANIMALS Learn about science and the environment while viewing rescued wild animals from Bay Area Wild. Bring a blanket to sit on. 10:30 a.m., Aug. 1. Springtown Library Patio 998 Bluebell Drive, Livermore.

CONGREGATION BETH EMEK OPEN HOUSE Whether new to the area or just new to Beth Emek, all are invited to drop by their open house to learn about worship opportunities, the community and educational programs for all ages. Congregation Beth Emek is an inclusive Reform synagogue with an open and participatory atmosphere. 12 p.m., Aug. 3. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton.

REGISTER FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Meet neighbors and connect with dedicated first responders for National Night Out, an annual event that strengthens community bonds and promotes neighborhood safety. Host a block party to build lasting relationships within your own neighborhood. 5-9 pm., Aug. 6. Register by July 31.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY Vicki Stephens will present an Armchair Travelers program entitled "Morocco: God, Country, King". Vicki will share photos and stories from her 2023 tour of Morocco, where she

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Get your fill with Dairy Queen

Dairy Queen is the scrumptious Pet of the Week. This sweet mama cat, just like your favorite Blizzard treat, is ready to swirl her way into your heart. Add a sprinkle of joy to your life's sundae by adopting this delightful feline. Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

traveled through cities, countryside and desert. 1:30 p.m., Aug. 8. Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Thomas MacEntee presents "AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?" Learn how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience and whether or not you should seek out other uses of artificial intelligence for your own genealogy research. 7-8:30, Aug. 12. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Visit l-ags.org.

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., Aug. 12.

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

Outdoors

LARPD REC-ON-THE-GO Join for free games, sports, crafts and special activities for the whole family. The theme, Soccer with Coach Carlie. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., July 26. Hageman Park, 459 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Visit larpd.org.

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., Aug. 8. \$6 parking fee. Del Valle Regional Park. Registration is required. Visit ebparks.org.

RANGER PROGRAM: TARANTULAS Join an LARPD Ranger for a presentation about these unique arachnids and meet their tarantula, Peaches. Face fears, increase knowledge and grow to appreciate the role tarantulas play in ecosystems. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Aug. 10. Visit larpd.org.

Government

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Aug. 8. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 E. Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is July 30. Visit livermoreschools.org

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION Livermore Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, Mendenhall Room, unless otherwise posted. 7 p.m., Aug. 6. Visit livermoreca.gov.

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.

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

Seniors

SENSATIONAL SENIORS WORKSHOP Sensational Seniors Workshops presents "Your Life, Your Choices, Difficult Conversations". This free seminar is designed to empower older adults with the skills and resources necessary to navigate

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challenging conversations with loved ones. 1-2 p.m., Aug 8. To register, call 925-373-5700 or visit larpd.org.

WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE Join the Pleasanton Senior Center on a trip to Winchester Mystery House in San Jose and experience the mansion built by Sarah Winchester, heiress of the Winchester Repeating Arms fortune on a 1 hour guided tour. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 14. Cost \$34. Must be 60+ years to participate. To register, call 925-931-5365.

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

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 \$3R/\$3.50NR. Must be familiar with the game of poker.

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

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.

Support

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM Open Heart Kitchen serves free meals, first-come, first-served, that are

nutritious and freshly prepared. 12-5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N Livermore Ave.

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.

TOUR THE NEW OPEN HEART FOOD BANK Join the Livermore Library on a tour of Open Heart Food Bank and learn about ways to support the most vulnerable in the

community. 10:30 a.m., Aug. 2. Register by calling 925-373-5505 or at all Livermore library locations.

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD Make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Help needed is sewing, ironing and cutting and cheerful cotton fabric is always accepted. Bring a bag lunch if staying all day. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 3. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. For more information, email suzbeck@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER AT OPEN HEART KITCHEN Open Heart Kitchen offers individual and group volunteer opportunities at a variety of sites Mondays to Fridays.

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Golden Bay Mechanical Co., located at 6117 Ledgewood Terrace, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANDREW YOUNGMIN PAK
6117 Ledgewood Terrace
Dublin, CA, 94568
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 July 08 2024. (PLW Jul 26, Aug 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Oasin Cleaning Services, 2.) Oasin Services, 3.) Oasin Landscape, located at 14568 Chickasaw Way Manteca, CA 95336, San Joaquin County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
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14568 Chickasaw Way
Manteca, CA 95336
BERTHA A VEGA MONTOYA
14568 Chickasaw Way
Manteca, CA 95336
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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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
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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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV083326
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Kimberly Faye Pangborn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
KIMBERLY FAYE PANGBORN to KIMBERLY FAYE DREMALAS
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: November 15, 2024, 9:30 AM, Superior Court of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, 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: July 15, 2024
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jul 26, Aug 2, 9 and 16, 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 month, year 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)

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Place a legal notice at PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

Real Estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 6-10 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 24-28 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

1057 Bartlett Place S. & S. Matin to Cooper Family Trust for \$2,701,000
2915 Calle De La Mesa Esquivel-Valenzuela Trust to C. & K. Sethi for \$2,000,000
2888 Camino Segura T. Wang to A. & P. Yadav for \$1,945,500
4275 Croce Court M. Kathleen to S. & L. Burlingis for \$1,278,500
1444 Foreza Court C. Halberstadt to Montez Family Trust for \$3,875,000
4233 Graham Street Fuller 1992 Trust to R. & C. Mannaru for \$1,400,000
2834 Maria Street X. Zhang to E. & B. Kao for \$1,755,000
7892 Olive Court C. & J. Kochan to S. & K. Tonse for \$2,000,000
1619 Orvieto Court Meyrath Family Trust to Chandel Trust for \$4,200,000
510 San Gabriel Court Spence Trust to S. & K. Kim for \$2,075,000
4089 San Giorgio Court S. Deng to Zhao & Meng Family Trust for \$860,000
3366 Smoketree Commons Drive #D H. Stover to T. Orouke for \$640,000
7435 Stonedale Drive Mccue Family Trust to Hill Living Trust for \$1,000,000
1557 Trimmingham Drive Wu Trust to P. & A. Shah for \$1,320,000
7261 Tulipwood Circle A. Barclay to V. & S. Mani for \$1,700,000
6626 Via San Blas Kent Trust to M. & R. Balasubramani for \$1,660,000

Livermore

1726 Almond Avenue Woods Family Trust to K. & S. Mercer for \$1,275,000
716 Anna Maria Street B. & I. Fajardo to N. & A. Azer for \$1,025,000
1226 Arlington Road Deojeda Family Trust to Wood Family Trust for \$920,000
1147 Batavia Avenue R. Allen to Lanard Living Trust for \$1,226,000
1912 Birchwood Common Lao Trust to S. Mogha for \$1,100,000
1182 Brookdale Lane K. Gee to B. & R. Thakkar for \$1,170,000
337 Chris Common #109 Wu & Chen Family Living Trust to Onofrio Living Trust for \$545,000
1821 De Vaca Way Kurtzer Family Living Trust to J. & Z. Wang for \$885,000
733 Hanover Street Ballard Trust to M. & B. Baladad for \$1,060,000
196 Heligan Lane #8 K. Unger to S. Field for \$770,000
4543 Jeannie Court J. & K. Andrews to H. & S. Gurusamy for \$1,700,000
313 Kensington Common Durst Living Trust to D. & K. Desai for \$1,100,000
3081 Lusitana Drive G. Pitarra to F. & H. Shen for \$2,575,000
54 Meritage Common #200 A. & M. Steinhilber to A. Gomez for \$730,000
1941 Monterey Drive S. & S. Siddiqui to J. Travers for \$693,500
4623 Nicol Common #111 D. & B. Johnson to S. & S. Luc for \$440,000
1317 Saint Mary Drive J. Zhou to R. Radhakrishnan for \$1,190,000
248 Scherman Way S. & R. Singh to A. & J. Mehta for \$1,385,000

2823 Vine Court M. & J. Hettinger to R. & K. Schlichter for \$2,400,500
3005 Worthing Common R. Martinez to R. & A. Gudla for \$1,080,000
1125 Xavier Way Hansen Living Trust to A. & V. Patlolla for \$1,330,000

Dublin

5637 Apex Drive D. Mekala to H. & P. Allampalli for \$1,285,000
7803 Diana Lane N. Vandorn to S. & D. Stathatos for \$1,350,000
7247 Dover Lane C. & M. Briones to P. & K. Andrews for \$1,485,000
5837 Hillbrook Place J. Chen to Y. & S. Chan for \$1,300,000
7281 Ione Court Rocha Family Trust to U. & E. Caganap for \$1,450,000
10885 Mcpeak Lane C. & J. Alapan to M. & V. Chavan for \$960,000

10771 Ruthven Lane L. Nadimpalli to M. & D. Inampudi for \$1,060,000
7998 Shannon Court V. & V. Boshoff to R. & C. Yadav for \$1,875,000
4753 Valley Vista Drive S. & V. Choudhary to D. & R. Gaddipati for \$2,601,000
3497 Vertex Way S. Parthasarathy to Wu-Huang Family Trust for \$1,045,000

San Ramon

8975 Alcosta Boulevard #144 R. Lancaster to A. Li for \$490,000
15 Boca Raton Court Brisentine Family Trust to M. & N. Kathale for \$2,050,000
86 Brevensville Drive S. & S. Aguirre to M. & D. Khetawat for \$2,225,000
4260 Canyon Crest Road C. & P. Karrick to L. & J. Davis for \$1,700,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (May 6-10)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$640,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,200,000
Average sales reported: \$1,900,625

Livermore (May 6-10)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$440,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,575,000
Average sales reported: \$1,171,428

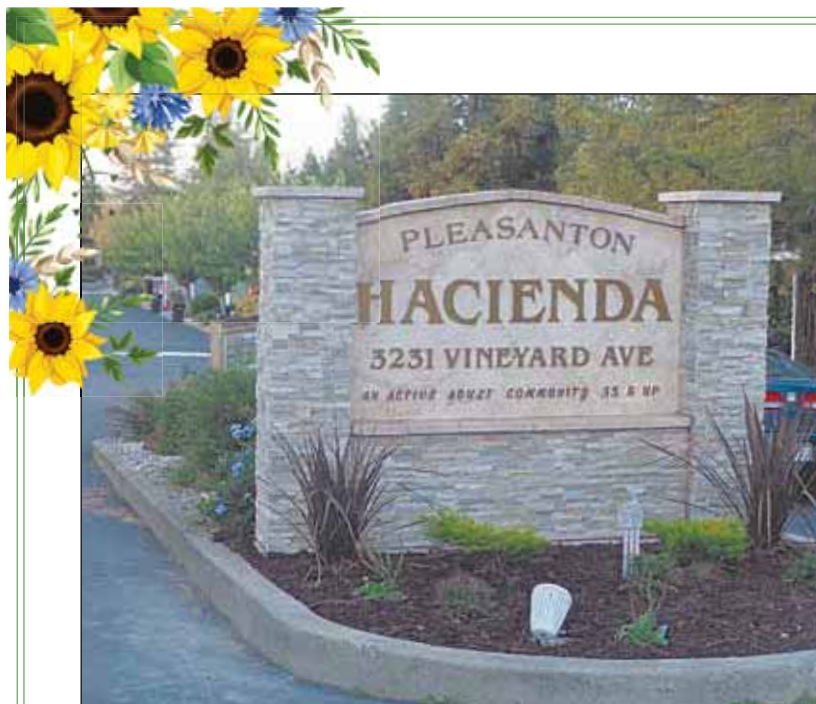
Dublin (May 6-10)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$960,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,601,000
Average sales reported: \$1,441,100

San Ramon (June 24-28)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$490,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000
Average sales reported: \$1,650,000

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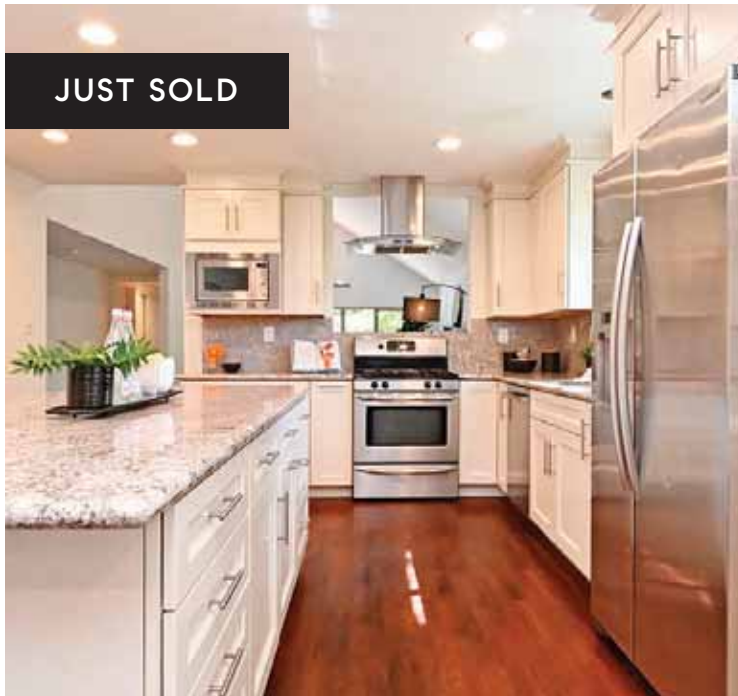


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3 BED 2 BATHS 1806 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$1,201,100 REPRESENTED BUYERS

1339 CALLE DE LAS GRANVAS
LIVERMORE



4 BED 2.5 BATHS 1964 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$1,108,500 REPRESENTED BUYERS

980 LAMBAREN AVENUE
LIVERMORE



3 BED 2 BATHS 1260 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$975,000 REPRESENTED BUYERS

1446 CHATHAM PLACE
PLEASANTON



4 BED 3.5 BATHS 2928 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$2,079,000 REPRESENTED BUYERS

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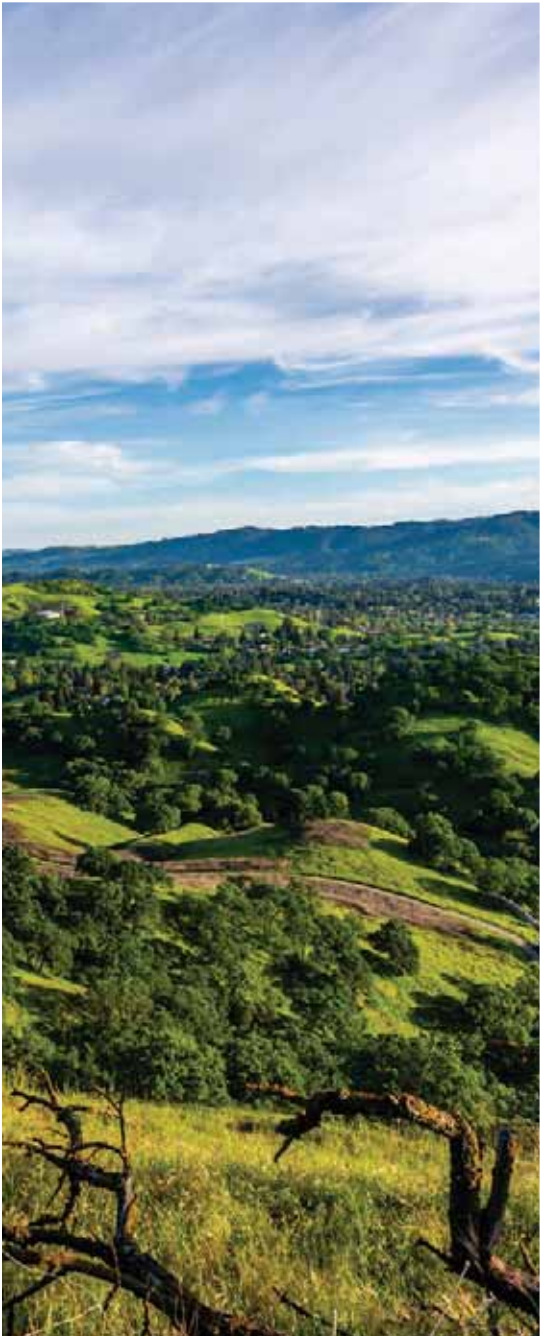
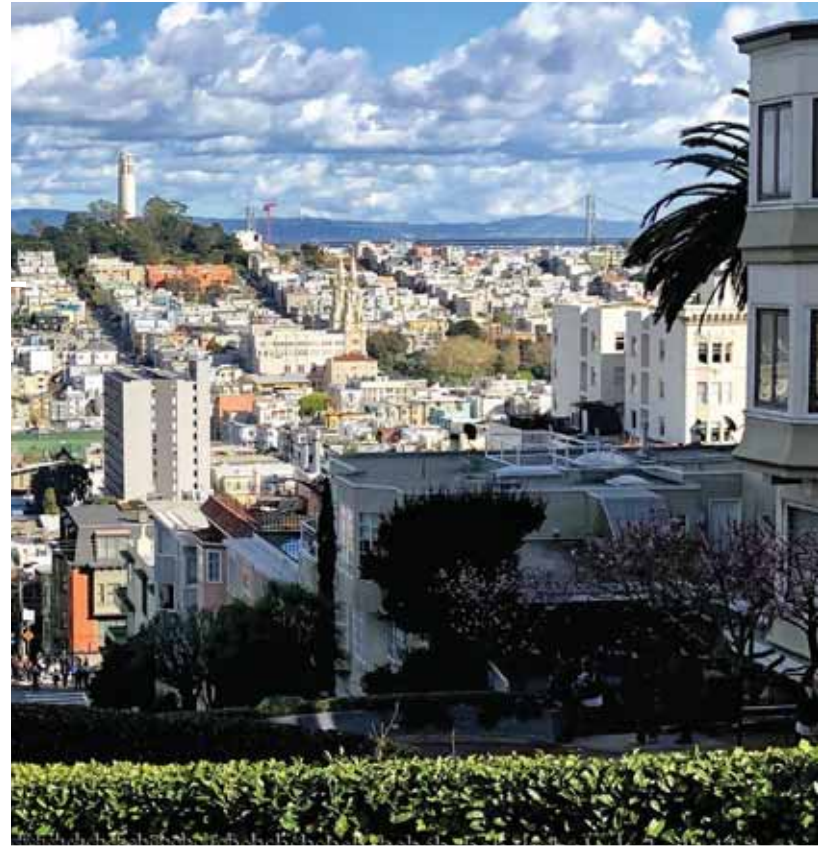


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— **CHRIS TRAPANI,**
CO-FOUNDER

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CO-FOUNDER

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