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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Color me curious

Because I'm the type who can't unsee things (even if it takes a little while to recollect, when some time passes), I knew in the back of my mind there was some other reason it jumped out at me walking past The Crayon Initiative donation box at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant in Universal City.

It was more than witnessing the presence of a small, Danville-based nonprofit organization out of the blue while eating lunch with my brother in Southern California last month — which was a surprise, don't get me wrong.

"Oh shoot, we never followed up on what happened with their executive director situation last year," I thought to myself.

So I did a little more digging when I got back home and found out there was even more inside that crayon box than I anticipated. Founder Bryan Ware was back at the top of the webpage as the operational leader, and the nonprofit's second executive director in as many years was gone.

"They chose to leave on their own ... It wasn't a big deal because, frankly, I didn't really get out of (the day-to-day) with either of them," Ware told me in an open and honest phone call last week. "The turnover at the top has not been an issue at all."

With a breath, he lamented, "It's a tough landscape at the moment ... for all of us."

Nonprofit stability has been on my mind in these post-pandemic years, and especially with some of the news stories I've taken on in recent weeks about executive director turnover (some glaringly unannounced).

That red flag trend is perhaps a better topic for another day's writing because the story of The Crayon Initiative right now is much more than just that — the group is on the precipice of achieving its one-millionth crayon packet donation milestone.

"From a mission perspective, we are growing," Ware said of his nonprofit, which is again now 100% volunteer-operated. "We're way beyond what we did last year, which is better than we did the year before ... we're almost back to those levels (from 2019)."

The singular focus of Ware's 10-year-old organization is inspiring: Collect little-used crayons to divert them from the traditional waste stream, where they can be toxic, melt like colors down and reform them anew as a fresh pack of crayons to

ship for free to children's hospitals around the country.

The directness and simplicity of the mission worked on me. I can no longer have our family get a kids' menu at a restaurant, let alone glance at the other tables, without wondering what will happen to those crayons when their often-single use is done with the meal.

But crafting a message that sticks is just part of the battle for a nonprofit born out of a light-bulb moment. The real hurdle to longevity seems to be logistics.

In Ware's case, it applies to both ends of the supply chain — though mostly on the latter.

The Crayon Initiative now has thousands of boxes in schools and restaurants in the Bay Area, California and U.S. The discarded crayons ultimately arrive at the nonprofit's facility in Danville, where they're reborn as packaged in groups of eight colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink and brown.

The packets are then shipped to more than 250 children's hospitals across the nation (free-of-charge for the hospitals and patients) to help bring those crucial moments of joy, distraction and creativity for the kids and their families.

With a steady cache of committed volunteers, the processing side of things is largely buttoned up. Funds for shipping costs is another story in the current economic climate, where financial contributions to charities are down across the board, according to Ware.

That's probably why you look to bring in an executive director, someone to handle operations so Ware and others on the board can focus on fundraising (or vice versa).

Bernadette Shanahan-Haas was brought on in fall 2022 as The Crayon Initiative's first executive director. She lasted all of three months. As the calendar turned to 2023, Jonathan Ziegler became the executive director ... until leaving that October.

According to Ware, the plan is to continue regrouping and refining the vision for the future and embark on recruitment for a new executive director in mid-2025. After all, The Crayon Initiative is getting close to a monumental achievement in the coming months.

"My perspective is we can always do better. But when you step back and go, we made a difference in almost one million patients ... creative expression for these kids. It is amazing," Ware said. ■

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What conditions do you need to have in place in order to get a good, recuperative night's sleep?



Joss Flanzbaum
Pediatrician

I like to turn on the house fan and get the bedroom as cool as possible. Then snuggle into a soft bed and read to clear the day's events out of my head.



Cameron Perez
Physical therapist assistant

I put my phone down and try to read a book for a bit. I also take some melatonin and do a 10-minute stretch routine that really helps me to relax. When I do all of that, I'm able to fall and stay asleep, and wake up feeling very refreshed and ready to embark upon a new day.



Derek and Tanya Perez

Public relations; talent acquisition specialist

We both need a cool, dark room and at least one of our two dogs up on the bed with us. And Stephen Colbert on the television.



Harry Thaug
Real estate valuation

I need to take a shower and make sure the bed is clean and made. I also ensure that our bedroom is cool and comfortable. When all of those conditions are met, I know that my wife and I will get a great night's sleep.



Janice Flanzbaum
Retired speech and language therapist

Well, if I could be 20 years younger that would certainly help! A good night's sleep is hard for me to come by. But most helpful is a cool-to-cold room, some white noise, a cleared mind and no late-day caffeine.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

PMF packout

Pleasanton Military Families is hosting its summer pre-pack and packout events this Friday and Saturday (Aug. 16-17) at 8:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

Volunteers will organize and package items to send to military service members abroad. PMF officials noted that donations are still needed for this weekend's event.

To learn more about donation items and the packout, visit pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org. Also find more information there about the organization's annual barbecue on the evening of Sept. 11.

Service change

Wheels is modifying its bus service to downtown Pleasanton on Rapid Route 10R through the end of this month.

The 10R westbound route will detour via Old Stanley Boulevard between First and Main streets, with the existing Old Stanley-First stop open and a new temporary stop created at Old Stanley and Main but the other westbound bus stops closed (Main and Vervais Avenue, First and Neal streets, and Peters and St. Mary streets).

"This change allows 10R Rapid service to bypass crowding in downtown Pleasanton associated with the Meadowlark Dairy, ensuring service reliability and rider and pedestrian safety," officials said. Learn more at wheelsbus.com.

'Whose Live?'

Improv fun is coming to the Bankhead Theater twice this weekend as the current cast members of the TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" are bringing their traveling tour to Livermore on Saturday and Sunday.

"Whose Live Anyway?" features Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, Ryan Stiles and Joel Murray for performances "rife with countless gags, one-liners, hilarious games and even songs so good you will hardly believe they were made up on the spot," promoters said.

Visit livermorearts.org for tickets.

Plan Bay Area

Regional planning officials have opened an online survey to get residents' input on the Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+ long-range policy and investment effort.

Available in multiple languages, the survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBA2050Plus. ■

Pleasanton city, school board races set as candidate lists confirmed

Additional contested elections in Sunol, Livermore, Dublin take shape after nomination deadline

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

Pleasanton voters will have to make some important decisions during the upcoming November election with contested races for the mayor seat, two city council seats and two school board seats as the final candidacy deadline has now passed.

Voters will also be deciding whether to approve a half-cent sales tax revenue measure that would raise the city's sales tax from 10.25% to 10.75%. The revenue measure will need a simple majority to pass.

The nomination deadline came and went last Friday afternoon for all local elections on the Nov. 5 general election, except for a five-day extension to Wednesday for any contest where an eligible

incumbent is not running.

While the filing period might seemingly have been extended for newcomers for seats such as Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees Area 4 and Pleasanton City Council District 4 seat, where neither current office-holder is seeking reelection, the timing of the agencies' transitions to district-based elections changes things.

Councilmember Jack Balch told the Weekly that since this will be the first time that the District 4 council seat is on the ballot following the city's conversion to district elections in 2022, the filing period would not be extended — because Balch, who was elected at-large four years ago, is not technically considered District 4's incumbent.

Balch will instead be vying for mayor against incumbent Karla Brown, who is seeking a third term leading the city. Brown previously ran uncontested in 2022.

With Balch not pursuing the District 4 council seat, the spot on the dais will be open to two new candidates. Pleasanton's Planning Commission Chair Matt Gaidos is set to run against his colleague, Vivek Mohan, who also serves on the Planning Commission.

In District 2, Councilmember Valerie Arkin will be facing off against retired Pleasanton police captain Craig Eicher, who also worked a stint as the city's interim police chief.

For the PUSD Area 4 seat, Trustee Steve Maher previously told the Weekly he will be retiring but because

he had been elected before the conversion to district-based elections, the filing period was also not extended in this case.

There are two candidates competing to replace Maher.

Charlie Jones, a teacher who works in Hayward and hails from Pleasanton, will be running against longtime Pleasanton resident Jen Flynn, who formerly worked at Hearst Elementary School as an administrative secretary.

For PUSD Area 3, Trustee Kelly Mokashi will be vying for a second term on the school board against Pleasanton native Donalyn Harris, a longtime member of various parent-teacher associations across the school

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Remembering Ellen Corbett

Late EBRPD director had represented Pleasanton at state level

By JEREMY WALSH

Longtime Bay Area legislator Ellen Corbett, a trailblazer in her hometown of San Leandro before going onto represent Pleasanton in the State Legislature, died on Friday at age 69.

News of the former State Senate majority leader's death was first announced by East Bay Regional Park District, where she was the elected director for Ward 4 for the past eight years. A cause of death was not revealed, although EBRPD said she passed "peacefully." Corbett had missed the Board of Directors meetings in July for undisclosed reasons.

"Ellen Corbett was always a steadfast advocate for the communities she represented," EBRPD Director Olivia Sanwong, who represents the Tri-Valley's Ward 5, told the Pleasanton Weekly on Sunday. "I learned a lot from her regarding how she prioritized community programming to help create welcoming parks and a sense of belonging so the neighbors closest to the park would consider it 'their park.'"

"It has been a true honor serving alongside Ellen Corbett. She is known in East Bay politics for defying expectations and opening doors for others to serve in elected office," Sanwong added.

Corbett's political career spanning more than three decades included breaking the glass ceiling



COURTESY EBRPD

Former state legislator Ellen Corbett, who died on Aug. 9.

in San Leandro in 1994 by becoming the city's first-ever directly elected female mayor.

Current San Leandro Mayor Juan González called Corbett "a dedicated and experienced public servant whose contributions to our community will inspire future generations" in a statement released by the city on Friday night (Aug. 9).

"Ellen's unwavering commitment to the East Bay Regional Park District and her deep passion for preserving our natural spaces have recently left an indelible mark on San Leandro and beyond," González added. "Her legacy of service and stewardship will continue to inspire us all."

In the press release announcing Corbett's death, EBRPD General Manager Sabrina Landreth described the late Ward 4 director as "an incredible champion of our

mission and a tireless advocate for communities to have access to open space, public parks and nature."

"Her time with us was the capstone to a long, decorated and meaningful public service career in local and state government, including serving as the majority leader of the California State Senate and the Mayor of San Leandro," Landreth said. "We will remember Ellen as a fearless leader for regional parks at the urban core of the Park District's jurisdiction. May she rest in peace."

Born in Oakland in the last day of 1954, Corbett attended Chabot College and California State University, East Bay before earning a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis and a law degree from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific, according to her biography on the EBRPD website.

She worked as an attorney, community college professor and civic activist in her professional life, according to her bio.

Her tenure in public office began on the San Leandro City Council in 1990, and four years later she would be elected as the city's mayor.

Corbett, a Democrat, made the leap to Sacramento in 1998 with her election to the State Assembly,

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Chief Young bids for Senate

Makes conservative push for Central Valley district in 2026

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Police Chief Jeramy Young is pursuing a new political endeavor with his run for State Senate to represent District 4, which includes the northeastern portion of the Central Valley, along with the central Sierra Nevada and all of Death Valley.

Young officially filed papers for the 2026 election with the state last Thursday (Aug. 8) and will run as a Republican, according to the Turlock Journal, which first reported the news on Friday.

"I'm excited to announce that I am running for California State Senate in District 4. With over 30 years of public safety experience, 10 years experience as a Council Member and Mayor, and many assignments within Stanislaus County, I have the background to improve the quality of life in Senate District 4," Young wrote in an announcement on his campaign Facebook page.

"I will continue my career as



Jeramy Young

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Free Range Flower Winery opens new location in Livermore

After sharing facility with Longevity Wines, winemaker Nitoto branches out on her own

By JUDE STRZEMP

Free Range Flower Winery — which crafts premium, small-batch wines from locally sourced, organically grown flowers — continues to excel after its grand opening in a new space in Livermore last month.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on July 11, the community came out en masse to show their support of the award-winning, Black woman-owned winery. Since then, business continues to thrive as founder and winemaker Aaliyah Nitoto looks toward hosting more events in a long sought-after tasting room of her own.

“Our grand opening was amazing,” Nitoto said. “It was packed, filled with people who are really loving and incredibly supportive. And it just

filled my heart to breaking almost.”

Since the grand opening celebration on July 13, Nitoto said she has been busy with a flow of customers who have heard about the winery by word-of-mouth or online.

To those who haven’t tried her flower wines, she recommends the RoseHybiscus, Marigold and Sparkling Lavender.

RoseHybiscus has notes of sour cherry, raspberry and a little cranberry. Made from a blend of hibiscus flowers and roses, the wine is fruit-forward with a bit of spice and smoke at the end.

Marigold, nicknamed liquid sun, is Nitoto’s favorite. It is dry, crisp and has a note of honeysuckle.

Lastly, Sparkling Lavender has notes of ginger, anise, juniper, a little



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Aaliyah Nitoto brings award-winning, flower-derived wine to Livermore at the Free Range Flower Winery.

citrus and a note of floral.

“It’s a really showstopper of a wine,” Nitoto said of the lavender wine. “Most people, when they taste it,

immediately say, ‘Wow, I’ve never had anything like this.’”

In addition to wine tasting, Nitoto hosts events like monthly flower arranging workshops. She also said she plans to start hosting other events including karaoke on Friday nights.

The new facility, including the tasting room, signifies years of hard work.

Nitoto founded Free Range Flower Winery about six years ago.

Originally she operated the business from a 320-square-foot shipping container, later moving operations to Livermore in a location shared with Longevity Wines on South Vasco Road.

When she relocated to the new facility on Research Drive, she had her work cut out for her. The space

needed new fixtures and a complete renovation of the tasting room and bathroom, all of which required money.

Short on funds, she said she completed much of the work herself.

The renovations weren’t completed until the grand opening a few weeks ago, she said.

Now the winery offers an intimate space with a freestanding bar and tables decorated with potted plants and warm green walls that feature rotating, consignment art.

“I really want the winery to be a space where people come and they’re like, ‘This is an amazing space. I feel really comfortable and welcome here and I want to come back,’” Nitoto said. “I’m curating a space to be all of that and more.” ■

YOUNG

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a police chief as this election is not until 2026, but it’s time I start working on Statewide solutions to California’s problems,” he added.

Livermore City Manager Marianna Marysheva told Livermore Vine that Young’s position as chief of police will not be

affected by his campaign over the next two years.

“Jeremy Young declared his candidacy for the 2026 election. This is over two years away, and I am confident that any time Chief Young devotes to prepare for the election will not have any noticeable impact on his continued and consistent dedication to Livermore,” she said.

Young declined to comment

when contacted by Livermore Vine, deferring Tuesday to the statement provided by Marysheva.

Young is poised to face off against incumbent Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil, who recently made headlines for switching her party affiliation from Democrat to Republican.

The forthcoming senate race is not Young’s first introduction to running for public office.

Young resigned from his former position as mayor of Hughson — located in Stanislaus County — where he resides in order to take the role of Livermore’s police chief.

According to his LinkedIn profile, Young also served on the Hughson City Council from 2010 to 2016 before his election to mayor.

Young has been with LPD since 2014 and was promoted to chief of

police in 2020 after serving in the role on an interim basis following the retirement of his predecessor, Michael Harris.

Additionally, his law enforcement background includes 12 years in various roles with the Modesto Police Department before joining LPD. And prior to that, he was an officer with the city of Seaside and a sergeant with CSU Monterey Bay. ■

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CORBETT

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where she served until terming out in 2004. She represented part of Pleasanton in the 18th Assembly District during her tenure.

Two years later she was elected to the State Senate, where she again sat until terming out. Her 10th Senate District included Pleasanton, and Corbett became the second woman to serve as California Senate majority leader, holding the post for four years.

Sanwong, a Pleasanton native, remembered Corbett's "lifelong advocacy (that) profoundly impacted a range of issues" — in particular, recalling her bill in 2008 to ban Teflon chemicals from fast-food packaging.

"Although Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill, her efforts brought to light the dangers of these chemicals, now more broadly known as PFAS, and inspired us all with her dedication to public health and safety. Many of us in the Tri-Valley region are familiar with the challenges posed by PFAS, and I often wonder where things would stand today if California had passed the first-in-the-nation PFAS regulations in 2008," said Sanwong, a former Zone 7 Water Agency director.

As her state tenure was winding down in 2014, Corbett bid to unseat U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, a fellow Democrat, but she finished narrowly outside of the runoff position in third place in the primary that spring.

Two years later, Corbett pursued the elected position with EBRPD for Ward 4, which in addition to San Leandro includes Alameda County communities like Oakland, Alameda, San Lorenzo and parts of Hayward and Castro Valley.

Landreth lauded Corbett's contributions to the parks district, including co-chairing the Measure FF parcel tax renewal effort and serving as board president during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Flags at all district properties are being flown at half-staff in her honor.

Corbett had remained active with EBRPD as recently as early summer, including attending the board's site tour of Briones Regional Park in Martinez on June 21, but she did not participate in board business in July, according to Sanwong. Corbett had not pulled papers to run for reelection and then her colleagues were informed she would not seek a third term days before the candidacy deadline for incumbents.

"I was completely surprised to learn about her death last Friday," Sanwong told the Weekly. "I believe a great way to honor Ellen Corbett is to visit one of the EBRPD parks located in Ward 4: Hayward Regional Shoreline, Lake Chabot Regional Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline, Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach." ■

Recalled Sunol Trustee Jergensen looking to win back a seat

Filing for November election, he says he's heard concerns and trying to 'learn, change and grow'

By Christian Trujano

Former Sunol Glen school board president Ryan Jergensen is back in the limelight as he will be looking to win a seat on the board this November after having been recalled in July.

According to his campaign website, Jergensen said he is willing to learn and grow as a person while he focuses on similar goals he had for the community back when he was first elected to the board.

"At its core, my vision for our future is the same as when I started to seek a school board trustee position, to be a representative of all people living in these valleys," Jergensen said on his website. "My vision and goals grow and mature with time as I am always learning and growing. I hear your concerns and I am trying

to do my best to learn, change and grow."

Jergensen, who did not respond to the Weekly's request for comment this week, is running against recall advocate Erin Choin for a new, four-year term through November 2028.

Jergensen has lived in a few different Bay Area communities before he and his wife moved to Sunol nine years ago. According to his website, they had moved to the small town so that they could raise their six children in an environment and school that they all loved.

After moving to Sunol, he said he



Ryan Jergensen

and his wife immediately began getting more involved with the school once their twin boys started kindergarten in 2017.

"We have donated money and time," he wrote on his website.

Since then, he said he and his wife have attended board meetings and town hall — even when it was only possible virtually during the pandemic — and have helped with the clean up efforts during the January 2023 floods that heavily impacted the school. He said his kids even helped pilot the return to classrooms during the pandemic.

"We have moved sand bags, shoveled mud, moved downed trees and hauled dumpsters of trash alongside all of you," he said.

Jergensen was first involved in the school board when he was appointed

by the district in 2021 to replace former trustee Denise Kent-Romo, who resigned one year into her second full term because of health issues — she served on the board from 2016 to 2021.

He then ran in 2022 for the full four-year seat, which he held up until last month.

The turning point in his tenure was when he and now-former trustee Linda Hurley — who was also recalled — approved a resolution that led to major controversy because it didn't allow teachers to hang up any flags around campus outside of their classrooms other than the U.S. and state flag.

Many people in the community pointed out several other moments

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Culinary Angels founder McNaney stepping down as executive director

Cancer patient support nonprofit interviewing candidates for next operational leader

By JEREMY WALSH

Culinary Angels, a home-grown nonprofit that provides nutritious meals and health education to Tri-Valley cancer patients and their caregivers, is going through a leadership transition as founder Lisa McNaney is stepping back and the board is recruiting for a new executive director.

McNaney, who created the nonprofit in 2016 inspired by her own experience with cancer and has served as its executive director for most of that time, plans to resign as Culinary Angels' operational leader at the end of

September. The nonprofit's board is in the midst of interviews for her successor after soliciting applications publicly earlier this year.

"I am extremely proud of our collective accomplishments and the knowing that we have seen incredible growth in our programs thanks to our tremendous volunteers, partners and funders," McNaney said in a press release. "The organization is now at a place of important opportunity. One that makes way for new leadership and the chance to further shape its evolution and guide its impact."

Lynn Monica, who rejoined the Board of Directors as chair in April to help with the transition after McNaney's internal announcement, said Culinary Angels is well-positioned to continue growing. The organization, which began with McNaney cooking nutritional meals biweekly for a few people in cancer battles, now serves up to 150 meals weekly prepared in a professional



Lisa McNaney

kitchen in Pleasanton.

"Having direct alignment with major oncology facilities, our local garden partners, and over 150 active volunteers, has primed us to meet the expanding needs and satisfy our mission," Monica told the Pleasanton Weekly. "Lisa has been the executive director for over eight years since founding Culinary Angels and believes this is the right time to bring in new leadership to guide, continue to grow and develop the organization."

Culinary Angels attempted once before to bring in another executive director to succeed

McNaney. The nonprofit announced in spring 2023 that Rusty Weekes had been hired, but he was quietly gone from the organization by that August and McNaney returned to the top leadership role at that time. Monica declined to comment further on the circumstances behind the separation with Weekes.

As for the recruitment process ahead, Monica said, "We have received a number of applications and are in the process of interviewing candidates to find someone who has the appropriate level, depth of experience, and fit for Culinary Angels." ■

Sunol parent, sub teacher Choin vying for school board

Active voice on recall campaign now looking to succeed ousted trustee — by defeating the other

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Sunol Glen School parent, resident and substitute teacher Erin Choin will be running for the open four-year seat on the small-town district's Board of Trustees following the successful recall of former trustees Ryan Jergensen and Linda Hurley last month.

Choin told the Weekly she believes it is time for someone new like herself to step in so that the community can get a fresh start and move on from what has been a long year of arguing within the community.

"If people are feeling worn out and tired of what we've experienced

over the last few months, I bring something fresh and new to our board," she said. "That should be hopeful that we can move forward, that we can come together as a community and focus on what is important ... the success of that school."

Choin is a parent of three children who have attended Sunol Glen for the past five years. She recently moved to Sunol last year because she loved the community



Erin Choin

and area so much.

As a member of Sunol's Community Club, the 4H club and the United for Sunol Glen recall campaign to remove Jergensen and Hurley, she said she is deeply invested in the well-being of the town and the school.

Choin is running for the seat previously occupied by Hurley and competing on the ballot against Jergensen, who was the only other candidate to file for the election for this four-year term through 2028. (Jergensen was recalled from an elected term from 2022 to 2026, the duration of which will be filled through an application process undertaken by Sunol's current

interim school board.)

With an academic background in early childhood education, Choin has been involved at the

school as a volunteer and is employed as a substitute teacher. She

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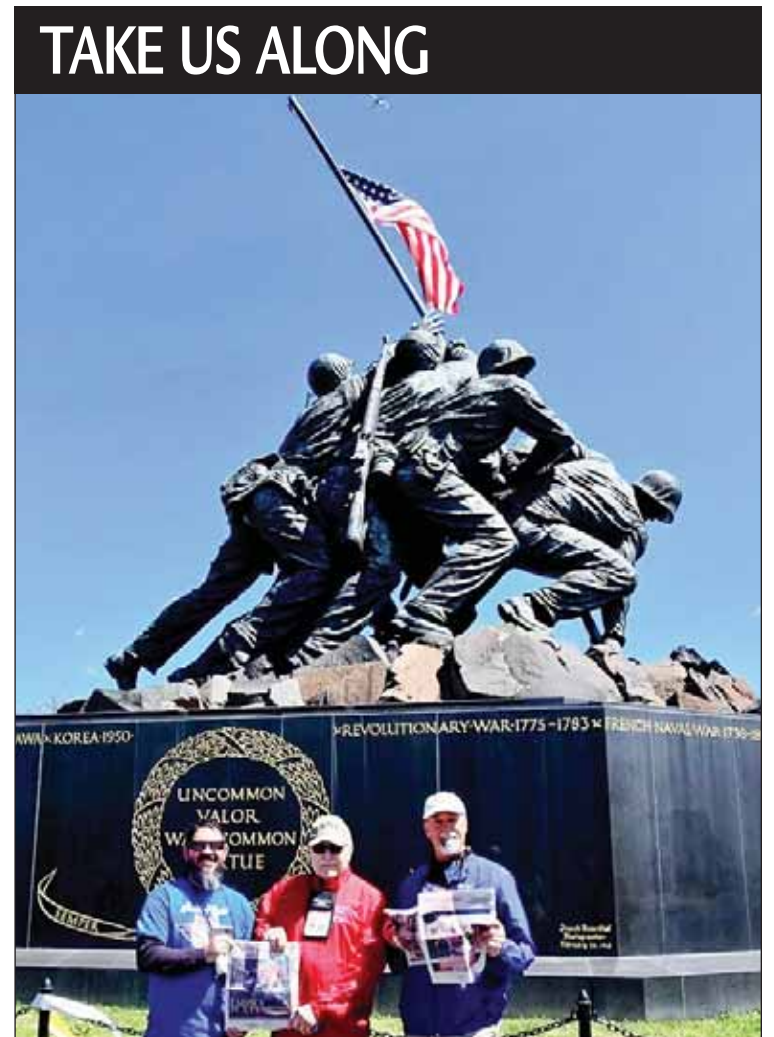
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Honor Flight: Pleasanton resident and former U.S. Marine Greg Hickey (center) participated in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C., where a group of 27 veterans from the Bay Area who served during World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War toured their respective memorials and monuments and were celebrated in appreciation for their service. Joining Hickey for the Take Us Along at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial were grandson Ryan Pavlakis (left) and Bob Cilk, a fellow Pleasanton resident and Honor Flight volunteer.

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Open Heart Kitchen raising funds for shelter, food bank

Benefit gala now sold out, but silent auction taking bids until Sept. 6

By JEREMY WALSH

Open Heart Kitchen, a nonprofit focused on food assistance and other essential services for residents in need in the Tri-Valley, is gearing up for one of its major annual fundraising events — having already hit a milestone at a crucial time in the year for the organization.

OHK's upcoming Heart of the Tri-Valley Gala, which will benefit its new shelter and food bank programs, officially sold out on ticket sales in recent days; although, officials noted people can still contribute toward the fundraiser via the silent auction that will remain active online now through the gala date in early September.

"Our work comes down to standing in the gap between what our neighbors have and what they need the most — reliable and nutritious food, shelter and support services to take the next steps

in their life," Executive Director John Bost said in a press release before the sell-out. "We do this by making good on our promise to provide more accessible food resources to the Tri-Valley and creating an efficient and effective support system for those experiencing crisis and homelessness."

"Our latest commitments to this promise are the launch of Open Heart Food Bank, the first-ever large scale food redistribution facility in East Alameda County, and an increase in staffing support at the Vineyard Resource Center to meet the growing numbers of people accessing the facility," Bost added. Planned with an "Alice in Wonderland" theme, including a Cheshire Cat, music and Queen of Hearts' garden entrance, the Heart of the Tri-Valley Gala is set for the evening of Sept. 6 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. For more information on the silent auction, visit www.openheartkitchen.org/gala. ■



COURTESY OHK



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Above and below: Open Heart Kitchen's annual fundraising gala returns on Sept. 6 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. Though the event is officially sold out now, its silent auction remains active online up until the gala date.

CHOIN

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said she works in the preschool and offers aid to many of the other classrooms.

She said she has also helped fundraise for the school and helped with other school activities like chaperoning, leading reading assignments and volunteering at the after school program.

"I definitely see what's going on in the classroom," Choin said. "I see the high caliber teachers we have and how our admin and our staff and our teachers really work to create an environment that supports the students."

She said the connection to not just teachers, but staff and administrators as well, is one of her biggest assets she would bring to the table if she is elected because it would ensure positive collaboration between the board and the school.

"I have professional relationships with our administration, with the teachers, with the staff at our school," she said. "Right there, I already have a foundation for understanding communication between the people that are most important to running our school."

Choin said one of her priorities would be to shift the focus of the school board back to the needs of the students, which is something she said has been missing over the last year.

She said her number one priority in terms of student needs is continuing to offer, support and promote integrated modes of learning. She said that while she knows strong academics are at the

core of the school, she understands that Sunol educates a diverse population of students who might not all learn the same, traditional way.

She said that's why it's important to focus on hands-on projects, field trips and computer learning as well as programs like music, art, gardening, home economics and band.

"These are programs that enrich students in ways that traditional classroom learning doesn't reach," she said. "Those are the things that Sunol Glen has always boasted, that is why we are a distinguished school and a school of choice."

Another one of her priorities would be to focus on spending the Measure J funds in order to repair the school.

"The bond ensures that our school facilities can continue in a safe way for all staff and students that are there," Choin said. "It's very necessary and the sooner and more effective we are at getting those funds disseminated and getting that work done, the better off our student population and anyone in our school will be."

However, she said there are a lot of steps in that fund spending process and she wants to follow those steps in order to repair the trust between the public and the school board, which she said was damaged during this past year with the last school board majority.

"I am definitely committed to transparency and communicating with the rest of the community about what their tax dollars are paying for," Choin said.

More information about Choin's campaign can be found at www.einfor.sunol.com. ■

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Body of Pleasanton native found after plane went missing

Family search party locates wreckage days after crash, just miles from intended destination

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After searching nearly four days, the family of a Pleasanton native who went missing while flying a plane from Florida to the Bahamas earlier this month found his body and said he nearly made it to his destination before his death.

Stacye Love, wife to 59-year-old Christopher Moore, told WLKY — a television station in Louisville, Ky. — that Moore was found dead inside his plane on Aug. 8 in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas.

Love told the news outlet that Moore was found 2.5 miles from the airport in Marsh Harbour.

Moore's cousin, Mark McMillan, also confirmed Moore's death to the Weekly. "The family's search party found his plane Thursday morning. When they reached the plane it was clear he was killed on impact," he said.

The Royal Bahamas Defense

Force, which was the lead agency investigating the case, has not responded to requests for comments as of time of publication.

Moore grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School before he got involved with Quadrant Solutions Inc., a magnet company that he eventually took over and turned into one of the magnet suppliers for Apple's iPhone.

Moore had sold the company and was most recently living in Louisville but also had a place in the Bahamas.

He had left from Sebastian Municipal Airport on Sunday Aug. 4 as was scheduled to arrive at the Bahamas in his single-engine BRM Aero Bristell airplane.

However, he never made it.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicholas Strasburg told the Weekly that the Coast Guard District 7 watchstanders received a report of Moore's overdue aircraft. He said the Coast Guard



COURTESY MARK MCMILLAN

Pleasanton native Christopher Moore (left) died after his plane crashed between Florida and The Bahamas on Aug. 4.

"launched aircrews from Coast Guard Air Station Miami and Air Station Clearwater which conducted a search of approximately 1,760 square miles with negative results."

He said on that Sunday evening, the RBDF took over the search and investigation. On Aug. 5, Strasburg

said an Air Station Miami aircrew conducted another first-light search but did not find any sign of Moore or his plane.

After that, Strasburg said the Bahamian defense force did not request further help from the Coast Guard and that at 11 p.m. on Aug.

5, the RBDF "suspended the search pending new information."

McMillan shared reflections about his cousin with the Weekly. "It is a tragic loss. Chris was a beautiful person. He had an incredible life and he was loved. We will miss him." ■

\$20B housing bond measure withdrawn from ballot

Decision to postpone marks strategic shift amid ongoing efforts to address Bay Area affordability crisis

BY SIMMERDEEP KAUR /
REDWOOD CITY PULSE

The Bay Area Housing Finance Authority has decided to withdraw a \$20 billion general obligation bond measure that was aimed at supporting affordable housing from the upcoming General Election ballot. The decision, made during a BAHFA Board of Directors meeting Wednesday morning, is supported by Alfredo Pedroza, chair of BAHFA, and Belia Ramos, president of the executive board of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The measure, which could have funneled millions to local affordable housing efforts, found widespread support among local governmental

boards, elected officials and housing groups up and down the Peninsula and across the Bay Area. It was pulled amid concerns the wording of the bond may be misleading voters about its potential impact.

In a joint statement, Pedroza and Ramos emphasized that the decision was not taken lightly.

"The Bay Area's housing affordability crisis has been decades in the making and is far too big for any one city or county to solve on its own," they said. "This is the reason the state Legislature established BAHFA. A robust source of funding for safe and affordable housing across our diverse, nine-county region is essential to the Bay Area's economic and environmental health

and to its residents' quality of life."

The board highlighted the challenges in establishing a reliable source of funding for affordable housing and pointed to recent developments that influenced its decision.

"The wise choice is to look ahead to another election season for a regional housing measure when there is more certainty and the voters have weighed in affirmatively on Proposition 5," they added.

BAHFA is jointly governed by the ABAG executive board and the BAHFA board, which shares the same membership as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Both Pedroza and Ramos also serve on the Napa

County Board of Supervisors.

The proposed BAHFA bond measure had called for 80 percent of the funds to go directly to the nine Bay Area counties and to the cities of San Jose, Oakland, Santa Rosa and Napa, each of which carries more than 30 percent of their county's low-income housing need.

Ali Sapirman, organizer and policy associate with the Housing Action Coalition, expressed disappointment over the decision not to move forward with the affordable housing bond. "This is a major setback, but even though the bond is not moving forward right now, we are certain the coalition's and the authority's momentum will continue," Sapirman said.

Pedroza and Ramos reaffirmed BAHFA's dedication to a regional approach to solving the Bay Area's housing challenges. This includes initiatives like the Doorway Housing portal, which streamlines the process for tenants to find and apply for affordable housing and helps developers lease their properties more efficiently.

"When the climb toward passage of a regional revenue measure resumes, the Board looks forward to teaming with every one of the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities, along with the hundreds of public, private, and nonprofit partners who have already invested so much energy into this effort," Pedroza and Ramos said. ■

Albornoz named Livermore Teacher of the Year

Lawrence Elementary educator representing district in annual county competition

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Lawrence Elementary School teacher Dayana Albornoz is Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Teacher of the Year for 2024, receiving public kudos from district and county officials in separate press releases last week.

Albornoz is among 19 honorees who were selected by 17 participating districts and regional occupational programs in Alameda County for their dedication and excellence in the classroom and are now vying for a top spot in the countywide Teacher of the Year competition.

Recognition as the LVJUSD's

Teacher of the Year comes after dedicating the last seven of her 17-year education career to Lawrence.

"Ms. Albornoz epitomizes the essence of effective teaching; fostering an environment where students flourish academically and personally," Lawrence principal Kristie Starkovich said in a statement. "Her classroom radiates positivity, cultivating a safe and supportive space where students feel motivated to excel."



Dayana Albornoz

In addition to being an outstanding teacher, Albornoz has also been a mentor to colleagues through her involvement in committees such as Lawrence's Instructional Leadership Team and Leader in Me Student Lighthouse Team, according to district officials. She's even inspired up-incoming educators through a program at California State University East Bay for aspiring teachers.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to represent the beautiful community of Livermore as their Teacher of the Year. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, this achievement reflects the collaborative efforts and support I have received

from my colleagues to be honored at this level," Albornoz said. "I did not reach this milestone alone and would like to acknowledge my principal, fellow educators and the exceptional teachers with whom I work daily. Together, we strive for excellence in education."

Other Tri-Valley honorees include Lauren Apodaca from DUSD's Murray Elementary School, Paige Saunders from PUSD's Hearst Elementary School, Huong Giang from SGUSD's Sunol Glen and Sergio Verbis from the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program.

"Congratulations to all of the teachers who were selected for this award. I am excited to recognize

and uplift these teachers' hard work and dedication to their school communities and their commitment to cultivating classroom environments that allow students to thrive," Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Alysse Castro said in a statement.

Those recognized at the district-level will be celebrated at the 35th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony on Oct. 3 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. At the event, two honorees who applied for consideration will be named Alameda County Teacher of the Year. The winners will then move on to statewide consideration for California Teacher of the Year. ■

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district and a former substitute teacher for nearly 10 years.

The PUSD Area 1 race will not be on the ballot this November, according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office, because nobody else has filed to run against incumbent and Board President Mary Jo Carreon.

Sunol

According to the registrar's office, voters in Sunol will be choosing a new board member just months after the casting ballots in what would be the successful recall of now-former trustees Linda Hurley and Ryan Jergensen.

However, Jergensen will be trying his luck again at the board after having filed his papers for the upcoming election to run for the seat that had been Hurley's. Jergensen will be facing off against Sunol Glen School parent and Sunol resident Erin Choin, who had been heavily involved in the recall campaign.

The two will be facing off for the two-year seat on the board.

Livermore

Up for election in Livermore are seats for Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, Livermore City Council and mayor. The majority of the positions will be competitive, except for the mayor race.

Mayor John Marchand is the only qualified candidate in the mayoral race. As an incumbent, the filing period for mayoral nominations was closed Friday.

In District 3, Councilmember Brittini Kiick is not seeking reelection, so the filing period was extended to Wednesday. Physicist and business owner David Farley and business owner Jeff Kaskey confirmed for the race by Friday. Livermore Planning Commissioner Steven Dunbar previously announced his intention to run for the District 3 seat, but his paperwork was still pending as of press time Wednesday. Livermore Planning Commissioner Steven Dunbar, physicist and business owner David Farley and business owner Jeff Kaskey have qualified for the ballot in City Council District 3.

In District 4, Councilmember Bob Carling is terming out this year, leaving the competition to retired physicist Thomas Soules and LVJUSD board trustee Kristie Wang. These are the final candidates, according to the city's website.

Because Carling is termed out and therefore not eligible to run for reelection, there was no filing period extension for District 4.

At the school district level, six candidates will vie for two at-large seats on the Board of Education. These seats will be vacated by Wang and Yanira Guzmán, neither of whom is running for reelection.

Hopefuls include Tara Boyce,

Deena Kaplanis, Jean Paulsen, Amanda Pepper, Margarita Tufts and Christiaan Vanderhevel. No new candidates appeared to come forward by Wednesday's extension deadline.

The LARPD board will also be a contentious race as four people aim at only two seats on the Board of Directors. Incumbents James Boswell and Jan Palajac seek reelection, and Matthew Bogdanowicz and Jacob Vital are set to challenge them for the seats.

Dublin

Dublin will also see competition for seats in City Council and the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees.

The nomination period for mayor was extended to Wednesday. As part of his appointment as interim mayor after Melissa Hernandez's resignation, Michael McCorriston committed to not running for mayor in the coming election and to handing the torch to the winning candidate at the end of the term in December.

Those in the running for Dublin mayor include Shawn Costello, Vice Mayor Sherry Hu, Councilmember Jean Josey and Tom Evans. Jing Firmeza pulled papers but had not filed as of press time.

The other open seats on Dublin City Council are to be filled by the city's first district-based election. This means, no incumbents are running for City Council District 1 or District 3 and therefore the nomination period is closed.

As of Friday, McCorriston is the only candidate running for District 1. Meanwhile, John Morada and Razi Hasni will compete for District 3.

The school district has seats opening for Areas 1, 3 and 4.

The nomination period for Area 1 was extended to Wednesday, with newcomers Kristian Reyes and Ramnath Shanbhogue as the only contenders. Trustee Kristin Pelham, who was drawn out of her Area 1 by the redistricting process, was unable to run for her current seat as the final map put her family's neighborhood instead in Area 2.

In Area 3, there were no qualified candidates listed on the registrar of voters' website as of press time Wednesday. The deadline had been extended with incumbent William Kuo not seeking reelection.

In Area 4, incumbent Gabi Blackman is set to reclaim her seat with no challengers stepping up ahead of Friday's deadline.

Other local races

• Four seats on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees are up for election this year, including Joseph Grcar challenging incumbent Maria Heredia for the Tri-Valley's Area 4.

In the Tri-Valley's Area 7, incumbent Steve Lanza is set to reclaim his seat on the board as no challengers filed ahead of Friday's deadline.

In the western part of CLPCCD, Incumbent Luis Reynoso is set to compete against Hector Garcia for

Area 1. For the Area 5 seat, Catheryn Grier appears to be the only candidate seeking to fill the seat.

• Former Dublin mayor Hernandez — also appointed to a partial term on the BART Board of Directors' District 5 seat vacated by the retirement of longtime director John McPartland — is seeking election to a full term in the position.

She is facing a challenge from Grcar, who is also in the running for the Area 4 CLPCCD seat and was among the four candidates on the ballot for the March 5 primary vote for the State Senate District 9 seat, but failed to make it to the runoff vote for that race set for November's ballot.

Meanwhile, in the other Tri-Valley BART seat, District 1 Director Debora Allen initially pulled papers to run for reelection but did not submit them by Friday's deadline. Allen confirmed to DanvilleSanRamon.com on Saturday that she opted not to seek reelection and will be backing Pleasant Hill Mayor Matt Rinn in the race.

• For Dublin San Ramon Services District, board divisions 1 and 5 only saw the incumbents file for the race — Dinesh Govindarao and Arun Goel, respectively. However, in Division 3, Director Rich Halket is being challenged by asset accounting manager Javier Lopez Rivero.

• In local runoff elections from the March primary, former congressman Jerry McNeerney (D-Pleasanton) will be facing off against businessman Jim Shoemaker (R-San Joaquin County)

for State Senate District 5.

• Assemblymember Tim Grayson and San Ramon City Councilmember Marisol Rubio, both Democrats, will be competing for the State Senate District 9.

• Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) and businessman Joe Rubay (R-Alamo) will be facing off for the State Assembly District 16 seat.

• For the two U.S. House of Representatives seats for the

Tri-Valley, District 14 incumbent Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) will go against Republican Vin Kruttiventi and District 10 incumbent Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) will face Republican Katherine Piccinini.

• For coverage of the San Ramon Valley candidacy deadline, visit DanvilleSanRamon.com. ■

Editor's note: This article was a collaborative effort among Christian Trujano, Jude Strzemp, Jeanita Lyman, Cierra Bailey and Jeremy Walsh.

JERGENSEN

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of what they deemed bad governance over the following months, which led to a group of community members forming a pro-recall campaign and leading the push to remove the two trustees.

Now that Jergensen has been ousted from his seat, he will be trying to reclaim a spot on the board under the pretense that he still wants what is best for the school and the community, even after all of the negative disputes he and Hurley had with current Board President Peter (Ted) Romo.

"I have tried to get to know Ted and Linda better over our limited interactions in the board meetings, and I give it my best to work as a team on various issues facing the school like flooding, budgets, contracts, architects, construction ... and respect what each of them can bring to the

table," Jergensen said. "At times it has been quite spirited, but I remain resolved in my effort to see the good in people and find what unites us rather than what divides."

He stated on his website that his future vision if he is elected would be to create a unified and welcoming community where people are also free to express their individual beliefs and where people don't "pry into personal lives, personal identities, beliefs, lifestyles, or practices with judgment, gossip, or rumors."

"I have voted for what I felt was best for the school and the kids, and I have sided with each of my colleagues on the board at different times," Jergensen said. "I will continue to strive to work through conflict, toward a board and community that can work together."

More information about Jergensen's campaign is available at www.drjergensen.com. ■

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Schools' unsung heroes

Custodians talk about what it takes to get campuses ready for new year

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

For the past 26 years, Foothill High School head custodian Richard Leal has had the same routine.

Wake up at 3 a.m. to commute from his home in Brentwood, go to the gym — if traffic doesn't set him behind — to warm up his body and get to the Pleasanton school 15 minutes before his shift starts at 6 a.m.

He opens all of the gates to Foothill, cleans the swimming pool and checks its chemical levels, cleans the gyms and takes care of any little things along the way — all before any student steps foot on campus.

"I've done 11,000 steps in three and a half hours of working," Leal told the Pleasanton Weekly the day before school started last week. "Normal days it's about 20,000 by lunch."

He is just one of the many Pleasanton Unified School District custodians who work behind the scenes to not only maintain the school they work at, but also spend their entire summer at the school to deep clean, move things around and make sure everything is in order for when teachers, students

and other staff return from their break.

Leal, who was named as the 2024 Classified Employee of the Year recently by the district, has been at Foothill for the last 31 years. He started on the night shift before switching to the day shift.

During that time, he has grown so attached to the school that he now sees it as his second home as he knows where everything is located.

"This is just like my house, only way bigger," Leal said.

On a normal school day, he goes through his routine of opening the school and making his rounds. But just like the other custodians, summer is crunch time.

"At the beginning of the summer, you start thinking 'OK I hope the school is ready when the first day comes,'" Gerardo Flores, the head custodian at Fairlands Elementary School told the Weekly. "I think we accomplished that goal."

Flores explained how at the elementary school level, custodians start cleaning from the bottom of each classroom and work their way up. They clean every desk and chair, dust all the areas, clean and



Richard Leal, head custodian at Foothill High School, sits in front of his wall of certificates and accomplishments, which includes his 2024 Classified Employee of the Year award.

wax the floors and even clean some of the sidewalks.

While it might be different for Leal at the high school level, where he and his team have to deep clean a much larger school, the goal is still the same — make everything spotless for the first day back.

Leal said the last week before school starts is especially hard because they have freshman orientation that they have to set up, they have teachers asking for desks and chairs as their class sizes change and they have new equipment that they have to bring in or replace like the lightbulbs — he said they replaced around 1,200 lightbulbs at Foothill this summer.

But as much as Leal ran around the school drenched in sweat this summer, he said he knows how important the work he and other

custodians are doing for the students' education. Even if he has to be at the school sometimes before the sun even comes out.

"I started a few minutes early, but (it was) no big deal," Leal said on Aug. 7. "It's just one of those things that you have to get done before all the kids get here."

Just like Leal, other PUSD custodians like Flores also recognized the critical role they play in running a successful school district.

Flores, who came to the U.S. from El Salvador with his parents in the 1970s, said that after working at the post office in Pleasanton for 31 years, he had retired but was asked by a friend to help out with custodial work for a couple of hours. He said four hours turned to eight, which turned to a full 40 hour workweek.

He has now been at Fairlands for five years and said that he continues to do the work even at his age — he is 65 years old — because he wants to continue to serve his community.

"I just try to give back to the community because I have received so much," he said. "This is one way I can give back to the community."

He also said he enjoys the job because of the kids and how well he is able to connect with them.

"When you have 700 kids telling you happy birthday, that's quite awesome," he said.

Leal similarly said he has thought about switching to Amador Valley High School but hasn't done so because of the connections he has made with people at Foothill.

But being a custodian isn't just about talking with kids, cleaning up vomit or battling with the crows



Leal goes over the control system that shows him the different chemical levels for the pool at Foothill, which he checks at least twice a day.



One of the things Leal does as soon as he gets to work (and throughout the day) is check his email to see what people need him or his team to do around the school.



Apart from checking the pool's control system, Leal also uses chemicals to test the water every day.

that team up to spread garbage out of the bins — as is the case with Foothill, according to Leal.

He said it's also about being the first ones at the school to make sure everything is safe and being the last one out at 11 p.m. to make sure the school is clear of any possible dangers.

"You're kind of the first person here, so you have to take care of it," Leal said.

Flores highlighted the incident at Fairlands last year where a transient man jumped the fence and walked into an open door while the custodians were cleaning, camping out in one of the rooms upstairs before an employee discovered him the next morning.

Flores said while some people might think there is a need for more custodians so that won't happen again, he said that might only

mean there would be an additional person to make that same mistake of leaving the door open. He said instead, the district is emphasizing that custodians close and lock all doors whenever they are at a school site.

While Flores said that was an isolated incident he has never seen before, Stacey Leal — the head custodian at Harvest Park Middle School — said custodians are the first people to flag down first responders during emergencies.

That's why she makes it clear that they are not just janitors and that the role of custodians goes far beyond just cleaning.

"There's a huge difference ... we go beyond the call of duty," she said. "I call us the unsung heroes of our schools."



Foothill's groundskeeper works on fixing the school's main pipe on Aug. 7, which Leal said had been leaking. Leal said the groundskeeper had to take the whole pipe apart and put it all back together before school started the following day.

Stacey Leal (who is not related to Richard Leal) has been with PUSD for over 20 years and has also been waking up early in the morning to make the commute from Manteca in order to get to her school at 6 a.m.

She started at Harvest Park, moved to Hart Middle School for a while, but came back to Harvest Park.

The district's adult education program also hired her to teach their custodial academy where she trains people to become custodians. It's there where she makes sure future custodians know just how important their job is to the district.

She said apart from all the work they do during the school year to maintain the school, the grueling

work that they do during the summer goes to show how much time and effort custodians put toward making sure students and teachers can focus on what matters the most: the student's education.

"You guys go on vacation and you enjoy yourselves, but we're deep cleaning (the school) to make sure it's good for the next school year," Stacey Leal said.

She said while custodians might not seem like an integral part of the school's ecosystem at first glance, they are in fact one of the most important factors in making sure students get the best school experience.

"You have to be the teacher's eyes in the morning," she said. "We're the ones that made the classroom look the way it is." ■



Leal said the walkway leading up to the school's football field gets filled with trash easily because of the wind pushing trash down or from crows and ravens, which he said empty out trash cans all the time.

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Danville festival honoring late playwright kicks off Sunday; centerpiece play 'Mourning Becomes Electra' opens Sept. 14

By JEANITA LYMAN

The 2024 Eugene O'Neill Festival is set to showcase expansive feelings in a more expansive space than ever, with the theme of "Sweeping Passions" inspired by one of the renowned playwright's most emotionally charged plays, in which his former Danville home is cast as one of the main characters.

"Mourning Becomes Electra", the centerpiece of the upcoming festival, was one of O'Neill's most sweeping and ambitious works when it was released in 1931, and could be said — according to festival artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes — to have paved the way for the Nobel Prize he earned five years later that funded his purchase of what is now known as the Tao House.

The 11-member cast of the upcoming production is beginning rehearsals ahead of the upcoming production, making it one of the largest casts that Hayes has worked with in his ongoing productions of O'Neill's works.

In addition to the 11 actors playing a total of 25 characters, Hayes' latest rendition of the play includes an additional character that is not an actor — O'Neill's former home cast as the Mannon House, which comes to life in the original work.

"I just don't know how I couldn't use the house," Hayes said in an interview last week. "If they said you can't use the house, I would have said this is not a play that should just be set in the barn."

The production will use the Old Barn at the Tao House for much of the production, but it will also include portions set outside the Tao House itself — or the Mannon House that it is cast in for the upcoming production, a major character in the play that is introduced in detail by O'Neill in its early pages.

Hayes said that he was inspired to select the play after a project from last year's festival, in which the Eugene O'Neill Foundation produced short films aimed at highlighting the women in O'Neill's works. Three of the films were released, but a fourth — an excerpt from "Mourning Becomes Electra" featuring the mother and daughter of the family showcased in the play — was rehearsed but never released.

"It's a big play," Hayes said. "As an actor, theater director, you read it and go 'I don't know how to do this.' It's crazy big and over the top."

Although family strife is a common theme in much of O'Neill's work, Hayes said he was seeking to emphasize that the drama in the upcoming production goes beyond the scope of what is typical for O'Neill.

"This play is bigger — it spills over," Hayes said. "So that's why I kind of pushed (festival organizers and board members) in the direction of 'Sweeping Passions.' These people have big feelings and they go there. And that's actually I think one of the reasons why it doesn't get produced very often."



ERIC FRAISHER HAYES

While the 11-member cast of "Mourning Becomes Electra" were in the throes of rehearsals in the weeks before the play's opening in September, the leads began getting into their characters for the play last year as part of a short film project.

While it's set in the post-Civil War era, "Mourning Becomes Electra" is heavily inspired by the ancient Greek tragedy by Sophocles, effectively a retelling of the story in a different day and age, and including the chorus that was a major feature of ancient Greek theater.

"All these characters have these story arcs where they kind of have some issue — they do some bad things and then finally have their comeuppance," Hayes said. "They're kind of at that moment where things come to a head. I would say you some have these shorter arcs and the one character that I'm thinking of, she's the one who has this huge arc, because it takes all the way to the very end for her to have her moment where she's like, 'I've got to do something different than what I've been doing.'"

In addition to the ancient Greeks, Hayes said O'Neill seemed to be heavily influenced by modern psychology of his day and the introduction of Freudian psychoanalysis and theories.

"It's interesting because I think part of what O'Neill is trying to do is he is trying to put Greek tragedy — and in a sense that that series of plays — in an American context and in a 20th century context," Hayes said. "Even though the play is set post Civil War, he's obviously trying to use psychology from the time in 1931 when he wrote it."

"So you have the ones who get revenge and then have to live with

the consequence, but as opposed to the Greek time where it was these spirits and supernatural forces, in a modern sense it's guilt, and it's your psyche and it's what you're carrying with you," he continued.

Another shift from ancient Greek tragedies that Hayes pointed to — and which he is seeking to highlight as a theme of the play — is the desire expressed by the characters, set in New England, to "the islands" and the other desires this symbolizes.

"It's easy to see the islands represent sort of the opposite of a puritan rigidity — you're just like oh, we can do things we don't have to do, or we can escape what we've done here. Start new, no responsibilities, nothing," Hayes said. "They all have this fantasy, and I'm very interested in the production, not only the continuity of the house, but almost everyone has a story about how they fantasize about this other place."

The ancient Greek, Victorian and early 20th century eras — as well as a tropical motif inspired by the characters' island fantasies — are all set to be intertwined not just in the play, but throughout the festival's other events starting this month and running through September, along with other celebrations honoring O'Neill's birthday on Oct. 16.

The first event of the festival is a "Poetry in Place" workshop this Sunday (Aug. 18) at 2 p.m. set at the Tao House, led by artist in residence

Jodie Hollander and aimed at providing participants inspiration from O'Neill's former home and the surrounding site for poetry about the importance of place — a central theme in "Mourning Becomes Electra".

On Aug. 20, the regularly scheduled Eugene O'Neill Happy Hour at Danville's Auburn Lounge is set to host theater professor William Davies King — dramaturg for this year's EONF production — in a discussion on the role of O'Neill's wife Carlotta as the playwright's "guiding star".

The important women in O'Neill's life are also set to be the center of a subsequent virtual discussion on Aug. 28 from 6-7 p.m. by mother and daughter team and local theater experts Carole Wynstra and Beth Wynstra highlighting the mother and daughter in "Mourning Becomes Electra" and the relationship between the two characters.

Next month's events are set to kick off with the opening of a "Sweeping Passions" photography showcase from Sept. 1 through Oct. 16 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, featuring the work of local photographers and their interpretations of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site.

Days later, a self-guided "Ghosts of Tao House Stroll" throughout more than a dozen host sites in downtown



ERIC FRAISHER HAYES

Adrian Deane and Cynthia Lagodzinski star as two of the main characters in "Mourning Becomes Electra."

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Reappearing act coming to Bankhead Theater

Magician Mike Super performing new interactive show in Tri-Valley next week

By JUDE STRZEMP

Mike Super, the renowned illusionist and mystifier, is returning to the Bankhead Theater later this month for another night of family-friendly magic.

In the audience-centered event “Magic & Illusion—2.OH!”, Super will combine comedy and music with the seemingly unexplainable.

His act includes “time travel” tricks and a live game of Clue with a twist of magic, of course. He will even show off his imaginary friend who seems capable of interacting with the crowd.

“I like to remind people that life is a gift. It’s a lot of fun and if you’re not having fun, you’re missing out,” Super said. “And when they come to my show, I hope that at least, I can make them smile. And for me, that’s fantastic.”

As the winner of NBC’s show “Phenomenon”, Super is the only illusionist

to ever win a live magic competition on primetime network television.

He was also a finalist on “America’s Got Talent” and entitled Entertainer of the Year for two consecutive years by the International Magician’s Society. He’s even appeared on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show”, a magic competition show called “Penn & Teller: Fool Us” and many international TV shows.

“Magic and mentalism and mind reading and predicting is taking our five senses and combining them to create an illusion of a sixth sense,” Super told the Pleasanton Weekly. “So none of it is real — I’m not a real psychic or anything like that — but you would swear I was, if you saw this show.”

During the performance, Super will encourage attendees to participate from their seats and even on stage. In doing so, he said he flips common conceptions of magicians as tuxedo-wearing, scarf-pulling birthday party entertainers and Las Vegas performers who “cut” young dancers in half.

He intends the show for everyone, regardless of age.

“We’ve all been to Barney on ice, where we kind of roll our eyes, but we like it because the kids enjoy it. Or you take the little kids to a professional football game, and they kind of roll their eyes while you love it,” he said. “And that’s one of the powers of my show. It appeals to all ages.”

Following the show, he will take part in one of his favorite aspects of performing: a meet-and-greet with audience members at the theater.

“He was such a crowd-pleaser last year and a great top-off to summer entertainment that we just had to bring him back to wow kids and adults of all ages with his new show,” said Ruth Egherman, director of marketing at Livermore Valley Arts.

“Magic & Illusion—2.OH!” is set for next Friday (Aug. 23) at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. For tickets, visit the LVA website at livermorearts.org. ■



COURTESY MIKE SUPER

Mike Super will perform Magic and Illusion 2.OH! at the Bankhead Theater on Aug. 23.

The beauty of flowers

‘Flora in Focus’ art show at Livermore Library

By JEREMY WALSH

The flower is the muse for a group of Tri-Valley artists whose works are on display at the Livermore Public Library throughout this month.

The familiar “Flora in Focus” art show has returned for 2024 with a collection of artworks across mediums that celebrates both the beauty of flower-inspired art and the lasting friendships among their creators, according to watercolor artist Meghana Mitragotri, organizer of the exhibition.

“Every piece in this floral art show beautifully mirrors the artists’ unique and vibrant personalities,” Mitragotri told Livermore Vine. “Their profound influence on my artistic journey is indelible, and viewers will vividly experience this through each artist’s masterful interpretation of flowers in their chosen medium.”

“This show is a homage to nature’s beauty and the boundless creativity it inspires,” she said. “Each artwork captures the delicate essence of flowers, transforming their fleeting beauty into timeless expressions of color, form, and emotion. Walking through the exhibit feels like stepping into a garden of imagination, where every piece blooms with the artist’s passion and vision.”

Artists participating alongside Mitragotri are local artists Monique



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“Morning Glory” by Jenna Hobbs.

Makepeace, Wei-Ting Chuang, Charlotte Severin, Jenna Hobbs, Helene Roylance, Tejal Shah, Lynda Briggs, Peggy Kervin, Usha Shukla, Ranjini Venkatachari and Rekha Joshi. Their mediums include oil painting, acrylic, colored pencil, watercolor, gouache, glass, mixed media and East Asian brush painting.

“This sense of community and camaraderie is reflected in each piece, making the show a heartfelt tribute to both nature and the bonds formed through artistic expression,” Mitragotri said.

“Flora in Focus” runs through Aug. 31 at the Livermore Public Library at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. A special reception is set for this Saturday (Aug. 17) from 2-4 p.m. at the library where residents can meet the artists, view their works, sample refreshments and take part in a raffle for prizes. ■

Ready your voices for ‘Mamma Mia!’ choral sing-along at Vine Cinema

Valley Concert Chorale to join audience in renditions of ABBA hits during movie screening

By OLIVIA PENNEY

Mamma mia! The Valley Concert Chorale is partnering with Vine Cinema and Alehouse in Livermore next week for a movie screening and sing-along for friends and families willing to let their best voices shine to their favorite ABBA songs.

“We are excited ... It’s something new for VCC and we know it will be a fun experience,” chorale board president Sarah Allendorf said in a statement. “It’s such a fun film and great songs to sing especially in a big theater, with great sound and a big screen. Grab some friends and join us.”

Valley Concert Chorale has maintained a mission of enriching Tri-Valley communities through music and nurturing the next generation of singers for over 60 years. The nonprofit organization is all volunteer-based and receives funding through grants, fundraisers, ticket and membership sales, and donations.

“I wanted to do more outreach events and wanted to bring together chorale members, patrons, and the Tri-Valley community for something fun during the VCC off season,” Justin Beasley, VCC secretary and tenor section leader, told Livermore Vine.

“I discussed this suggestion with the VCC Board, talked with Vine Cinema to see what type of movie we can do and then boom” “Mamma Mia!” sing-along was a go. This will be Valley Concert Chorale’s first time



COURTESY VCC

Valley Concert Chorale is holding a “Mamma Mia!” sing-along on Aug. 24.

collaborating with Vine Cinema and Alehouse, and we hope to do more,” Beasley added.

As an active member of the chorale and a seasoned singer with his Bachelor of Arts in music, Beasley said, “Being in this chorale with such amazing members fills me with so much passion and happiness.”

The “Mamma Mia!” sing-along is set for next Saturday (Aug. 24) at 10 a.m. at Vine Cinema on First Street in Livermore. General admission is \$15, seniors are \$10, and students (K-12) are \$5. Tickets are available for purchase at www.valleyconcertchorale.org. ■

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Danville is set to run from Sept. 6 through Oct. 16.

Festivities are set to continue ahead of the play’s opening weekend with a performance from The Nomads — a band from Danville’s sister city New Ross, Ireland — taking the stage at

the Village Theatre on Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in celebration of the sister city relationship between their hometown and Danville.

The main event — “Mourning Becomes Electra” — debuts for a three-weekend run from Sept. 14 through Sept. 29.

While the play’s opening weekend is sold out, those without tickets

secured can still get their dose of O’Neill-related festivities on Sept. 14 in the form of a historic walk featuring “Secrets of O’Neill’s Danville,” at 10 a.m., kicking off from the Eugene O’Neill Commemorative Park across from the town’s library and community center at 400 Front St.

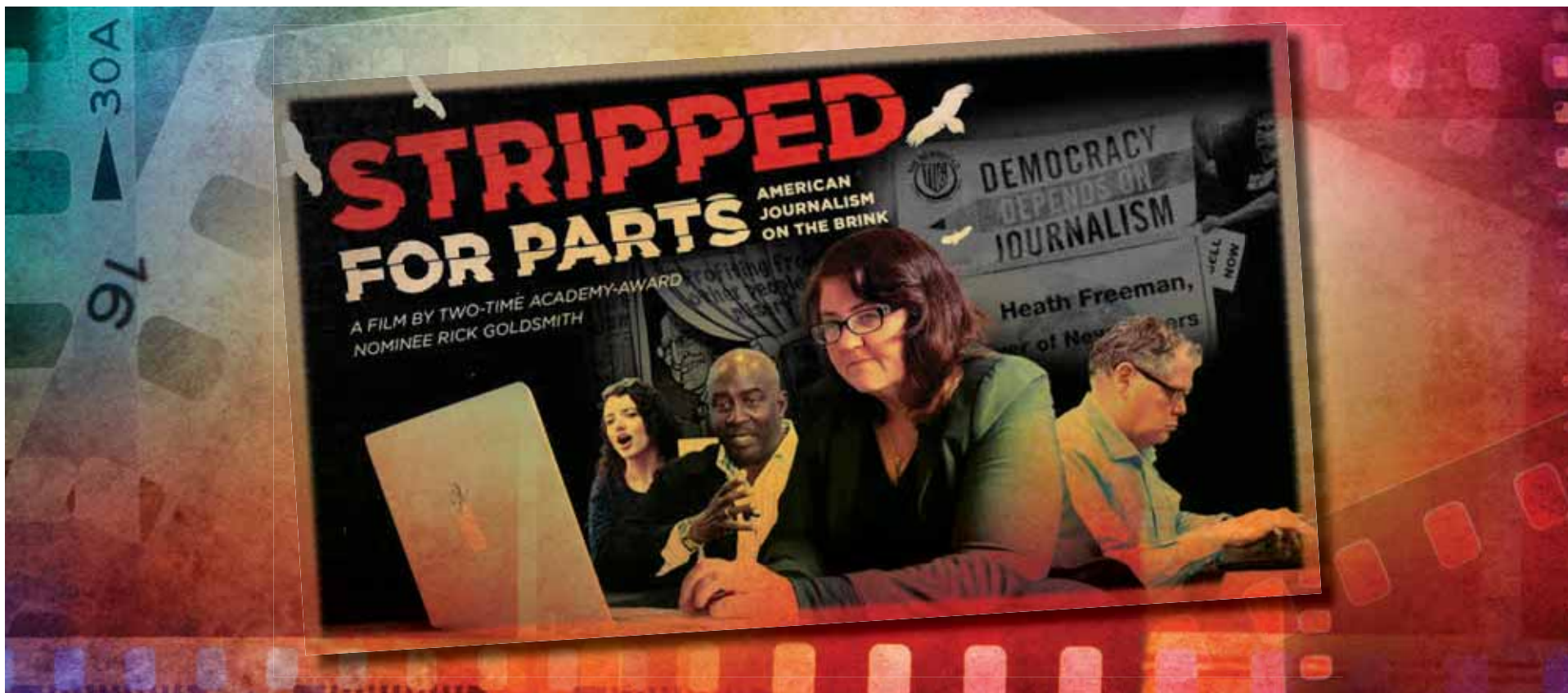
For those preferring a walk later in the day — and with an interest

in libations and the supernatural — a “Whiskey Walk” including ghost stories is scheduled to kick off from the Auburn Lounge on Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., with participants receiving a signature shot glass and a guided tour through downtown for beverage tastings and spooky tales.

While the festival will wind down with the final day of the play on

Sept. 29, the late O’Neill is set to be honored again weeks later with a birthday celebration on Oct. 16 with attendees setting out from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley at 10 a.m. for a tour of the Tao House and a toast to the playwright.

More information and registration for all events is available at eugeneoneill.org. ■



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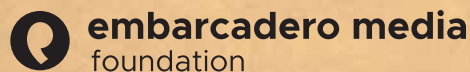
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POLICE BULLETIN

Tip leads to renewed call for information in 2023 fatal stabbing

After recently receiving an anonymous tip about an unsolved homicide at the Park Hacienda Apartments last year, the Pleasanton Police Department is asking the public to help confirm the new information and finally bring the victim's family some closure.

On May 1, 2023, PPD responded to a call from a witness who said they saw two people in ski masks running from the apartment complex located on 5650 Owens Drive. Officers found 32-year-old Edevion White who had been stabbed inside the apartment after the two people tried to rob him, PPD previously told the Weekly.

White was pronounced dead at the scene. PPD has continued to say this was an isolated incident and that there is no ongoing threat to the community.

Pleasanton police Lt. Erik Silacci stated in a press release last Friday that White, who was originally from Tennessee before he lived in Pleasanton, knew the assailants.

Silacci said that the latest tip PPD detectives received could "provide important insights into the case." But he added that the department needs additional evidence to corroborate the information.

"To move forward with its investigation into the fatal stabbing, the Pleasanton Police Department needs to verify information that was recently received from an anonymous tip," said Teri Yan, PPD's community and public



COURTESY PPD

Pleasanton police are asking the public for help in verifying new information they received surrounding the stabbing of 32-year-old Edevion White in May 2023.

relations coordinator.

Yan said the only way to verify that information would be with the help of the public.

"We urge anyone with relevant information to come forward," Silacci said in the press release. "Your cooperation is crucial in helping us piece together the details needed to bring this case to a resolution and ensure justice for the victim and his family."

PPD is asking anyone who has information about the homicide to call the department's tip line at 925-931-5107.

—Christian Trujano

In other news

• Scheduling challenges and other conflicts have continued to abound in the upcoming felony jury trial for former Danville teacher and San Ramon Valley cheerleading coach Nicholas Moseby, with the trial now being pushed out an additional month after it had previously been rescheduled for this week.

The new trial date — Sept. 10 — will be nearly two years after Moseby was first taken into custody on multiple charges of sexually abusing and harassing minors on Sept. 16, 2022, with the list of charges growing in the subsequent months as additional victims came forward. He has pleaded not guilty.

While the case against Moseby is an eye-catching one that has captured attention throughout the region, the reasons for the contin-

ued delays have been more mundane, related to scheduling conflicts between the judge and attorneys on both sides and additional behind-the-scenes work.

The latest delay was due to the court being unable to accommodate the previously scheduled court date on Monday, according to a spokesperson from the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office.

This marks the fourth date change for the trial since its initial date in November 2023, which was first rescheduled to March 18 of this year, then June 24, then

Aug. 12 and now Sept. 10.

Moseby spent more than three months in jail following his arrest, but has been out on bail since Dec. 29, 2022.

—Jeanita Lyman

• The Hayward Police Department have announced an arrest in a string of burglaries in the East Bay from last year, including taking high-end cars from dealerships in Hayward and stealing from a locksmith's van in San Ramon.

The months-long investigation centered on 23-year-old Nova Moore, who was identified as the ringleader of the operation, allegedly responsible for organizing and committing the break-ins. Police publicly confirmed the Hayward man's July 11 arrest for the first time on Monday.

Investigators have tied Moore to at least 10 burglaries in Hayward between August and November of 2023 as well as at least one in Union City and one in San Ramon, according to Hayward police Officer Cassandra Fovel.

Two of the crimes in Hayward involved the theft of high-end vehicles taken from local car dealerships — the thorough investigation into which proved vital in connecting

the dots and solving the scope of the operation, according to Fovel.

"Officers, detectives, and our forensic team worked together to collect and process evidence, author and execute search warrants, and meticulously document each incident," Fovel said in a press release Monday. "This effort was instrumental in connecting these incidents and ultimately identifying and apprehending Moore, linking him to these burglaries, and recovering the stolen high-end vehicles."

San Ramon police confirmed this week that Moore had been fingered as a lead suspect among four subjects involved in a break-in outside the AM/PM Locksmith on Crow Canyon Road on Nov. 21, 2023.

"The suspect(s) broke into a work van and stole multiple tools and locks," Lt. Leysy Pelayo told DanvilleSanRamon on Tuesday.

"During the investigation, officers identified a suspect vehicle that was associated with a reported vehicle theft from Hayward," Pelayo said. "Additionally, four subjects were identified as leads in the burglary. With the assistance of Hayward PD detectives, one of these subjects was identified as Nova Moore."

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 8

Burglary

- 1:32 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 11:53 a.m. on the 800 block of Gray Fox Circle

Graffiti offense

- 9:51 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

- 12:24 p.m. on the 5900 block of Corte Arboles

Alcohol violation

- 1:55 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

Warrant arrest

- 4:37 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

Domestic battery

- 9:21 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

Aug. 7

Theft

- 9:08 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft

- 3:06 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 9:03 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

- 10:38 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 7:53 p.m. on the 5700 block of Valley Avenue

Fraud

- 11:19 a.m. on the 2600 block of Calle Alegre

DUI

- 11:44 p.m. at First and Nevada streets

Aug. 6

Vandalism

- 7:24 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation

- 1:59 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 3:06 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:53 p.m., 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft
- 7:11 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Aug. 5

Vandalism

- 7:46 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

- 6:41 p.m. on the 3700 block of Brockton Drive

Shoplifting

- 10:08 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

- 4:56 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

DUI

- 5:17 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 4

Domestic battery

- 11:58 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

Theft

- 1:48 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 4:47 p.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- 7:45 p.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; auto theft
- 8:54 p.m., 6300 block of Carriage Drive; auto theft

Nicholas Corege

April 1936 – July 26, 2024

Hartford, Connecticut

A long-time resident of Pleasanton passed away on July 26, 2024. His father, Joseph and mother Angeline Corege settled in Sunol, CA. Their family of 8 with 6 children; Joseph, Nicholas, Theresa, Maryann, Kathrine and Michael soon grew to 10 after becoming established in Sunol, they welcomed children 7 & 8 Joann and Antionette (Nettie).

After graduating from Amador, Nicholas joined US Navy in 1955 and completed his enlistment in 1957. He served on the USS Salisbury Sound in Seattle, WA.

Nicholas started his career working for GE Nuclear Energy in 1957 and was the 7th person to be badged at Vallecitos Nuclear Center. He was one of the original instructors in San Jose at the Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Training Center to teach the servicing of the newly constructed BWR fleet across the world. With GE he did an extensive amount of traveling across the globe, servicing nuclear reactors while shut down for refueling. Nicholas was also involved in many specialized modification projects at the sites as well, he retired after 37 years with GE Nuclear Energy.

He is survived by his daughter Joni Marie Armstrong, and her husband Michael. Three grandchildren, Mason Reichmuth and daughter in law Brittany, Yamhill OR (father- Fred Reichmuth Pleasanton), Jacqueline Marie, Nashville, TN and Nicholas James, Rocklin, CA. He is also survived by six great grandchildren, Tatem Jackson, Lucy Jane, Daisy Lousie, Mabel Rose, Millie MacKenzie and Annie Joy Evangline Reichmuth.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of Placer County.



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Bettye Louise Cupp Branam

Resident of Pleasanton, CA.

February 3, 1925 – June 27, 2024

Bettye's life spanned much of the 20th century, and she was an active participant in many of the sweeping changes which occurred during those years. She lived through the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, WWII, and the huge westward migration triggered by those events. She was both a Rosie the Riveter on planes and a Wanda the Welder on Victory ships. In 2004, Bettye served as Grand Marshall for Pleasanton's Veterans Day Parade, which honored "Home Front" workers like Rosie the Riveter.

She was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on February 3rd, 1925, to William and Sada Cupp of Poteau, OK. She had an older sister, Inez, and four years later, a younger brother, Sonny.

With the beginning of WWII, Oklahoma and the rest of the Midwest were inundated with a federal job recruitment campaign on the radio, in newspapers and in public meetings, urging people to move to California and other states, to work in the war industries.

Shortly after graduating from high school in 1943, Bettye, her mother, and Bettye's best friend, Doris Bratton, left Poteau for California on a bus provided by the war industries. Bettye said that the bus was completely full, with every seat taken and the aisle filled with people sitting on their luggage.

Bettye and Doris left the bus in Long Beach to stay with Doris' mother. They were both hired by Douglas Aircraft, where Bettye was trained as a riveter and began working on the gun turrets of B-17s. She liked the work but when she heard from her mother that she was earning twice as much as Bettye working as a welder in the Kaiser shipyards in Richmond, she moved north. She and her mother worked the same shift in the plate welding shop for the rest of the war, as Kaiser turned out hundreds of Victory ships. In 1944, she met a young sailor from Georgia, Tom Branam. He was serving on an ammunition ship, the Las Vegas Victory, which Bettye had worked on. They married in late 1945 and a year later, Tom was hired by the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.



In 1955, Tom was made Supervisor of the eastern half of the Abatement District, and the family moved to Pleasanton. Bettye and her family bought a house on Jensen Street, in what was then called Pioneer Village, where they stayed until her death. At that time, she was the last original owner on the street.

Pleasanton in 1955 was a tiny place, and through the efforts of people like Wanda Ferguson, Shirley Casterson, Dorothy Hardin and Pat Allison, Bettye soon felt at home. Also, shortly after arriving in Pleasanton, Bettye and Tom discovered square dancing, and spent many nights dancing at Walter Johnson's barn at the Golden Eagle Ranch. They also joined the Mariners, a Presbyterian social group for young couples, and between that group and square dancing, they met many of the people they would re-

main friends with for the next 60 years. Finally, they came to know most of the kids in town through serving up endless sloppy joes to any kid who showed up on Wednesday nights at the Presbyterian social hall, and through helping with Boy Scouts, Little League and DeMolay. They always made kids feel welcome because they really were welcome.

Bettye was predeceased by her parents, by her husband, Tom, and by her sister, Inez. She is survived by her brother, Sonny, by her son, Tom Jr. and his wife Carol and by her son, Randall Cloud and his daughter, Jessica. Randall's two former wives, Jillian and Debbie, and his daughter, Christina, all predeceased Bettye.

Bettye died just like she wanted to - at home, with family, amid visits and phone calls from neighbors, friends and many of her "surrogate" children.

A memorial gathering will be held on August 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on the patio of the Gay 90s Pizza Parlor, Main Street, Pleasanton.

Donations in memory of Bettye should be given to Hope Hospice, whose staff daily work wonders for the dying and their families. Hope Hospice, 6801 Koll Center Parkway #140, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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Fovel described the lengthy investigation as "a team effort and an example of the resources the Hayward Police Department will deploy to keep our community safe. We appreciate the community's patience and support as these cases were under investigation."

Anyone with information about Moore or any of the cases can contact Hayward PD and reference report No. 2023-66011.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Two people were arrested this week after colliding with a police car while driving north in the southbound lane of Interstate 680 in Danville as they fled from another police officer who had attempted to stop them.

The driver of the vehicle, a 23-year-old Sacramento man, had an existing warrant for his arrest for theft from the BevMo in Danville, with officers attempting a traffic stop on Diablo Road near I-680 at approximately 3:28 p.m. Monday after

identifying his car via an alert from the automatic license plate reader system, according to the Danville Police Department.

The driver did not stop, instead driving the wrong way onto the freeway via the Sycamore Valley off-ramp and proceeding to drive north on the southbound lanes of I-680, with police opting out of a pursuit for safety reasons. However, the driver went on to collide with another DPD vehicle that was traveling southbound before attempting to flee on foot.

The passenger of the vehicle, a 25-year-old Sacramento woman, was detained at the scene of the crash, with police later finding the driver — who had sustained minor injuries — near El Rincon Road and La Questa Drive.

Both were booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of burglary, theft, and conspiracy, with the driver also facing charges of felony evading, hit and run, and resisting arrest and the passenger incurring a parole violation. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Workshop

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

- Provide direction on key policy considerations for an update of the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and affordable housing fee
- Provide direction regarding a public art fee and program

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Receive update on residential development proposals on two properties in East Pleasanton, outside the city limits, and provide direction to further analyze and explore terms around potential annexation, for future City Council consideration

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Sports



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By DENNIS MILLER

Time for high school fall sports. Here's how you can help me!

A call for volunteers to share weekly results (and photos) across all EBAL athletics

As promised last week, here is the definitive volunteer/parent/coach guide to submitting your local high school results!

As someone who played high school sports at Amador Valley — yes, years ago — I can testify as to how cool it was to see my name in the paper.

Then as a parent, it was awesome to see my kids and their friends' names in the paper throughout their high school careers.

It's why I do this each week for the Pleasanton Weekly — getting the kids the recognition they deserve for the effort they put in each game.

There are three sports seasons for the high schools each year: fall, winter and spring.

One of the most important things

to remember is the deadline each week for the results, which is no later than noon each Sunday. If you send something in at like 4 p.m. on Sunday, it is not likely to make it into the paper.

You don't have to wait to send me the results, in fact I love getting them early. For instance, if your sport is Tuesday and Thursday, you can send in Thursday night!

Also, I am always looking for pictures to accompany the results. There are a few basic rules I am looking for when it comes to pictures.

One, I need the names of the team members in the picture (numbers included if visible). Two, I need the name of the person who took the picture. Finally, it can't be a picture taken by another media organization.

Finally, I appreciate when I get a roster for the team as the absolute worst thing a writer can do is misspell a name!

Let's go through the sports and what I need for results to give the maximum coverage.

Volleyball: I need the score of the match, who was the opponent and highlights. Highlights are straightforward: name of player and highlight.

Here is an example — Susie Smith (15 kills, 4 blocks, 3 digs), Jenny Jones (25 assists, 3 digs, 12 service points), etc.

Tennis: Opponent and final score, as well as a list of the players who won matches. Please make sure to give me the first and last names of the players.

It is very important to send me a



FILE PHOTO COURTESY BROWN FAMILY

Erin Brown, goalie of the 2023 Amador Valley girl's water polo team, stops a shot during a match.

roster for tennis, so I can make sure all the names are spelled right.

Water polo: Make sure to send me the opponent and the final score. You can score by quarter if you want, especially if there was a big comeback in the match.

For the highlights, send me the name of the player and their stats. For example: Susie Smith (7 goals, 3 assists), Jenny Jones (8 steals, 1 goal, 2 assists), Kerry Kent (15 saves, 2 assists).

You can include info like a last-minute winning goal, a big comeback or any other relevant information.

Golf: Opponent, final score, course played and the par for the course are the basics. From there, you can give the names of the scoring players and their score.

Cross country: Seems to be an ever-evolving sport. If there is an invitation on the weekend, send me the name of the event, where it took place, the distance of the race, then

finally the runners and their times.

Flag football: Score, opponent and any highlights are great! Highlights can be players that score touchdowns or pass for touchdowns.

I would also like to hear of great defensive play and any game details like when the touchdowns came, was there a comeback, etc.

A reminder: The deadline each week is 12 p.m. on Sunday (you can turn information in earlier), and you can send it to acesmag@aol.com.

CYO basketball

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton CYO basketball program has opened registration for the upcoming season.

The program is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8 who are residents of Pleasanton or Sunol. Player evaluations will be held Aug. 25-27.

For more details and to register for the upcoming season, go to cccopyo.org. ■

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Entertainment

A TRIBUTE TO TOBY KEITH This electrifying show is guaranteed to leave audiences on their feet, singing along to hit after hit of great country music, all brought to life by the Hollywood Yates. 8 p.m., Aug. 16. Tickets \$55-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join the fun Friday night at Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concert in the Park featuring live music spanning various genres. 7-8:30 p.m., Aug. 16. Lions Wayside Park.

I HATE SHAKESPEARE! Livermore theater group Asbury Players presents this fast-paced comedy and attempts to answer the question, "What's so special about Shakespeare, anyway?" Aug. 17-18, 23-25. Tickets \$15. Asbury United Methodist Church. Contact 925-447-1950

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

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

PIANO MEN GENERATIONS This celebration of the legendary Billy Joel and Elton John is brought to life by father and son duo Terry and Nick Davies taking you on a journey through the timeless hits that have captured the hearts of music lovers for decades. 7:30

p.m., Aug. 22. Tickets \$45-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

MIKE SUPER AT THE BANKHEAD Mike Super has taken the performance of magic to new, mainstream levels turning the magic show on its side and dumping it out into the audience where they become Super's onstage assistant. 8 p.m., Aug. 23. Tickets \$25-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

EVOLUTION AT WENTE San Francisco's ultimate tribute to Journey, comprised of exceptionally skilled musicians from the Bay Area, showcases a profound reverence for Journey's music while delivering high-energy performances to fans across the country. 5 p.m., Aug. 24. Tickets \$50. Visit wentevineyards.com.

MAMMA MIA MOVIE SING-ALONG Valley Concert Chorale presents this experience to sing favorite ABBA songs from the romantic comedy film, Mamma Mia! Join and sing-along to amazing songs at Vine Cinema and Alehouse. 10 a.m., Aug. 24. Tickets \$10-\$15. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

Talks

AN EVENING OF BLISS Join for an Evening of Bliss with renowned author John Gray, the best selling author of over 23 books on love and relationships. Choose bliss in the midst of chaos through science backed shortcuts. 7 p.m., Aug. 16. Tickets \$22-\$33. Visit firehousearts.org.

TRI-VALLEY MAYORS' SUMMIT LUNCHEON Enjoy a festive Italian luncheon and a chance to connect with five Tri-Valley Mayors at the Annual Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit Luncheon. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Aug. 22. Blackhawk

Museum. Tickets \$85. Register at danvilleareachamber.com.

LARPD BOARD MEETING IN THE PARK Receive an update on current LARPD projects and give feedback or suggestions regarding local park issues. 6 p.m., Aug. 21. Vista Meadows Park, 2450 Westminster Way, Livermore.

STANFORD HEALTH CARE TRI-VALLEY ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES Join the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce and Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley for a free virtual educational presentation presented by Mino Sastry. 1-2 p.m., Aug. 21. Visit sanramon.org.

MEET AUTHOR, SUSAN CASEY In this free author event Susan Casey will discuss her book "The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean". Registration is not required to attend. 7 p.m., Aug. 22. Livermore Civic Center Library.

CRUISING DOWN MEMORY LANE Community members are invited to enjoy stories from five of the 38 storytellers featured in Cruising Down Memory Lane: Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950s. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. 2 p.m., Aug. 25. Livermore Civic Center Library.

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

Exhibits

FLORA IN FOCUS Flora in Focus, a flower themed group art show, returns to the Livermore Civic Center Library. Now through Aug. 31. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

RAILS CONNECT EXHIBIT Rails Connect: A Livermore-Pleasanton Railroad Journey through Art & History features artists and photographers with artwork that highlights Livermore and the Amador Valley's rich railway history and culture. Now through Oct. 6. Visit livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2.

TEXTURES OF REMEMBRANCE This exhibit reflects on the Vietnamese Diaspora and 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. Now through Sept. 21. Visit museumonmain.org.

Festivals

STONERIDGE ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT Join Stoneridge Shopping Center's annual Back to School Event where kids have the chance to win prizes. Complimentary workshops include an Alien storytelling adventure, hands-on interactive 3D toy printing session and crafting beaded bag tags. 12-3 p.m., through Aug. 17. Grand Court near the Apple Store.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet Cody

Cody will fit the bill as a true companion for someone willing to get to know him! This handsome young dog is blossoming in foster care. He's shy about meeting strangers, but warms up given a little time. Stop and smell the flowers with this gentle fellow — you'll be glad you did! Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

BRICK FEST LIVE Join the largest hands-on event of its kind with over a million LEGO bricks on display and ready for play. Brick Fest Live allows families to enjoy creations from all over the world made entirely of this timeless toy. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 17; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 18. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

GOODGUYS WEST COAST NATIONALS America's Favorite Car Show returns to its roots for a celebration of cool cars, cool people and good times bringing over 3,000 of the country's finest 1999 and older hot rods, trucks, customs, lowriders, muscle cars and classics together. Aug. 23-25. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES The Scottish Highland Gathering and Games returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Labor Day Weekend celebrating the very best of Scottish competition, ceremonies cuisine and entertainment. Aug. 31 to Sept. 1. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Fundraisers

COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER SUMMER BBQ Join the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative Summer BBQ for great food, music and fun. All funds raised go to the Juanita Huagen Scholarship fund. 6 p.m., Aug. 17. Tickets \$75. For more information visit bit.ly/2024-cc-bbq.

HEART OF THE TRI-VALLEY GALA "Let's Paint the Roses Red" is the theme for this Open Heart Kitchen fundraiser. 6 p.m., Sept. 6. Tickets \$150. Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Visit hopenheartkitchen.org.

BRILLIANCE AT THE BANKHEAD Join this fundraiser event featuring Katharine McPhee accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Brilliance at The Bankhead includes a gourmet dinner and live music on the Plaza before the show, as well as an exciting raffle and live and silent auction items. 5:30 p.m., Sept. 7. Visit livermorearts.org.

ENCHANTED GARDEN GALA Join Sunflower Hill for their biggest

fundraiser of the year and experience an unforgettable evening filled with magic and wonder. Step into the beauty of an Enchanted Garden where dreams blossom and possibilities are endless. 6-10 p.m., Sept. 21. Tickets \$175. Blackhawk Museum. Visit paybee.io/in-person-event/sunflowerhil/5.

Outdoor Recreation

PARK AFTER DARK: UV HIKE Explore biofluorescence, bioluminescence and nighttime pollinators with a LARPD Ranger during this special UV night hike, a slow 1.5-2 mile hike up into the hills. 8-9:30 p.m., Aug. 17. Call 925-373-5505 to register. Holdener Park, 2995 Hansen Rd., Livermore.

SUNSET FOR THE SOUL HIKE Watch the sun set over the hills and discover the beauty that the sky and wildlife have in store at this time of day. 7:30-9 p.m., Aug. 23. Del Valle Regional Park, East Ridge Trailhead. Visit ebparks.org.

SNAKES OF SYCAMORE GROVE Join an LARPD Ranger and explore the snakes of Sycamore Grove. There will be a short talk followed by an introduction to one of their animal ambassador snakes. 2-3 p.m., Aug. 31. Visit larpd.org.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL Pleasanton City Council meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Aug. 20. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Aug. 28. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Support

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES PACKOUT The next Pleasanton Military Families Packout is 8:45 a.m., Aug. 16-17. Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Donations are needed. Visit pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Program Manager in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$168,540 - 219,975/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com Attn: R. Samonte. Ref# 0517AM

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Staff Engineer (DevOps) in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$166,036 - 202,942/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: M. Varona. Ref# 0802SG

Manager, IT Clinical Applications (Palo Alto & Pleasanton, CA). Manage the delivery of IT systems & services for hospital's registration, access, EDI & claims apps. Bachelor's in Bus. Admin, Health Care Mgmt, Health Info Systems, or rlt'd field. 5 yrs progressive IT exp in healthcare industry, incl some solid exp in each: project mgmt; change mgmt; s/ware release mgmt; EPIC EMR s/ware apps & modules; n/work operations; risk mgmt; budgets; staff & performance mgmt; vendor & contract mgmt; purchase/procurement processes. Ability to: dsgn & dvlp IT solutions for healthcare systems incl the configuration of packaged application s/ware; dsgn, execute & lead testing processes; strategize, plan, lead & implmt large-scale complex IT projects. Excellent written & oral communication skills. Hybrid sched permitted, in CA. \$201,094.40 - \$256,256/yr, DOE. MUST send CV & cvr ltr to jhurtado@stanfordhealthcare.org or Josefina Hurtado, Stanford Health Care, 1850 Embarcadero Rd, Ste B, Palo Alto, CA 94303 w/in 30 days & ref Job #W2021-461.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608242

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

1.) ECO TINY HOUSES, 2.) ADU PREMIUM, located at 3421 HOLLIS ST UNIT A1 OAKLAND, CA 94608, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 964 46th St APT 233 Emeryville, CA 94608

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

SUPPLYOR LLC
3421 HOLLIS ST UNIT A1

Emeryville, CA 94608

State of Incorporation/Organization: WYOMING

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/02/2023

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MAI THAI

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608533

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

1.) Mai Thai, located at 13700 Doolittle Drive, Suite 110, San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ANONTAXAY GROUP

13700 Doolittle Drive, Suite 110

San Leandro, CA 94577

State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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WILDERNESS TAXIDERMRY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607799

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

1.) Wilderness Taxidermy, located at 4406 Enterprise Place, Unit C, Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 7239 Hunters Valley Road, Mariposa, CA 95338.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

GEOFFREY P. VASSALLO

9329 Hunters Valley Road

Mariposa, CA 95338

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 1996

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AFC URGENT CARE PLEASANTON

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608264

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

1.) AFC Urgent Care Pleasanton, located at 5311 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

PARHELION HEALTHCARE INC.

5311 Hopyard Rd

Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/12/2023

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SPECIAL EVENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608366

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

1.) SPECIAL EVENTS, located at 174 LAWRENCE DRIVE, SUITE A, LIVERMORE, CA 94551, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

MEEN VENTURES, LLC

174 LAWRENCE DRIVE, SUITE A

LIVERMORE, CA 94551

State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA

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BALLET REVERIE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608382

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

1.) Ballet Reverie, located at 4619 Las Lomitas Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

BALLET REVERIE, LLC

4619 Las Lomitas Drive

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

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WEST COAST ALCHEMY

WEST COAST SUCCULENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608200

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

1.) West Coast Alchemy, 2.) West Coast Succulents, located at 4450 Mohr Ave. #28 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

BRIAN SALCEDO

4450 Mohr Ave. #28

Pleasanton, CA 94566

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HAYWARD SELF STORAGE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607983

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

1.) Hayward Self Storage, located at 24801 Industrial Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County. Mailing Address: Brinkman Investments LP PO BOX 1769, Cave Creek, AZ 85327.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Partnership.

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

SHERI LEE CHEFALO

41311 N. 54th St.

Cave Creek, AZ 85331

VICKI MONTANA

1039 E. Caroline Lane

Tempe, AZ 85284

State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2006

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CLOCKWISE ESCAPE ROOM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608273

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

1.) Clockwise Escape Room, located at 1720 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA, 94612, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 7093 Honeycastle Drive, San Ramon, CA 94582.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

LOCKBOX ESCAPES LLC

7093 Honeycastle Drive

San Ramon, CA 94582

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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GOLDEN BAY MECHANICAL CO.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607757

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.

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OASIN CLEANING SERVICES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607867

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.

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

ANTONIO HERNANDEZ BAUTISTA

14568 Chickasaw Way

Manteca, CA 95336

BERTHA A VEGA MONTOYA

14568 Chickasaw Way

Manteca, CA 95336

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/11/2011

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INNOVATIONS HAIR SALON

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607430

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

1.) Innovations Hair Salon, located at 19581 Center Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ASHLEY KURTZ

8265 Norris Canyon Rd

Castro Valley, CA 94552

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/20/24

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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 DREMLAS

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)

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

Case No.: 24CV079587

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Mithila Joshi; Chinmay Soman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SUHANI MITHILA SOMAN to SUHANI MITHILA JOSHI-SOMAN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should

not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 10/11/2024, 9:30am, Dept. 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon Street, 2nd FL, Oakland, CA 94612.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 6/13/2024

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV084691

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: KIRA INOUE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

TREY DAVID MCINTOSH to TREY DAVID INOUE-MCINTOSH

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: 11/15/2024, 9:30am, RENE C. DAVIDSON COURTHOUSE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 1225 FALLON STREET, 2ND FL, OAKLAND, CA 94653.

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:

Settlement changes home buying and selling process

Tri-Valley real estate agents rolling out new business practices this week ahead of national deadline

By DAVID STARK

The Bay East Association of Realtors is getting a head-start on changes coming to the home buying and selling process.

As part of a recent class action settlement agreement, the National Association of Realtors is implementing significant changes nationwide. According to NAR, these changes aim to enhance transparency, empower consumers and foster healthy competition in the real estate market.

Per the terms of the class action settlement, the changes are required to take effect by this Saturday (Aug. 17). Real estate agents in the East Bay have been required to adopt the new business practices as early as this week.

"Consumers will experience significant changes in how they buy and sell a home," said Barbara Clemons, 2024 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors. "While cooperative compensation between a seller's broker and a buyer's broker will no longer be communicated through the Multiple Listing Service, it may still be negotiated



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directly between consumers and real estate professionals."

Clemons said sellers and brokers can still offer compensation outside of the MLS. She explained that sellers may also communicate concessions to the buyer on the MLS, such as sellers paying for a buyer's closing costs.

Home sellers can expect to see new real estate forms that will explain how commissions can be handled. These forms will specify commissions are fully negotiable, and they will disclose the amount or rate of compensation the agent will receive from any source. They will also clearly explain how an agent will be compensated, ensuring it is objectively ascertainable and not open-ended.

Home buyers can expect changes as well. The class action settlement requires prospective buyers to enter into a written agreement with their agent before they can tour a property.

"We've been working with the California Association of Realtors who are providing new versions of the purchase contract and other forms to help our members understand the changes," Clemons said.

"Bay East Realtor members play a crucial role in one of the biggest decisions in their clients' lives," she added. "The new

real estate practice changes will provide both home buyers and sellers with more information about the buying and selling process."

Clemons observed that the real estate profession and how homes are sold and purchased is constantly evolving and the practice changes are part of that evolution.

Clemons said, "During my career as a Realtor, I've experienced lots of changes driven by technology, how we communicate with each other and buyer and seller

expectations. I'm confident that our members will adapt quickly, and their clients will also understand even more the value a Realtor brings to all aspects of a real estate transaction."

NAR is providing information about what these changes mean for their home buying and selling experiences in their buyers and sellers guides and at facts.realtor. ■

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

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 28-31 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and July 15-19 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4443 2nd Street** L. & B. Reyher to S. & J. Presta for \$1,930,000
- 828 Bonita Avenue** Wong Living Trust to S. & S. Naga for \$1,735,000
- 3003 Calle De La Mesa** Srinivasan Trust to M. & L. Madamala for \$2,315,000
- 1493 Calle Enrique** Tesoro Trust to K. & D. Wong for \$960,000
- 1546 Chatham Place** Anderson Family Trust to Mudaliar Family Trust for \$2,079,000
- 837 Clara Lane** O. Zhang to Nanda & Anand Trust for \$3,150,000
- 2783 Curlew Court** Browne Family Trust to A. Monga for \$2,300,000
- 3119 Delicado Court** R. Puthenpurkual to L. & E. Kaneshige for \$1,268,000
- 3540 Felton Terrace** E. & B. Simonsen to Chou Living Trust for \$1,650,000
- 4864 Ganner Court** D. & D. Cox to V. & S. Velu for \$1,923,000
- 4643 Inyo Court** Harvey Trust to L. & N. Akkapeddi for \$1,420,000
- 1350 Orloff Drive** C. Piotrowski to S. & S. Viswanathan for \$1,653,500
- 1520 Oxsen Street** J. Denton to K. & C. Yeh for \$1,321,000
- 893 Palomino Drive** Brooks Living Trust to K. & A. Srinivasan for \$1,710,000
- 3335 Prairie Drive** Oak Tree Trust to A. & N. Ranganna for \$2,378,000
- 7778 Redbud Court** M. Leporati to X. & Y. Guo for \$1,780,000
- 3743 Riesling Court** Allen Trust to H. & P. Choudhary for \$1,852,000
- 6273 Robin Court** Bilick Living Trust to B. & Y. Tang for \$1,625,000
- 1686 Via Di Salerno** Z. Fang to Srinivasan Trust for \$4,750,000
- 1928 Via Di Salerno** V. Tragni to M. Rana for \$4,000,000

Livermore

- 51 Bellington Common #506** G. Lau to U. & J. Vyas for \$880,000
- 3093 Cabrillo Avenue** L. Mann to S. & S. Wu for \$925,000
- 1324 Chateau Common #108** A. Medeiros to D. Shaffer for \$650,000
- 1865 Corte Cava** J. Chen to M. Svec for \$990,000
- 1547 De Leon Way** Johnson Family Trust to G. & T. Bass for \$1,477,000
- 1257 Deep Creek Road** Andrews Trust to Marlin Family Trust for \$1,610,000
- 6904 Deerwood Court** D. Fairclough to J. & C. Ferrel for \$1,160,000
- 5635 Elder Circle** Montano Family Trust to A. & A. Lal for \$1,910,000
- 281 Hagemann Drive** Whippet Trust to A. Soni for \$1,120,000

- 442 North I Street** X. Gao to R. & A. Vuthaluru for \$845,000
- 2963 Lerida Court** J. & J. Taggart to M. & S. Singh for \$2,612,500
- 3162 Lucca Circle** Solar Family Trust to B. & S. Jasti for \$2,450,000
- 1073 Miranda Way** H. & W. Tong to S. Senapathi for \$1,245,000
- 1009 Murrieta Boulevard #67** V. Ordaz to C. & G. Knowles for \$350,000
- 2667 Palm Avenue** Rogers Trust to L. & M. Russo for \$1,175,000
- 1854 Pine Street** B. Li to Lavanya & Prabhu Trust for \$1,150,000
- 544 Swallow Drive** Scott Family Trust to P. & S. Pathak for \$1,290,000
- 2725 Vine Drive** Hudson Family Trust to M. Henderer for \$2,350,000.
- 5889 Woodrose Way** Bondietti Family Trust to P. & V. Panikar for \$1,385,000

Dublin

- 8888 Bellina Commons** G. & K. Agarwal to S. & B. Krishanameneni for \$935,000
- 11623 Castilian Court** K. & P. Beckman to S. Wu for \$1,465,000
- 2916 Copper Peak Drive** S. Kumar to L. & S. Adari for \$2,825,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #321** N. Liu to Won Trust for \$728,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #431** Chen Family Trust to A. Rodriguez for \$600,000
- 7765 Firebrand Drive** Helping Homes Ca LLC to J. & M. Ricafort for \$1,325,000
- 5550 Iron Horse Parkway** Y. Lou to Y. & C. Wu for \$1,280,000
- 4221 Loyaltan Road** Y. Li to M. & J. Cheng for \$1,550,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #326** Qiu & Ma Trust to M. & R. Banuelos for \$825,000
- 4841 Mangrove Drive #86** K. Nair to H. & J. Zhang for \$1,060,000
- 7685 Ridgeline Drive** Dai & Wu Family Trust to Q. & X. Yu for \$2,300,000
- 7420 Tamarack Drive** Young Family Trust to K. & R. Britten for \$1,500,000
- 2625 Whitehorse Way** Koratkar Family Trust to R. & R. Shaga for \$2,350,000

San Ramon

- 9725 Alcosta Boulevard** T. & C. Nguyen to Bay Property Solutions LLC for \$2,100,000
- 7251 Balmoral Way** Koka Living Trust to Sandeep & Nidhi Trust for \$2,600,000
- 112 Barberrry Lane** Fryhoff Trust to A. & A. Desai for \$2,610,000
- 2723 Cedarwood Loop** Kapur Living Trust to Absv Family Trust for \$1,325,000
- 138 Cortona Drive** M. & A. Scoble to R. & L. Zhu for \$1,680,000
- 315 Norris Canyon Terrace** C. Lin to B. Bushnell for \$680,000
- 9522 Thunderbird Drive** J. Gejjalagere to Sathasini Trust for \$2,225,000

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455 Covellite Lane, Livermore

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PENDING



138 Avocado Ct, San Ramon

Located within a court is this 4 BD, 2 BA with 2,003 SqFt. Enhanced with the home's family room addition offering vaulted open wood beam ceilings.

Original list price \$1,750,000

New price \$1,680,000



PENDING



5943 Arthur Dr, Pleasanton

Welcome to this 3 BD, 2 BA with 1,907 SqFt & updated throughout. The private backyard is an oasis to enjoy. All resting on a 9,392 SqFt lot. Complimented with a 3-CAR GARAGE. A block from Pleasanton's Sports Park and its 2.5 mi. walking path.

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6259 Corte Fuego, Pleasanton

This wonderful home will soon welcome the new homeowners. A 4 BD, 3 BA with 2,381 SqFt, featuring one BD and full BA on the main level, that has been updated throughout.

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